

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA

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St Anne
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PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator : Linda Guilding; **Health & Safety Reps St Francis:** Colin Stack & John

Parry . **For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound:** Contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

After Mass on Saturday morning from 10.00am - 10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 2nd February - 10th February

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	3 rd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	3 rd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Intentions of Bishop Philip	DMA
SUN	3 rd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	4 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Agatha, Mem, (R)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	6 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St Paul Miki et alia, Mem, (R)	N/A	
WED	6 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Paul Miki et alia, Mem, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	6 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Paul Miki et alia, Mem, (R)	Margaret Langford RIP	DMA
THU	7 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	For evangelisation	DMA
FRI	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	For those in need	DMA
SAT	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	9 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	Bp P
SUN	10 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	10 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	Bp P
SUN	10 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	Bp P

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 16th/17th March - CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

A Toxic Image of God

Your image of God creates you. This is why it is so important that we see God as loving and benevolent and why good theology is still important. One mistaken image of God that keeps us from receiving grace is the idea that God is a cruel tyrant. People who have been raised in an atmosphere of threats of punishment and promises of reward are programmed to operate with this cheap image of God. They need deep healing, because they are actually attached to a punitive notion of God. Many experienced this foundational frame for reality as children, and it is hard to let go. It gives a kind of sick coherence to their world.

Unfortunately, it's much easier to organize people around fear and hatred than around love. Most people who want to hold onto power view God as vindictive and punitive. Powerful people actually prefer this worldview, because it validates their use of intimidation. Both Catholicism and Protestantism have used the threat of eternal hellfire to form Christians. I am often struck by the irrational anger of many people when they hear that someone does not believe in hell. Threat of hellfire "works" because it appeals to the lowest level of consciousness, where we all start.

Much of Christian history has manifested a very different god than the one Jesus revealed and represented. Jesus tells us to love our enemies, but this "cultural" god sure doesn't. Jesus tells us to forgive "seventy times seven" times, but this god doesn't. Instead, this god burns people for all eternity. Many of us were raised to believe this, but we usually had to repress this bad theology into our unconscious because it's literally unthinkable. Most humans are more loving and forgiving than such a god.

We've developed an unworkable and toxic image of God that a healthy person would never trust. The mystical, transformative journey cannot take place until that image is undone. Why would you want to spend even an hour in silence, solitude, or intimacy with such a god?

It's true that there are some troubling passages of Scripture; even Jesus used dualistic and judgmental statements. Jesus was an honest and wise teacher. He knew that clear-headed, dualistic thinking must precede non-dual or mystical thinking. Jesus was particularly emphatic about issues people normally want to avoid, especially social justice teachings. Here he used dualistic examples like God and mammon (Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13), the rich person and the eye of the needle (Matthew 19:24; Mark 10:25), and the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25: 31-46). Jesus had to make these points absolutely clear, otherwise it's far too easy to avoid issues of justice for the poor and inclusion of the outsider.

In his book, *Introduction to Christianity*, Pope Benedict XVI explains his understanding of the curious phrase in the middle of the Apostles' Creed: "[Jesus] descended into hell." Benedict says that if Jesus went to hell, that means there is no hell—because Jesus and hell cannot coexist. Once Jesus got there, the whole game of punishment was over, as it were. One of the most popular icons in the Eastern Orthodox Church shows Jesus with his legs spread, bridging the abyss of hell, pulling people out of the darkness. This is called "the icon of icons" in the East because it shows the highest level of contemplative perspective and the essence of the Good News. (Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Daily Reflection 28-01-16 (abbreviated))

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Susan Dove (4th), Anthony Patrick Everett (5th), Doris Horgan (7th), Doris Edith Everard (9th)

Sick & Housebound: Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Gill Boddington, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday, Margaret Langford, Sean McVeigh, Sarah Nicholls & Hilary Sendall.

MARGARET LANGFORD RIP: You will be sad to hear that Margaret died last Friday, 1st February. The service for Margaret will be in early March and details are still to be arranged. In the meantime, we keep Margaret and her family in our prayers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Margarita Gates, Thomas Letchworth (3rd), Bernadina Cooper, Marie Blower (5th), Lady Helen Murray-Fry (6th), Robert Coyle (9th)

Sick and Housebound Please keep Deacon Hilary, Anna Hubbard and Sean Dunn in your prayers.

Fr Quarmby's Masses: for week commencing 3rd February: 10am – Mon, Wed, Thurs & Sat; 8am Tues & Friday

The Rosary: is said every Wednesday morning at 9.30 am before Mass. You are most welcome to join us.

Eco Church: is an award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that they care for God's earth. It would provide a framework for us, together as a Parish, to 'go green' in all aspects of our church life from worship to building management, outreach to personal lifestyle thereby responding to the call from Pope Francis to everyone on the planet to care for our common home. The first step is to look at the feasibility of our Parish taking on this initiative and we would like to form a steering group to put together a proposal and some ideas to take to Fr David and the PPC. If anyone is interested in joining this group please speak to Annabelle after Mass or contact her on 01590 624587. The invitation is open to everyone and we would particularly welcome the involvement of our young people.

United Service, Week for Prayer for Christian Unity: A small group of our parishioners represented St Anne's at this ecumenical service last Sunday evening and were very warmly welcomed by those attending from other local churches and the Vicar for St John's, Boldre. The theme for the week of prayer was 'Justice and only justice you shall pursue' (Deuteronomy 16:18-20). The intercession prayers were particularly beautiful and are posted on the notice board in the porch.

New Music System: We had our first experience of "Maurice the music machine" last Sunday. It will be used when our dedicated organist, Mary Dunn, isn't available to play. It will be a work in progress for a while as we get used to it. Fr David hopes to add more Mass settings in the coming weeks. These will need to be specially recorded for "Maurice".

100 Club: The January winner of the draw was Henrietta Reynolds with number 42. Congratulations!

Any items for the newsletter to anna@boylemellor.co.uk to arrive by Thursday morning

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DAYS OF PRAYER & REFLECTION AT WISDOM CENTRE, ROMSEY:

Saturday 16th February 2019, *A New Way of Looking at Genesis - The Cosmic Walk*. The aim of the day is to bring our knowledge of the 14 billion year universe process from our heads to our hearts. Run by Sister Marie, who is a Daughter of Wisdom and a former missionary from Papua New Guinea. At present, she ministers at the Wisdom Centre and is particularly interested in Wisdom spirituality. **Our other days for later on in 2019 are:**

Sat. 16th March - Forty Days of Lent to the Celebration of Easter. Led by David Cole; Thurs. 18th April 11am-1pm we are hosting a Holy Thursday Passover Meal. Suggested offering £10 for a soup lunch and materials; Sat 11th May - More St. Ignatius. Led by Cis Delmege. Unless otherwise stated all our days run from 10am - 4pm with tea and coffee from 9.30am. Suggested offering £30 which includes all refreshments and lunch. Further details can be found here: <http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk/wellbeing-and-spirituality/>

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: James Noel Ormiston (2nd), Margaret Dedear, Elisa Rowell (3rd), Johanna 'Ann' Pearce (4th), Kathleen Conway (5th), Joyce Evelyn Godfrey McEvoy (6th), Fr John Hickey, Rose Jackson, Christine Couling (7th), Muriel Foot, John Barham, William Fegan, Archbp Derek Warlock (8th)

Sick and Housebound: Neil Jenkins, June Siddall, Mike Hedges, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Patricia Mate.

Mary "May" Norton RIP: May was from the Bristol area and only came to us (Solent Mead Nursing Home) when she needed full time care and to be nearer to her daughter & family. She received Holy Communion regularly from one of our Ministers of Holy Communion, Tom Turnbull. May's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph on Friday, 15th February at 1pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen,

CWL: The next meeting of the CWL will be the AGM on 12th February 2019 at 2.15 in the Parish Rooms. Please try to come, there is no speaker. The **Catholic Womens League (CWL)** are now on FACEBOOK so members of the parish can find out what we do all over the country. There are many items that you might find interesting.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: will be meeting next Monday Feb 4th at 2pm in Joseph's Room. In addition to the usual Quiz, Raffle and Tea, there will be a session of Sitting Yoga!

MANY THANKS: to everyone who helped at Saturday coffee/lunches fundraising in Joseph's Place. We were pleased to give the sum of £207.25 to SSAFA on behalf of the parish. Our next fundraising event will be on Saturday 23rd February and will be to support CAFOD.

BASIC BANKS: This charity, supported by all the churches in Lymington, provides food and other essentials for those who are in desperate need and have been recommended by Agencies working with these people. Parcels to be delivered, normally in Lymington and New Milton, are collected from the cabin behind the URC church in the High street at 11.30am. Our parish is to be responsible for deliveries during week beginning February 25th. Volunteers are needed for the deliveries on Tuesday 26th February and Wednesday 27th February. If you are able to help, please phone Pam Gorman (01590 678798)

100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019 ARE NOW DUE: To join the club, or renew your membership, the cost is still £15 per number. Subscriptions can be paid by cash, cheque or bank online transfer. Please make cheques payable to: PRCDTR LYM 100 Club. Forms and envelopes are available at the back of the church. For online bank transfer, the sort code is 30.93.04, Account No: 07408758, Reference: 100+Your Surname. Thank you to everyone who supports the club which provides valuable revenue for the parish. For further information, please call 678525 or email: fran.walker@talktalk.net

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Bishop Philip will be hearing confessions on Saturday, 9th February from 5.15pm until 5.45pm in OLMSJ.

BISHOP PHILIP'S VISIT: TIME FOR ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: There will be Adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for vocations in Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph church at 3.30pm on Sunday, 10th February. Please do your best to come and take part in this prayer time.

BISHOP PHILIP MEETING YOUNG PEOPLE: The Bishop would love to meet with the youth of our parishes. There will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop on Sunday, 10th February at 4.30pm in Joseph's Place, Lymington. It would be great to see you there.

GDPR: Did you fill in the GDPR form with your contact details in October? You may have been away or ill. If you didn't fill one in, please take a New Parishioner form from the back of the church and hand it into the parish office. Under the new GDPR regulations if you haven't signed the form to give permission for us to put your details in the parish register, you will not be on the register. Thank you.