

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
132 High St, Lymington, SO41 9AQ

St Anne  
Rhinefield Rd, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SR

St Francis of Assisi  
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**School:** Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. Exec. Head: Gerida Montague

**Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils:** Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Ian Holden, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Vanessa Dugdale (Lym); Susan McCabe (Brock); Liz White (Mil).

**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:

Saturday morning after  
Mass until 10.30am  
or by arrangement.

## Masses & Services for the Week: 8<sup>th</sup> February - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	Ros Brundrett RIP	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass + AS	St Francis	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Scholastica, Mem, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Mass	Our Lady	Requiem Mass	Ros Brundrett RIP	DMA
WED	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	N/A	
WED	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	W & C	St Francis	of the Day ( G )	N/A	
WED	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	Mary Stephenson RIP Anniv	PWR
FRI	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
FRI	14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Funeral Service	St Anne	For the late Tobias Langdon RIP	N/A	DMA
SAT	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	Barrie Gilbert RIP	DMA
SAT	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass + AS	Our Lady	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	as per celebrant	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	People of the Parishes	PWR

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: NEXT - 7th/8th MARCH - CAFOD LENTEN COLLECTION

### Simply Living the Gospel

The Rule and the life of the Friars Minor is to simply live the Gospel. —St. Francis of Assisi (1182–1226). One of the things I most appreciate about my Franciscan heritage is its alternative orthodoxy. The Franciscan tradition has applied this phrase to itself and its emphasis on “orthopraxy”; we believe that lifestyle and practice are much more important than mere verbal orthodoxy. While orthodoxy is about correct beliefs, orthopraxy is about right practice. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274), the famous Dominican Doctor of the Church, may have been influenced by St. Francis when he wrote, “Prius vita quam doctrina.” Or, “Life is more important than doctrine.” All too often Christianity has lost sight of that in spite of Jesus’ teaching and example.

Jesus’ first recorded word in at least two Gospels, *metanoia*, is unfortunately translated with the moralistic, churchy word repent. The word quite literally means change or even more precisely “Change your minds!” (Mark 1:15; Matthew 4:17). Given that, it is quite strange that the religion founded in Jesus’ name has been so resistant to change and has tended to love and protect the past and the status quo much more than the positive and hopeful futures that could be brought about by people agreeing to change. Maybe that is why our earth is so depleted and our politics are so pathetic. We have not taught a spirituality of actual change or growth, which an alternative orthodoxy always asks of us.

Francis loved God above all and wanted to imitate Jesus in very practical ways. Action and lifestyle mattered much more to him than mentally believing dogmatic or moral positions to be true or false. Francis directly said to the first friars, “You only know as much as you do!” Franciscan alternative orthodoxy has never bothered fighting popes, bishops, Scriptures, or dogmas. It just quietly but firmly pays attention to different things—like simplicity, humility, non-violence, contemplation, solitude and silence, earth care, nature and other creatures, and the “least of the brothers and sisters.” These are our true teachers.

The Rule of Saint Francis—which Rome demanded Francis develop—was hardly a rule at all and was more thought of as “Tips for the Road.” Like Jesus, Francis taught his disciples while walking from place to place and finding ways to serve, to observe, and to love the world that was right in front of them. Observation with love is a good description of contemplation.

In *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis writes, “In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. God does not abandon us, God does not leave us alone, for God has united definitively to our earth, and God’s love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to God!” I believe the Franciscan worldview with its alternative orthodoxy can help us “find new ways forward” and stop being so afraid of change. (Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Daily Reflection for Sunday, February 2, 2020)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Doris Edith Everard (9th), Frederick William Skinner (11th), Herbert John Gallagher, John Edwin Jeckway (13th), Margaret Dodd (14th)

**Sick & Housebound:** Daphne Jones, Colin Stack, Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday & Sean McVeigh.

**Taize at All Saints - 6pm:** These lovely reflective 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Services resume again in 2020. the next one will be: February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Time of quiet, prayer, and Taize chants.

**LADIES LUNCH:** The first outing of the year will be on Tuesday 25th February at 12.30pm at The Lazy Lion, High Street, Milford on Sea. If you would like to come along, please speak to either Ann Marie Atherton or Kathryn Fox after Mass or call Ann Marie on 01590 642123. You can also add your name & contact number to the list on the notice board. We would hope to make this a regular social event taking place several times over the coming year. If you can't make this one the next date is Tuesday 7th April. Details to follow. Please come along, all welcome, meet old friends & perhaps get to know some new ones!

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Robert Maxwell Coyle (9th), Edwin Ward, Stanley Perry (10th), J. Whatman (13th).

**Sick and Housebound:** Please keep in your prayers: Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon and Mary Byrne.

**Fr Quarmby's Mass times** For next week commencing 9th February – my weekday Mass times: -10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; 8 a.m. Tuesday; 7 a.m. Thursday and Friday. Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 9.0am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** There will be a Funeral Service for the late Toby Langdon on Friday, 14th Feb at 11.00am followed by burial at St Nicholas cemetery. We pray for the comforting of his family and that Toby will rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Michael Montague RIP:** we were sad to hear of the sudden death of Michael. His daughter is Gerida Montague, the Executive Head of Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic school, Pennington. Michael's body will be received into St Anne's church on Thursday, 27th Feb and his Funeral Service will be on Friday, 28th Feb, the times as yet to be confirmed. We pray for his wife Anne & all his family. May Michael rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**LENT COURSE:** Follow CAFOD's online Lent calendar to reflect, pray and take global justice actions throughout the season of Lent. Based on the scripture readings of the day. <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>. Lent calendars for children and for young people can be downloaded. A morning or afternoon halfway through Lent, (close to Laetare Sunday) is being planned when parishioners will have the opportunity to come together and reflect on the themes covered. Details to follow.

**The Care for Creation Team** will be collecting plants and seeds until Sunday 8th March for OLSJ Catholic Primary School who have an exciting and creative plan for their outdoor area for the children to work on and enjoy. Your donations of plants and seeds, especially pollinators, will be most gratefully received. Please leave by the garage behind the church or give to Andrea Janssens direct.

**Wildlife Garden:** If anyone has a bird bath they no longer need it could find a welcome home in our developing parish wildlife garden. Please see Andrea before or after Mass.

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:** One of our parishioners has donated a number of 35 watt, 12 volt halogen bulbs which he no longer needs. If anyone would like these, they can be found in the small room in the Parish Rooms. Please help yourself.

**100 Club:** the winner of the £30 January draw was Andrea Janssens with number 17.

**Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive by Thursday lunch time.**

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Muriel Foot, John Barham, William Fegan, Archbp Derek Warlock (8th), John 'Jack' Joseph Hoey (10th), Fr Bernard Heeran (11th), Monica Hay, Mary Bernadette Stephenson (13th).

**Sick and Housebound:** Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Patricia Mate.

**ROS BRUNDRETT RIP:** Ros was much loved in the parish and will be greatly missed. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am in Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph Church, followed by burial at Lymington Cemetery. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her daughters, Holly & Hannah. My she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**FUND RAISING UPDATE:** We currently have 39 Pledges which will realise £84,915 after five years including Gift Aid. Building Fund Bank Account income at 24th January 2020:- Donations/Pledges - £6,772.89; Gift Aided Donations/Pledges - £16,434.70; Fundraising - £5,217.14; Living our Faith - £3,230.00; Bank Balance: £31,654.73.

**100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2020 are now due.** Costs remain at £15 per number and can be paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer to "PRCDTR Lym 100 Club", Sort Code:309304 Account Number 07408758. Envelopes and joining forms are available at the back of the church and can be posted in parish office. Many thanks for your support.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 11th February at 2.15pm in Joseph's Place, Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph, Lymington. This is our AGM and it is important to have as many members as possible attend. Please try to come.

**BELATED THANK YOU RE:** Christmas day Lunch 25th December 2019. Once more we had a very successful Christmas Lunch, catering for 80 people. This year there is a new hand on the tiller, Denise Farmer. Denise along with many Volunteers produced a wonderful party atmosphere and a most delicious meal. We would like to thank the many people who contributed gifts and donations for our guests, and the very kind gentleman who donated wine, and M&S for supplying the soft drinks and juices. Now it is time for Ann and myself to take leave, after 10 years we feel happy to hand over to Denise. We have enjoyed the experience so much. Michael and Ann Reynolds. *(Our thanks to Mike & Ann for their good work over the years & for representing our parish in this ecumenical work – Fr David)*

## All Parishes

**MEAL & WINE TASTING EVENING 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY:** Tickets for the above event will be available after Mass @£15 per head. St Francis and St Anne's- please ring the Parish office to book. 01590 676696 or email [lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Proceeds to the OLMSJ Building Fund. Please note: There are only 30 tickets for this event and they are selling fast!

**COMING SOON- 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY- 'GO TO CHURCH WITH AN EGG'! WATCH THIS SPACE!**

**ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL CARPET OF FLOWERS:** This marvellous festival of flowers includes a magnificent 90ft carpet of flowers which fills the central aisle of the Cathedral. We are proposing to hire a coach to go to Arundel on **Thursday 11th June** from 10am till 4pm approx. The cost would be £10 per head (to include a tip for the driver). The coach would seat 49 persons. If you are interested, please add your name to the list at the back of the church (Lymington) or let the parish office know (Brockenhurst and Milford). Ideally, we would like to book the coach by the beginning of February so please let us know asap. Many thanks.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Parish Lunch on Wednesday 22 April 2020 at Brockenhurst College. Open to all 3 parishes. More details to follow soon.

**OUR LOVELY DOG OSCAR:** Sadly, Oscar had to be re-homed on Friday with his original foster carer, Alison, after an unprovoked attack on Linda which caused injuries. We are both understandably upset. Alison has lots of experience in dealing with situations of this kind.