

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

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

St Anne  
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St Francis of Assisi  
Park Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PT

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**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:

By appointment only - contact Fr David at the parish office.

## *The Week: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020*

SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	Assumption of Bl. Virgin Mary, Sol, ( W )	Christian Clapham RIP	DMA
MON	17 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	20 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	18 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	20 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	For the recently departed	DMA
WED	19 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	20 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	For those in education	DMA
THU	20 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Bernard, Mem, ( W )	Florence Warrilow RIP Anniv	DMA
FRI	21 <sup>st</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Pius X, Mem, ( W )	For Alice & Sean	DMA
SAT	22 <sup>nd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	The Queenship of Mary, Mem, ( W )	For those who are suffering	DMA
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	St Francis	Mass	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

**NUMBERS ARE VERY RESTRICTED FOR SUNDAY MASS**

**PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - PLEASE RING 01590-676696**

### MARY RECEIVES THE FULLNESS OF GRACE

"Mary, assumed body & soul into the glory of heaven" can be seen as the final triumph of God's graciousness towards humanity. Where death & decay were once understood as just punishments for sin, now they must be understood in the context of grace. Where once body & soul were pitched against each other in a false dichotomy now they can only be seen as reconciled and united in the mystery of Christ - the creative Word. Mary was sinless not by a independently achieved perfection of thought, word and deed (cfr Phil 3:9) but by the favour of God whose forgiveness covers all (Jer 31:34), and whose grace produces the perfect goodness. In this relationship of grace there is "no longer any consciousness of sin" (Heb 10:2). For the parent a child's accidents, mistakes, temper tantrums and sulks are not "sins" bringing condemnation and separation but learning experiences on the journey of life.

Mary as mother of Jesus, the eternal Word made flesh, is ennobled in her motherhood. This nobility is shared by the whole creation which is one with the Divine because it receives its being from the Word (John 1:3).

What of Mary's body? In Scripture body has many meanings: the community is the Body of Christ. As the Word became flesh, so the Word becomes bread & wine, the sacramental Body & Blood of Christ.

The universe is the body of the Christ who "fills the whole creation" (Eph 1:23, Teilhard de Chardin & more recently Pope Benedict). Paul writes that there are different kinds of bodies and that the mortal body that is "sown" is not the same as the spiritual body that is "raised" (1 Cor 15:44). So when we speak of "body" we mustn't assume we fully understand what we are talking about. But the implication here is that the material body is subsumed within the spiritual body just as the colours of the spectrum are drawn back into the oneness of pure light. Or like the tulip that dies back into its source, the bulb. So the unity of body and soul, and all the dimensions of created being are held within the creative energy of the Divine Word, the source of all creation.

For the Church, Mary assumed expresses the final triumph of God's grace for God's creatures. The language of separation, alienation, decay & condemnation is no longer relevant. All the experiences of life - the beautiful, the good, the tragic & ugly, the destructive and vain, the heroic & the wicked are seen in a new light. The empirical realities are what they are, flesh is still flesh, decay still happens, wickedness is still evil, love must still suffer and struggle - but everything is bathed in a new light. This light is the glory of the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus & everything in creation is subject to it and nothing has the power to diminish it. Mary personally receives the fullness of grace and is therefore the symbol of graced humanity. (DMA)

## *St Francis, Milford-on-Sea*

**Anniversaries this week:** Philip Miles McSwiney, Dorothy Valentine Culmer (16<sup>th</sup>), Marcella Mary Morgan (20<sup>th</sup>)

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

**REFUGEE FAMILY TO BE RE-HOUSED:** The Milford Action for Refugees group is very thankful to God to be able to report that prayer has been answered and the District Council have offered the family a council house in Fordingbridge that will be available for them in a few weeks, which they are happy to accept. Thank you for your prayers.

**SUNDAY MASS AT ST FRANCIS:** Going forward Mass will be on alternate Sundays because of the limited number of stewards available. Numbers are very limited so pre-booking is essential. Please ring 01590-676696

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** If you are attending Sunday Mass at St Francis please remember to bring any collection envelopes. There will be a basket at the back of church for collection contributions or donations.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Winifred Lumley (17<sup>th</sup>), John Victor Syrett (19<sup>th</sup>), Terence Gordan Filbee (20<sup>th</sup>), Marhilde Noelle Marie Sweet (21<sup>st</sup>), Helen Gertrude Webb (22<sup>nd</sup>)

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

**UNFORTUNATELY:** we cannot celebrate Sunday at St Anne's for a while because we do not have the full quota of stewards. Hopefully things will be different in a few weeks time.

**Please remember the work of CAFOD** and help them put our faith into action. They have a petition 'Unite against Coronavirus' which you can read and sign on their website [cafod.org/coronaviruscampaign](http://cafod.org/coronaviruscampaign). It is calling on the Prime Minister to cancel all debt owed by developing countries in 2020 and 2021 so that they can concentrate on much needed healthcare. Donations are also needed more than ever to help scale up CAFOD's response to the immense need in the poorest countries where the spread of the coronavirus continues. Donate preferably online at [cafod.org](http://cafod.org).

**Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME**

## *All Parishes*

**Diocesan Course for Catechists, Children's Liturgy Leaders, and for everyone keen to pass on the faith to others, in 5 sessions.**

The sessions will be from 3.30 pm until 5.00 pm and will take place on Thursdays 27th August, 3rd September, 10th September, 17th September, and 24th September. A certificate will be issued on completion of the 5 sessions. The course is free, and open to everyone. It will be led by Sr Hyacinthe. Here is the link to register for the course on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErdOuvqj8rH939R-On1G6B6QdInlTQbt5n>

**FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS AT SWAY:** Although we appreciate that most churches are now allowed to open if circumstances permit, we unfortunately will NOT be able to open our chapel for private prayer/worship due to the shielding of our members. Thank you for your understanding. We will continue to hold you in prayer.

**CHECK OUT:** all the Sisters are doing for teaching the faith around the Diocese, especially in the Formation for Mission programme. Go on to their website and click the APOSTOLATE tab and follow the links. There are programmes and courses you can follow on line. <https://dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/>

**PERSONAL PRAYER IN CHURCH:** Unfortunately we do not have enough stewards to continue the personal prayer times at our churches now that Sunday Masses have partially resumed.

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Adeline Cull, 16<sup>th</sup>, Margaret Trodd, Eileen Stephanie Starks, John Francis Dunne (17<sup>th</sup>), Wilhelmina Garniss (19<sup>th</sup>), Florence Warrilow (20<sup>th</sup>), Ronald Haley, Sean Gleeson (21<sup>st</sup>), Myra Druitt, Giuliana Maria Kidner (22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Caite Healy, Beatrice Tucker, Sr Rosaleen, Gerry Heneghan, Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Den Walker, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY & THEIR FAMILIES:** Mai Wilson RIP, John Alan Rutter RIP; Caroline Lee RIP & Norah Gates RIP. May they rest in peace and rise in glory

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**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 14/08/20: £43,728.46. Included in this is a total £343.93 raised from "Give as you live". Thank you to all of you who are continuing to donate in different ways. Contact the parish office if you need help with this.

**NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS:** For the foreseeable future we will not be able to provide Mass on Saturday evening. We do not have sufficient stewards. Also we would not be able to give the church a thorough clean in preparation for Mass on Sunday morning

## *All Parishes*

**BOOKINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS:** A reminder that it is obligatory to wear a face mask if you are coming to Mass. Obviously, these can be temporarily removed to receive Holy Communion. Next Sunday, 16th August there is only Mass at Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington, at 10.30am. The car park & the toilets remain closed.

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**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISHES:** For many of you this crisis will involve financial hardship and I do understand that. But, this crisis will also significantly affect the upkeep of our parishes. I'd like to **thank those who are continuing to contribute** by Standing Order or Direct debit. For those who use the envelope scheme or give cash each Sunday, perhaps you will consider setting aside an amount each week that you can afford. You could put the contribution in a marked envelope and keep it until such a time when it can be handed in. If you wish to contribute by Standing Order or Direct Debit instead please contact the parish office.

**MASSES ON THE INTERNET:** You can find many daily Masses from different Catholic parishes available on the internet. Go to [www.churchestv.com](http://www.churchestv.com); [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv); [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)

**Also here:** <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online>. **For Sunday Mass with Fr Denis McBride, Redemptorist scholar**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE:** [www.nfw.org.uk](http://www.nfw.org.uk) for more resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

**POPE FRANCIS – HIS PRAYERS & WORDS:** Just follow the link below for these resources. This could well be already on our website (such a lot happening that one loses track!) <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-04/downloadable-publication-popes-prayers-homilies-now-available.html>