

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
Park Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 OPT

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

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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:

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

The Week: 30th August 2020 - 6th September 2020

SUN	30 th	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	22 nd Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	31 st	N/A	N/A	Mass	22 nd Week of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	1 st	N/A	N/A	Mass	22 nd Week of the Year (G)	Catholic Womens League	DMA
WED	2 nd	N/A	N/A	Mass	22 nd Week of the Year (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
THU	3 rd	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Gregory the Great, Feast, (W)	Peter & Clare Bassett 60th Wedding Anniv.	DMA
FRI	4 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	22 nd Week of the Year (G)	Jo Cole (Special Intention-1)	DMA
SAT	5 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	22 nd Week of the Year (G)	Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School	DMA
SUN	6 th	9.00am	St Francis	Mass	23 rd Sunday of the Year A (G)	Mary Atherton RIP	DMA
SUN	6 th	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	23 rd Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	6 th	6.00pm	St Anne	Mass	23 rd 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

God's Way of Thinking!

Our readings for this Sunday are rich in many ways. We see Jeremiah struggling with the difficult and unpopular task to which God had called him. He had to warn the political and religious leaders that the policies they were pursuing would only end in disaster. His truth-telling was not appreciated! Jeremiah tried to suppress and ignore his calling but he couldn't do it.

We see Peter, no sooner had he been blessed with Divine insight given by the Father, than he falls back into an all too understandable human way of thinking. Like all of us, Peter & Jeremiah recoil from suffering or even the thought of it. We don't wish it on others and to seek it for ourselves would be morbid. So we sympathise with them both here.

However, God didn't call Jeremiah to suffer but to speak "truth to power". Jesus wasn't determined to suffer pain and death. He was determined to do the Father's will, to be faithful to his Father & to his sisters and brothers. He was indeed determined to stay this course even if it meant suffering and death.

The logic of a love that is so strong and pure that it is willing to suffer for the good of the other is the way of our God, who is love. The "way of the world" is only interested in self-advantage to the detriment of the other.

It is good to know that the heroes of our faith, who received Divine callings, were still very human and could get themselves in a mess just like we do. We too can and do receive God's blessings and inspirations and we too can be called to bear witness and to speak the truth courageously. We too are called to love and to accept the cross (the sacrifices) that true love inevitably requires of us. As St Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face remarked, we don't carry our crosses gloriously, but like Jesus, we stumble and fall. And if we persevere the strength has come not from ourselves but only from God.

Finally, Paul reminds us that this Divine wisdom is received primarily by loving and not just by thinking. God has given God's self to us. We are invited to give ourselves to God and to allow God to give us the "new mind", the "mind of Christ" which will enable us to change our behaviour. It will help us understand what God wants. We don't try to change our behaviour to make God love us, that is a futile endeavour. God already loves us, it is by accepting that love, and only by that love that we can begin to change our behaviour for the better. Can this be our prayer? (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kazimiras Ena Batty (5th)

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

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Sean McVeigh who remains very poorly in Bournemouth Hospital & for Margaret & the family.

HELP for SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY: The Al Rahmoun family which we have been helping has had to move to a council rented house in Fordingbridge. **Curtains and rugs are still needed.** We would be pleased to welcome any spare you may have. If you are able to help please phone Anthony, 01590-645521.

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: Sarah McCall Anderson Walker (31st), William Reed (5th)

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

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please for Mary Byrne who remains very poorly on SGH, and for Sarah who is understandably very concerned for her.

CAFOD: We have now got total for the Lent CAFOD collection of £199. Thank you everybody for all your efforts. (And thanks to Michael Janssens, our CAFOD rep at St Anne's)

SUNDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S: All being well we hope to celebrate Mass on Sunday, 6th Sept at 6pm. We are grateful to the stewards who make this possible. If you wish to come to Mass at that time please book in via the Parish Office. Numbers are very restricted.

BIBLES AVAILABLE: Fr David Quarmby has a few spare Bibles if anyone would like one please contact the parish office.

Any items for the newsletter to anna@boylemellor.co.uk to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME

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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/j/8939R-0n1G6B6QdInITQbt5n>

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/>

STUDYING THE CATHOLIC FAITH: The priests of the Oratory who serve the parish of the Sacred Heart in Bournemouth are offering study courses for those who want to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith. This may be useful for catechists and parish co-workers. For all the details go to www.aoa-edu.com.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Thomas Melluish, Eileen Box (31st), Winifred (Wyn) Ethel Calvert (1st), Dr James Dean McCafferty (2nd), Cecil Frogley, Howard Neal (3rd)

Sick and Housebound: Cathy Pickles, 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. Mai's Funeral Service is to take place at Test Valley Crematorium on 4th September at 11.30am.

NICK FILBEE RIP: Many will be very sad to hear that Nick died suddenly last Monday. The funeral arrangements are still to be decided.

BERYL McDARBY RIP: Beryl's Funeral Service will take place at OLMSJ, on Wednesday, 9th September at 1.15pm followed by burial in Lymington Cemetery.

Our prayers and condolences are with all our bereaved families and with the departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 29/08/20: £48,828.46. 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

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BOOKING A PLACE FOR MASS: Could I ask you to book your place for Mass for OLMSJ each week rather than making a 'block booking' for several Sundays in one go. As we have limited seating available it is the fairest way of doing it and gives everyone a chance.

There's nothing more disheartening than ringing on a Monday to find all the seats for the following Sunday are already booked. The same applies to St Francis, although their Mass is every other week. Sunday 6th September is their next Mass.

All being well, we will begin celebrating Sunday Mass at St Anne's on a fortnightly basis beginning next Sunday, 6th Sept at 6pm. Please ring the parish office if you want to book a place.

If the weather permits there is a **4pm outdoor Mass on a Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton.** Father George has large, lawned grounds and he can accommodate a lot of people. You have to take your own garden chair with you though. Obviously if the weather is bad the Mass won't take place. As we approach Autumn I'm not sure how long Fr George will be able to offer this.

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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.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwp.org.uk for more resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.