

# 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 0PT

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**Website:** www.nfwp.org.uk; **Parish Blog:** www.lymrcchurch.blogspot.com. **Registered Charity No:** 246871/2

**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:

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

## The Week: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

SUN	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	28 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	26 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	29 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Holy Archangels, Feast, ( W )	Pat Mate RIP	DMA
WED	30 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	St Anne	Mass	Requiem Mass (FULLY BOOKED)	Mary Byrne RIP	DMA
THU	1 <sup>st</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Mem, ( W )	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
FRI	2 <sup>nd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Holy Guardian Angels, Mem, ( W )	James Barry-Ball RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	3 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	26 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	St Francis	Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	Marie & Bill Jowett / Clare Price	DMA
SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	St Anne	Mass	27 <sup>th</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**

### GETTING INTO THE DANCE

True religion is not first morality and then relationship. It is first relationship and then morality.

Think of the way a family nurtures a new baby. First come the bonds of joy, love, tenderness and belonging. The first years are fairly crucial. If the right foundations are laid the young person can go forward with confidence, self-worth and trust. They are free enough to begin taking responsibility and seeing beyond their own needs. They learn that right and wrong have their source in love. In the absence of sufficient love and affirmation a person becomes haunted by a certain emptiness and a feeling of unworthiness. It becomes more difficult to break free from the preoccupation with one's own needs. It takes longer to begin responding to the needs of others.

This development pattern is also true in our relationship with God. It is not us loving God so that God will have to love us. It is God loving us first so that we can love in return. We do not get it all right and then enter the "kingdom" of God's loving friendship. The offer of God's friendship is given to us and then we begin to get it right. If we have fear and anxiety as the foundation of our relationship with God we will continually try to win God over. Our spiritual lives will be very self-centred.

We won't be able to share the Good News because deep down we haven't heard it ourselves. We can't give what we haven't got.

This explains why we can take years anxiously struggling to be good and holy. We either give up in discouragement or deny the shadow both to ourselves and others. We then have to fabricate a righteousness to mask the shadow. We cannot imagine God loving us with our sins and weaknesses. Deep down we resent the effort to "make God love us" and we don't really like the false image of God we have in our imaginations. It is no wonder that joy does not characterise our Christianity as much as it should.

It may be shocking to us but "the tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before" us. There isn't any indication here that tax collectors and prostitutes have been able to instantly change their occupations. What has changed is that they have accepted God into their lives. They have accepted God's undeserved love. They agreed to join the dance. The joy and strength this love gives will enable them to let go of anything that is not right in God's eyes. Pope Francis wants the whole Church to receive again with joy this liberating and enabling loving mercy of God (DMA).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Ellen Margaret Caffyn (21<sup>st</sup>), Rodney Michael King (23<sup>rd</sup>), Charles Victor Freeman (26<sup>th</sup>)

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

**ST FRANCIS PPC:** had a Zoom meeting on Thursday which was well attended and it agreed on a practical plan to help people keep in touch.

**SUNDAY MASS AT ST FRANCIS:** Going forward Mass will be on alternate Sundays because of the limited number of stewards available. The next Sunday Mass will be on 4th October at 9am. 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.

**IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:**

**A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - MIL-ON-SEA - ST FRANCIS ASS"**

**A/C NUMBER: 00882772**

**SORT CODE: 30-93-04**

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Doreen Mary Thompson (20th). Aileen Deale (22nd), Florence Skoyles, Denis John Green (26th), Anthea Hayward.

**Sick and Housebound:** Please keep in your prayers: Rosemary Sheldon, Sr Rosaleen, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon.

**MARY BYRNE RIP:** All available seating has now been taken for the Requiem Mass which will be at St Anne's, on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm, followed by burial at Bolton's Bench Cemetery, Lyndhurst. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sarah and all Mary's relations and friends. May Mary rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**Walk for Creation** Saturday, 10th October starting at 10 am from Ober Corner Car Park. This is an ecumenical event organised by our three Brockenhurst churches. The distance will be about 2 miles along forest paths. We will be observing the new required Rule of 6 regulations for social distancing and will be walking in staggered groups of six, each with a leader. Please register your interest by calling or emailing the following: Annabelle on 01590 624587 or [annadmellor@gmail.com](mailto:annadmellor@gmail.com); Milla Pearse on 07963818638 or [ecochurch@brockenhurstchurch.com](mailto:ecochurch@brockenhurstchurch.com); St Saviour's Church Office on 01590 624584

**RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH:** We were very happy to receive Holly Holman into the Catholic Church recently. Holly has been supported in her faith journey by the Sisters at St Dominic's and three sisters were able to be present with Holly, her husband and two close friends.

**SUNDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S:** All being well we will celebrate weekend Mass again here on Sunday, 4th October. 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.

**IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:**

**A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - BROCKENHURST - ST ANNE"**

**A/C NUMBER: 00875962**

**SORT CODE: 30-93-04**

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

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Muriel Mary Sanders (20<sup>th</sup>), Kenneth Ernest Eakins (21<sup>st</sup>), Minnie Gifford (25<sup>th</sup>)

**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.

**100 Club** - congratulations to the winners of our September draw as follows: £40 Margaret Boone (63), £30 Marilyn McCann (15), £20 Cathy Pickles (4), £15 Anne Heppenstall (28), £10 Tom Rayner (9). Many thanks to all our members who make a valuable contribution to church funds. The final draw for 2020, with star prize of £75, will take place in December.

**100 Club 2021** - due to the ongoing Covid situation, we regret that it is necessary to suspend the 100 Club for 2021. Those members who pay subscriptions by Bank Standing Order are advised to contact their bank to cancel payment. We will be contacting all members who pay by Standing Order. All 100 Club members are thanked for their ongoing support and assured that the situation will be reviewed next year.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 25/09/20: £50,252.46. 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.

**IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:**

**A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - LYMINGTON - OUR LADY"**

**A/C NUMBER: 00882225**

**SORT CODE: 30-93-04**

## All Parishes

**Upcoming Special Collections:** CAFOD Autumn Fast Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**ONLINE GIVING FOR SECOND COLLECTIONS:** The Diocese is setting up an online giving facility for 2nd collections. If you wish to contribute to the welfare of Christians in the Holy Land follow this link: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-supporting-christians-in-the-holy-land-1>

**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 4<sup>th</sup> October is their next Mass. The next Sunday Mass at St Anne's will be on Sunday, 4th Oct at 6pm. Please ring the parish office if you want to book a place.

**The Season of Creation** is an ecumenical liturgical season dedicated to prayer, reflection and celebration of God the Creator running from 1st September to 4th October. This year the theme is Jubilee for the Earth. There is a lovely Liturgy Guide which can be found at <https://ourcommonhome.org/media/docs/2020-Season-of-Creation-Liturgy-Guide-LISTEN.pdf>

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

**SVP AWARENESS WEBINAR SESSIONS: 1 October** "How the Vincentian spirit is alive in these times" – Fr Paul Roche, Spiritual Advisor to the SVP. Follow this link: <https://www.svp.org.uk/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=6521&qid=603099> to attend any and all of these sessions.