

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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:

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

The Week: 4th October 2020 - 11th October 2020

SUN	4 th	9.00am	St Francis	Mass	27 th Sunday of the Year A (G)	Marie & Bill Jowett / Clare Price	DMA
SUN	4 th	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	27 th Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 th	6.00pm	St Anne	Mass	27 th Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	5 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	27 th Week of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	6 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	27 th Week of the Year (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	7 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Our Lady of the Rosary, Mem, (W)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
THU	8 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	27 th Week of the Year (G)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	9 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	St John Henry Newman, Mem, (W)	For those seeking work	DMA
SAT	10 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Our Lady on Saturday, (W)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	11 th	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	28 th 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

IS THE KINGDOM BEING TAKEN FROM US?

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus says to the religious leaders: "The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you and given to those who will produce its fruit".

It is important that we regularly ask that question of the Lord in our prayer: Are we losing the kingdom, are we losing our souls?

Forget about heaven and hell for a moment. It is about what is happening now in our hearts, minds, emotions, bodies, relationships and lives. Seeing things only in terms of "when I die" can be a subtle way to avoid the here and now issues.

History gives us many examples of people, communities, regions, countries "losing it". Losing openness, tolerance, love, compassion, joy, variety, acceptance, values, meaning and whatever else makes the heart sing. A parish community can have its priests, its liturgies, its groups and still be cold and unwelcoming, judgemental and narrow-minded. It can have too little of the Spirit who comes from God and too much of the spirit of the world (fear, lethargy, discouragement, greed, factions, prejudices etc).

The soul is a very delicate thing. It can expand out to the whole universe and in its appreciation and acceptance embrace everything, even the mystery of God. The soul thrives on love, truth, compassion and freedom.

It responds to beauty and to disfigurement, to joy and to pain. It relishes spontaneity, diversity and harmony. With faith it can flourish on challenge and overcome adversity. Above all the soul can be refreshed and renewed by another or by the Other.

But the soul can also shrink and wither. It can lose the joy. It can become locked into anxiety, bitterness, security and comfort. The soul can become fearful and self-preoccupied. Remember I am not talking so much about sin, although that may be part of the picture but about life, energy, creativity, appreciation, joy, openness or rather the lack of these experiences. We can be going to the sacraments but our souls can still be starving because we are not really letting Christ into the whole of our lives. One moment with the Lord will have little impact if we spend hours & hours consuming only the trivial and superficial.

Bad leadership can also stifle the soul. Rigid, authoritarian and regimental leadership negates confidence, creativity and God-given self-worth. And weak leadership which fails to call forth the best in us can encourage complacency. If we are living only in the expectations of others. We may not belong to ourselves. If they are the mirrors which reflect back to us our reality then we won't know who we really are. We won't realise that we are mirrored by Christ as children of God. We need to ask ourselves who am I when I am not a husband, wife, father, mother, wage earner, single person, etc? Do I know myself as one uniquely loved and called by the Other who is the real friend and life of our souls? (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Arthur Rowland Bryant (4th), Kathleen Parker (9th)

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

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 18th October at 9am. Numbers are very limited so pre-booking is essential. Please ring 01590-676696.

OUR THANKS: to Helen Lister for many years of service on our Parish Pastoral Council as a valued member & participant and also for the extra service of being Minutes Secretary. Helen's competence and consistency in this role has been greatly appreciated by all the members. Helen is now stepping down from the PPC as extra commitments have come her way at this time. The PPC are very sad to lose Helen and will be exploring the best way to show their appreciation.

THANK YOU from Margaret McVeigh for all the cards and prayers she received from parishioners. Your support was much appreciated at this sad time.

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: Max Mueller (4th), Honoria C. Beevers (7th)

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

MARY BYRNE RIP: Sarah would like to thank everyone who was able to come to Mary's Requiem on Sept 30th. It was a lovely service despite Covid and the awful weather, and my thanks go especially to Fr David and Linda; to the stewards Madeleine and Paul and Annabelle, and to Annabelle for the breathtakingly beautiful flowers, which Mary would have loved. Also to those brave, true friends who endured the unkind elements for the burial. I was so touched by everyone's love and support. It made a huge difference. The family who were able to come felt very welcome too, so thank you all. I shall be sending a good donation from her friends to CAFOD in Mary's memory, and I know that will please her. Thank you all. (Mary had celebrated her 90th birthday back in April).

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; Milla Pearse on 07963818638 or ecochurch@brockenhurstchurch.com; St Saviour's Church Office on 01590 624584

SUNDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S: All being well we will celebrate weekend Mass again here on Sunday, 18th 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 to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Rosina Dorothy Morton Hughes, Mary (Molly) Holliday, Elizabeth (Betty) Iles (4th), John McGovern, Frederick Warrilow, Caroline Sherley-Price, Sheron Ann Whitlock, Shannon Marie Barnett (5th), Christina Beevers (7th), Catherine Conroy (8th), Paul Robert Duffy (9th), Josephine Catherine Patricia Liegeois (10th)

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 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. The final draw for 2020, with star prize of £75, will take place in December.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 43 Svr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 02/10/20: £51,172.46. 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 COLLECTION (SURVIVE-REBUILD-HEAL): Visit www.cafod.org.uk/give to make an online donation to the CAFOD appeal.

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 next Mass at **St Francis, Milford-on-Sea** is on Sunday 18th October at 9am. The next Sunday Mass at **St Anne's, Brockenhurst** will be on Sunday, 18th Oct at 6pm. Please ring the parish office if you want to book a place.

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

RELATIONSHIP SUPPORT FOR MARRIED COUPLES: The following Catholic organisations are now offering support online:

Retrouvaille <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk>

A well-regarded resource, providing the couple with a safe environment within which to explore difficulties, grow in faith and restore their relationship.

Catholic Marriage Care: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/how-we-help/relationship-counselling/>

Restored Lives at Home: <https://htb.churchsuite.co.uk/events/y7yguhtk>

For those who have experienced divorce or separation.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD (SPUC):

works to protect the lives of the unborn child. It is trying to raise awareness and acceptance of the sacredness and inviolability of all human life from conception to natural death both within the Church and society generally. It is concerned particularly at this time about the Governments promotion of "DIY abortions" by making the morning-after pill available by post. It is also concerned over efforts to make illegal any peaceful efforts to encourage a pro-life choice by those who attend abortion clinics. If you want to help SPUC in their work please visit the website: www.spuc.org.uk