

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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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; Roger Maughan, 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: 25th October 2020 - 1st November 2020

SUN	25 th	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	30 th Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	26 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	30 th Week of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	27 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	30 th Week of the Year (G)	For our Catholic Primary School	DMA
WED	28 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Ss Simon & Jude, Feast, (R)	For those who are unwell	DMA
THU	29 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	30 th Week of the Year (G)	Mrs Ellen Emmett RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	30 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Bl. Winchester Martyrs, Mem, (R)	Pat Mate RIP	DMA
SAT	31 st	N/A	N/A	Mass	30 th Week of the Year (G)	For all Health Care Workers	DMA
SUN	1 st	9.00am	St Francis	Mass	All Saints (W)	Maria Pizzella Campanella RIP	DMA
SUN	1 st	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	All Saints (W)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	1 st	6.00pm	St Anne	Mass	All Saints (W)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA

NUMBERS ARE RESTRICTED

PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED - RING THE PARISH OFFICE 01590-676696

THERE IS ONLY ONE LOVE

The Pharisees (literally “separated ones”) were a group that began with the hasidim (God’s loyal ones) in the 2nd century before Jesus. They concentrated on control of religious rather than political affairs. Their supreme concern and delight was to keep the law, including the traditions of the elders (Torah) in every exact detail. Most scribes belonged to the Pharisee group. They were model Jews by their own standards. They tended to keep themselves apart from others whom they considered either unclean or sinful in some way. While there were exceptions (e.g. Nicodemus) they were generally arrogant, judgemental and disdainful of others. This arrogance, combined with a dry legalism which put exact ritual observance before love and mercy led them into conflict with Jesus.

It is not clear why they thought the question “Which is the greatest commandment of the Law?” could cause potential embarrassment for Jesus. Perhaps there is a clue in Jesus’ answer. Jesus did not give them the answer they wanted because he mentions two commandments: Love God and love your neighbour as yourself. So perhaps we can infer that the Pharisees wanted to drive a wedge between these two commandments & to show that Jesus, by loving people as he did, was somehow infringing the first and greatest commandment.

The greatest temptation of religious people of any time or place is to hate others for the love of God. We can so easily delude ourselves into thinking that our own fears, greed, & hatreds can be justified by appealing to religious duty. Very conveniently, and probably for the most part unconsciously, we excuse ourselves and blame God: “Well don’t blame me for trying to kill you, I am only obeying God’s commandment. It is a holy duty! I have got to do it!” The cross of Jesus directly addressed this sin of the world. God is always with the victim, always on both sides of any divide.

Jesus’ teaching was not dramatically new as our extract from Exodus indicates. However the fundamental shift is that for Exodus “neighbour” meant primarily anyone of your own race – foreigners & pagans were not included. Jesus universalises this commandment & brings it, from a relatively obscure position, to be the second greatest commandment. He then says that all the writings of the Law (1st five books of the Hebrew bible) and the prophets hang or rest upon these two. This is an antidote to fundamentalism and legalism because everything has to be referred back to love, love is the greatest law.

God accepts and loves us, so we can love ourselves and others in the same way. Of course there is a deeper truth here. There is a deep unity of all things in God. When you love your neighbour you are, in fact, loving your greater Self. This unity is based first of all at the level of being: All things came into being through him (i.e the Word), John 1:3; in him all things hold together, Colossians 1:17. There is union finally at the level of love – God’s embrace of love for everything & everyone. (DMA).

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Oxland (25th), Patricia Marshall (27th)

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

PRAYERS PLEASE: for Sarah Bell who has had a spell in hospital and is now convalescing in the Gatehouse Nursing Home, 64 Becton Lane, Barton-on-Sea, New Milton, Hampshire BH25 7AG. But visitors are not allowed at the moment.

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 1st November at 9am. Numbers are very limited so pre-booking is essential. Please ring 01590-676696.

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

Contact Eva Gaskin on 01590-643199 if you need any help.

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St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Cleverdon Skellon (25th), Josephine (Jo) Edwina Margaret Chatterton (26th), Kathleen Mc Cabe (27th), Leonard O'Donnell, Stewart Charles James King (30th)

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

SUNDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S: Mass will be on alternate Sundays. All being well we will celebrate weekend Mass again here on Sunday, 1st November. 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.

ROSEMARY SHELDON: You will be pleased to know that Rosemary is out of hospital and has moved into Forest Oaks. She will not be returning to live at home. At the moment, Forest Oaks is allowing visitors but you will need to make an appointment first. Please keep Rosemary in your prayers.

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

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

All Parishes

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORTS: will be circulated as soon as possible. I will need to do some work on the (email) mailing lists as they were put together rather hurriedly at the beginning of the pandemic and will need a further sort out according to parish membership.

You can **'Donate to the plate'** in a number of ways:

Cash in an envelope put through the letterbox of the presbytery labelled **'Donate to the plate'** with your details (or anonymously) and the name of your parish.

OR

A **cheque** (see parish section) sent to the Presbytery: 132, High street, Lymington SO41 9AQ. Please put **'Donate to the plate'**, your details and the name of the parish on a note inside the envelope. If you can, please Gift Aid your contribution.

OR

Make a payment directly to our parish bank accounts with you surname & postcode as a reference. See your parish section for the details.

I realise that the pandemic has hit households in many ways, so please do not give what you can't afford. But if you can **'Donate to the plate'** by the end of this pandemic we will be confident that our parishes will come out in a much healthier state and will survive. Thank you. Fr David

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Canon Bernard Morris (26th), Joseph Walsh Audrey McCann (27th), Agnes Kealey, Claude Seton-Dry (28th), Lily Kathleen Osborn, (29th), Maurice Bogget, Iris Simpson, Stewart Charles James King (30th), Francis Gurd (31st)

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

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 23/10/20: £51,626.46. 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

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Upcoming Special Collections: 1st November - Collection for Bamenda, the diocese in the Cameroon which our Diocese is supporting.

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



Our school offers small, individualised teaching groups with a **15:1 ratio**, set in acres of space with a wide variety of extended play facilities. Children aspire and achieve.

Our Lady and St Joseph Primary School offers very small class sizes which enables us to see the individual and develop your child's potential in a safe, nurturing environment.

Our children learn in an environment which is designed to excite and engage. Our wider/broad curriculum develops the child's sense of place in the world, as well as their spiritual lives and their moral understanding. They learn how to respond to adversity and develop skills that help them manage themselves and their relationships.

Our ethos develops a bespoke learning experience where friendship, nurture and predicted high performance outcome equates to an holistic education.

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