

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
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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: 1st November 2020 - 8th November 2020

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
MON	2 nd	N/A	N/A	Mass	All Souls (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	3 rd	N/A	N/A	Mass	31 st Week of the Year (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	4 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Charles Borromeo, Mem, (W)	The Weld Family Living and Dead F/M	DMA
THU	5 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	31 st Week of the Year (G)	For those who are unwell	DMA
FRI	6 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	31 st Week of the Year (G)	For our Confirmation Candidates	DMA
SAT	7 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	31 st Week of the Year (G)	For all Health Care Workers	DMA
SUN	8 th	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	Remembrance Sunday (P)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

NUMBERS ARE RESTRICTED

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

SAINTS: BECOMING WHAT WE ALREADY ARE

There is a disturbing truth about holiness. It is not that holiness is very difficult, or that it requires heroic self-sacrifice or that you have to be born in the right place, at the right time and with the right background.

The disturbing truth is almost the opposite of the above. Holiness is very simple. It requires nothing more than the acceptance of a child. The giving of it, far from being hedged around with awkward conditions, is totally unconditional, indiscriminate, lavish and undeserved. What is more disturbing is that it is already here, already fully given. Every grace, every virtue, every blessing, every healing, every joy that we could even dare to imagine, even the impossible things, all these have already be given to us in Jesus Christ. And Christ is not far away from us but actually our true and deepest identity. In other words everything we could aspire to is already within us and already is us. It is the *treasure hidden in the field* for which we let go all else because it just cannot compare to it.

Why do I say this is disturbing? It is because something so wonderful, good news so great is so close to us and yet we are, most of the time, blind to it and unaware of it. John tells us: *We are already the children of God.* Our task is to become what we already are. This is not difficult. God does all the hard work we have only to let ourselves be carried there back to our true selves which is Christ.

This spiritual journey is along the way of the cross, the way of contradictions and paradoxes. It is the way of dying to the false self in order to rise and live in the true self. It is about falling and rising, losing and finding. The journey embraces reality in all its dimensions. It is a journey inward to discover the God self within, the Christ within. It is also a journey outward to engage with the world and with others, because everything is encompassed by the mystery of God. Paul writes: *Christ is in everything, Christ is everything.* This is the true reality.

Even though Paul at one time murdered and persecuted the early Christians he was given to see that deep within he had a spiritual self which delighted in God's will. Mother Julian of Norwich, the 14th century English mystic wrote: *there is in every soul ...a godly will that never has assented to sin and never will.* St Catherine of Genoa ran through the streets shouting: "My deepest me is God! My deepest me is God! This is Christ within us, God's being shared with us. We're tempted to think this is too good to be true but of course God is always going to "blow our minds" in the best possible way!

The task of holiness is to receive this precious gift and live in its power and light. God looks on us with tremendous love and tenderness, it is a love graciously given, undeserved, unmerited which flows over us whether we are good or wicked. Prayer opens the door and enables us to look back at God and receive that love. Just one glimpse of that love will change our lives forever, sin will begin to lose its power over us and freedom and joy will grow. God made us "very good" (Genesis 1:31) and we can thank the Lord with joy "for the wonder of our being, for the wonders of all God's creation" (Psalm 138/139). DMA

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Reginald David Freemantle, Francis Edgar Pearson, Douglas Parker (1st), Kathleen Monaghan, Patrick d'Amore Lister (2nd), Hilda Musson (4th), James Madden (6th)

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

SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE: for Sarah Bell, Peter Larke, Liz Price's sister, Carol, Fr Gerrit Vervenne & his housekeeper, Norah.

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 **15th November** at 9am. Numbers are very limited so pre-booking is essential. Please ring 01590-676696.

OUR THANKS TO HELEN LISTER: On behalf of the PPC & the Parish, Roger Maughan, chair of PPC, presented Helen with a special gift to say thank you for her years of generous service on the PPC as a member and its secretary. Roger wrote: "I visited Helen today and spent a lovely hour chatting to her and she was in very good spirits and looked very well. I presented Helen with her gift and card in appreciation of her wonderful Ministry at Saint Francis".

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: Edward Colin Knight, Kathleen Knight (1st), Margaret Fergusson, Michael Denis Reardon (3rd), Juanita Francisca Amanda Scrope, Margaret Cayford (7th)

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, **15th 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

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VIDEOS ON EVANGELISATION: From the Dominican Sisters at Sway. The latest video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Stdh3M_uIDY) focusses on practical ways to develop a parish pastoral Vision based on the Vision of Christ as Prophet, Priest and King! The next episode will cover the Ministry of Compassion to the sick and marginalised., with a reflection on Suffering with Christ. and some practical pastoral thoughts which may be useful especially for Ministers of Holy Communion and such groups as SVP. Search in YouTube for "Evangelisation - Dominican sisters of St Joseph" for previous videos.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: June Parkin, Thomas McCarthy (1st), Patricia Wilkins, Niamh Fitzgerald-Graham, Dorothy (Dot) Manghan (4th), John Bickers, Maud Southam, Leopoldine Foot (5th), Velma Neal, Eileen Mary Jenkins (7th)

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.

ANONYMOUS DONATION: A very dear parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous has made a very generous donation of £3000 to our Building Fund. Let us pray for this person and for all who give generously whether it is big or small amounts.

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.nfwp.org.uk for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

NEW FOREST BASICS BANK - REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR:

It was a great success last year. Hopefully it will be even more so this year with so much need out there. The calendar has been attached together with the newsletter and Liturgy pages. Below is a reduced sized picture of it:

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

The calendar starts in November in order that we are able to distribute to clients in time for Christmas. Here are some daily suggestions of items we feel would be suitable as a donation to your 'advent box'. If a reverse advent box is too much then any Christmas food donations can be dropped off to the FoodBank or left in food bins in shops/supermarkets.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Tin of Salmon	2 Luxury Toiletries	3 Popcorn	4 Jar of Marmalade/Jam	5 Gravy Granules	6 Gingerbread	7 Sponge Pudding
8 Stuffing Mix	9 Advent Calendar	10 Christmas Crackers	11 Bag of Nuts	12 Tin of Custard	13 Tub of Sweets	14 Hot Chocolate
15 Crisps/Pringles	16 Retail Gift Card	17 Tinned Meat	18 Bag of Chocolate Coins	19 Cheese Straws	20 Shortbread Biscuits	21 Hand Cream
22 Selection Box	23 Orange Juice	24 Cheese Biscuits	25 Christmas Pudding	26 Box/Bar Packet of Chocolates	27 Cheese	28 Christmas Cake
29 Salsomas	30 Mince Pies	NEW FOREST BASICS BANK		Thank you, and Merry Christmas! www.basicbank.org.uk Registered Charity No. 1159170		

* No alcohol
* All food items dated January 2021 onwards
* Items can be substituted
* Wrap all items into a decorated box and deliver to the FoodBank between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday (by 11th December)
* Include a written Christmas card if you want to