

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; 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: 22nd November 2020 - 29th November 2020

SUN	22 nd	N/A	N/A	Mass	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, (W)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	23 rd	N/A	N/A	Mass	34 th Week of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	24 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Andrew Dung-Lac et alia, Mem, (R)	Ted Mercy RIP	DMA
WED	25 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	34 th Week of the Year (G)	Doris & John Christy RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	26 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	34 th Week of the Year (G)	Ted Mercy RIP	DMA
FRI	27 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	34 th Week of the Year (G)	Tony Warrilow RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	28 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Our Lady, Votive, (W)	Pat Mate RIP	DMA
SUN	29 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	First Sunday of Advent Yr B (V)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

PUBLIC WORSHIP HAS BEEN SUSPENDED DURING THE CURRENT LOCKDOWN

CHRIST THE KING: How can we talk of Jesus Christ the King today? What does it mean? First, we have to remember that "Christ" is not Jesus's surname! We should properly talk about Jesus the Christ. The Christ is the Divine Word, the Divine blueprint or plan expressed and made visible in creation, in all that is. Everything, us included, has come from the Divine Word and everything is held in being by the creative love and power of God. So the Christ cannot be anything other than Sovereign, King, Lord or whatever title of supremacy we may care to use.

Here is a great mystery, from the experience of "what is", the visible, we are invited to contemplate the invisible source of all that is. This openness to the Divine Other is faith. In the encounter with Jesus of Nazareth people came to experience, know and believe that Jesus was and is from God in a unique way. In the life, teaching and loving sacrifice of Jesus people experienced Divine love and came to the conviction that this is what life is all about, this is what true love really is, this is the meaning and purpose of everything. And Jesus reveals not only who God is but also the true and full nature and potential of humanity.

By God's gift and God's Spirit we have received this faith, this conviction, we experience it in the lives of all good, compassionate and holy people, we celebrate it in Eucharist and all the sacraments, and hopefully, we communicate it, in some measure, to those we meet, and especially to those in need.

And here is another great mystery: the whole of creation, and us included, are in a process of becoming, of growing, or as St Paul wrote, of "giving birth". We are being drawn out of our prison of "disobedience" and into the embrace of the loving mercy of God. In this mystery of becoming God's love is humble and gentle, merciful, patient and compassionate. The powers of the "world" and the forces of negativity may seem to hold sway for a while but they are all passing away.

God's love has triumphed, does triumph and always will triumph. God is always and already in all and through all and with all. Ultimately, we will all experience the inexpressible joy of knowing and experiencing that God is, indeed, **ALL IN ALL.** (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Charles Henry Hutchinson (23rd), Eileen Taylor, Gladys Murphy, Margaret Louise Jansen (26th), Thomas Frank Leaman Abbott (27th)

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.

MASS AT CHRISTMAS: It will be a lottery! See the email attachment for all the details.

24HRS OF PRAYER - 27th NOVEMBER: See email attachment for how to participate & when our churches will be open for personal prayer.

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: Sheelah Munford (22nd), N. Marshall (24th), Winifred Doris Sergeant, Kieran Patrick Holland (25th), Ethel Mary Knight-Grigg (26th), James Kelly, Katherine (Kitty) Hayward (27th)

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

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

A/C NUMBER: 00875962

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

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PASTORAL PROGRAMME EPISODE 4: This episode <https://youtu.be/iPiYxPv18hU> concentrates on the words of Pope Francis who calls us to be shepherds to a "wounded humanity." In his most recent document *Frattelli Tutti* he also asks us in a pastoral sense to make sure that no one lives in isolation. These sentiments are so important as we enter into a long winter still suffering from the effects of the global pandemic. I hope this short video will give a resource to parishes to develop an awakened sense of compassion and hope for all who live within our parish boundaries. God Bless Sr Veronica OP, our Dominican Sisters at Sway.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM THE SISTERS: Our talented sisters have been working very hard during this last six months of lock down building up our stocks for Christmas. Sr Lucy and Sr Catherine have built up a beautiful stock of original watercolours and calligraphy cards. <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Dominicards> In this time of lockdown when you cannot go out to do normal Christmas shopping you may find something special for Christmas here. and be able to support our community in a very special way at the same by purchasing our cards! It is not always easy to find suitable Christian cards in our increasingly secular world. We hope we can fill a gap in this area.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Johanna Maclean, Agnes Matthews (22nd), Bessie Walsh (24th), John Fiffins (26th), Philip (Phil) Manghan, Anthony (Tony) Warrilow (27th), Robert Keen(28th)

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.

TRIALLING THE RESUMPTION OF A SATURDAY EVENING MASS: See the email attachment for more details.

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BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 42 5yr pledges yielding £88.8K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 20/11/20: £55,823.06 . Included in this is a total £421.53 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.

SOME REALLY GOOD NEWS: The late Nick Filbee has bequeathed a substantial sum for the repair and maintenance of the church of Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph. We have been given to understand that it is in the region of £160,000. This will be a great encouragement to us all and especially to those who have already given or pledged very generously to the Building Fund. As this will bring us much nearer our goal, hopefully it will encourage others to contribute as well. God bless Nick Filbee, may he rest in peace & rise in glory.

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

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STANDING ORDERS: If you do wish to take out a new Standing Order or amend an existing one, please

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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 CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL The New Forest Basic Bank (NFBB) has been faced with unprecedented demand over recent months and that is not expected to diminish as we approach the Christmas period. Many of you will already be making a contribution either through the food collection points in supermarkets or a direct financial contribution and these are very much appreciated. The SVP is making a contribution as in previous years to purchase a voucher for each child in the families who use NFBB. This year NFBB is also trying to add a small personal gift for an adult in each parcel for Christmas delivery and have asked for our help.

Can you provide a small gift or token (physical or on-line) which can be gifted at Christmas? Alternatively you could perhaps make a financial contribution and we will buy an appropriate item on your behalf. Collection will be challenging with our churches closed but we will do our best! If you can provide a gift which will go through the house letter box at Our Lady & St. Joseph's you could perhaps drop it off if you are coming into Lymington at any time. The alternative is to contact Nichola Kirby who will arrange collection. Her contact number is 07710 156087, or you can send her an email on nicholakirby@outlook.com. Parcel packing starts on 14 December so we should try and have our gifts collected by Sunday 13 December. Thank you in advance for anything you can provide