

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
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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 Price (Mil).

PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator : Linda Guilding; **Health & Safety Rep St Francis:** 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: 29th November 2020 - 6th December 2020

SUN	29 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	First Sunday of Advent Yr B (V)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	30 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Andrew, Feast, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	1 st	N/A	N/A	Mass	of the 1 st week of Advent	Neol Brady RIP	DMA
WED	2 nd	N/A	N/A	Mass	of the 1 st week of Advent	Ted Mercy RIP	DMA
THU	3 rd	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Francis Xavier, Mem, (W)	Jenny Brothwell RIP	DMA
FRI	4 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	of the 1 st week of Advent	Ted Mercy RIP	DMA
SAT	5 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	of the 1 st week of Advent	Allan Daniels RIP	
SAT	5 th	Our Lady	6pm	Mass	Second Sunday of Advent Yr B (V)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	6 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Second Sunday of Advent Yr B (V)	Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M	DMA

PUBLIC WORSHIP WITH RESTRICTIONS RESUMES ON 5th DECEMBER - BOOKING REQUIRED

WHAT MIGHT IT MEAN TO BE ASLEEP?:

We are rushing around getting anxious and fretful about a whole load of things that “need” to be done. We’re still worrying over the past and all the regrets, sometimes dreaming about how better things could have been “if only”. We’re increasingly fearful of the future. We’ve grown comfortable with our indulgences and our sins. We’re very sensitive about what others say about us on Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat. Without realising how or why we’ve become more angry, upset or frustrated. We haven’t got time for real prayer, the real, heart to heart, honest, “this is me” type of prayer. We only associate with people who think the same way as we do, have a similar standard of living and who don’t demand very much of us. The papers we read, the films and programmes we watch are the sort that won’t disturb or upset us. We’ve become more fearful of strangers and less confident in dealing with life. We are becoming boring even to ourselves, thinking the same things, saying the same things and doing the same things. Life is grey, the world seems a threatening place. There has been too much change or not enough change. If we’re old we resent the young, if we’re young we resent the old! We have stopped thinking for ourselves, stopped searching, seeking, asking or knocking. We just tend to go with whatever is popular, as long as it suits us. Perhaps we can think of other ways in which we can be spiritually asleep.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AWAKE?:

Jesus said we need to change and become like little children if we want to get on God’s wavelength and discover the peace and joy God wants us to have. The changing, the turning around (i.e. repenting), the being born again are all other ways of describing waking up. By the gift of God’s Spirit, we begin to realise we are loved, we are important to God but also so is everyone else. God’s mercy helps us let go of the past with all its burden of regret. God’s care helps us to stop worrying about the future. We still make reasonable preparation but without the anxiety. Not burdened by either nostalgia or anxiety we can be more present to the present moment. We can be more aware and appreciative of the here and now. Letting go of our fear but also our naivety we can respond to others with a positive, welcoming attitude. Aware of our strengths and weaknesses and our gifts and talents we are more confident about what we can achieve when we exercise determination and perseverance. Increasingly freer from resentment, anxiety, fear, prejudice and self-pity we experience more spontaneous joy and laughter. Less pre-occupied with ourselves and our own needs we are freer to love others and be loved by others. To be awake is to be alive, alert, ready to respond with good-will, compassion and encouragement. To be awake is to be present to God who only meets us in the present moment and in the other, who is the Other in disguise. Perhaps we can think of other ways which indicate we are awake? (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: John Garth Davies (30th), Frederick Fothergill Culmer (1st), Jean Penman O'Hara, Anne Veronica Chatee, Gerry Hazelden (2nd), Ernest John Quantrill, Teresa Elenor Diggins, Christopher Joseph Nagle (4th), Joyce Frances Mills (5th).

Sick & Housebound: Sr Rosaleen, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones, Joan Lloyd, Sarah Bell. (Note: Our Pastoral Council agreed that people should be taken off the sick list after they have been on it a month unless they or someone asks for them to stay on it.)

SERVICES AT ST FRANCIS: Personal Prayer Time Sunday, 29th 9am – 10am, no booking required. The next Sunday Mass will be on 13th December at 9am, booking is required. For Christmas eve, Christmas Day & 27th Dec places will be allocated by lottery. Contact the parish office to enter the lottery, contact details for Track & Trace will be required.

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: Dr Gilbert Owen Morse (22nd), Teresa Gertrude Morse (23rd), Yvonne Joyce Sutton (24th), Doris Christy (25th), William Herbert Clark (30th), Gladys May Jeanette Boocock, Joan Mary Lilpop (1st), William Teague (2nd), Humphrey Nunes, Ralph Ledsham (3rd), Cecil Webb, Michael Patrick Kelly (4th), Richard Martin Power (5th)

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

SERVICES AT ST ANNE'S: Personal Prayer Time Sunday, 29th 10.30-11.30am, no booking required. The next Sunday Mass will be on 13th December at 6pm, booking is required. For Christmas eve, Christmas Day & 27th Dec places will be allocated by lottery. Contact the parish office to enter the lottery, contact details for Track & Trace will be required.

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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Online Advent Calendar 2020: Archbp Eamon Martin has launched a 2020 online Advent Calendar, which will go live today, the first Sunday of Advent. You can find a link to this on our website www.nfwp.org.uk The Theme is **HOPE**. Behind each door during Advent there will be content aimed at assisting people to pray and to reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season.

Light A Candle in Prayer with CAFOD: Here is how. Go to the CAFOD page on our website www.nfwp.org.uk. Click the link. Type who you are praying for. Type in your message, make your donation, then light and place your candle on the 'virtual' votive stand. By doing this you are making an act of remembrance and supporting our Catholic Aid charities. By celebrating the life of someone special, you can help to change thousands more.

FROM - New Forest District Council: It's #FuelPovertyAwarenessDay. Are you in receipt of low income and struggle to pay your fuel bills and stay warm, especially in winter? You are not on your own – help is available. For advice and support, contact the Hitting the Cold Spots team on 0800 804 8601 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) or email staywarm@environmentcentre.com

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Jean Proctor (29th), Edward Grzegorzewski (30th), Patrick Manghan (1st), Harold Everett, May Phillips (2nd), Patrick Rickman (4th)

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.

SERVICES AT OLMSJ: Personal Prayer Time Sunday, 29th 10.30-11.30am no booking required. Public Mass resumes next Saturday, 5th December at 6pm; booking required & as its dark the car park will be open (the same applies to Saturday, 19th December). The next Sunday Mass is on 13th December, at 10.30am; booking required. The car park will remain closed. For Christmas eve, Christmas Day & 27th Dec places will be allocated by lottery. Contact the parish office to enter the lottery, contact details for Track & Trace will be required.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in Bank as at 27/11/20: £55,853.06 .

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

SORT CODE: 30-93-04

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STANDING ORDERS: If you do wish to take out a new Standing Order or amend an existing one, please request a **PARISH STANDING ORDER FORM** from the parish office. Please state whether it is for the ordinary collection or whether it is for the Building Fund.

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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

FOR ONLINE DONATIONS TO BASICS BANK: follow the link below:

<https://localgiving.org/appeal/BasicsBankChristmas/>

As the **Year of The Word** develops some people might like to know of two recently updated English translations of the Bible: (1). The Revised New Jerusalem Bible (RNJB) – ISBN 978-0-232-53362-0 published by Darton Longman & Todd can be bought from Waterstones in Lymington for £39.99. (2). The English Standard Version – Catholic Edition - otherwise known as The Augustine Bible – ISBN 978-1-950939-09-1 - can be bought for £48.50 by post from the St. Paul's Bookshop near Westminster Cathedral Tel. 020 7828 5582. (This version has already been accepted in several English speaking countries as the official one for the yet to be produced new Lectionary). (from Fr David Quarmby).