

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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 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: 6th December 2020 - 13th December 2020

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
MON	7 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Ambrose, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	8 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Immaculate Conception BVM, Sol, (W)	Ted Mercy RIP	DMA
WED	9 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	of the 2 nd week of Advent	Michael Muldowney RIP & family	DMA
THU	10 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Francis Xavier, Mem, (W)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
FRI	11 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	of the 2 nd week of Advent	Ted Mercy RIP	DMA
SAT	12 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	of the 2 nd week of Advent	Richard Martin Power RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	13 th	St Francis	9am	Mass	Third Sunday of Advent Yr B (V)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	13 th	Our Lady	10.30am	Mass	Third Sunday of Advent Yr B (V)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	13 th	St Anne	6pm	Mass	Third Sunday of Advent Yr B (V)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA

PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS WITH RESTRICTIONS - BOOKING REQUIRED

THE COMING KINGDOM: Healing the past; Awake to the present; Preparing for the future.

Things are moving very quickly these days – communications, politics, technology, social attitudes, commercial initiatives. There are good things happening and developments that are not so good. We value our freedom, yet our choices are limited. And many people in the world do not have the freedoms that we enjoy. We can take responsibility for our personal lives and change them to some extent but as individuals we have little control over the big movements and changes taking place in the world. However, when we get together with other people who share our values, at least some of our beliefs and our concerns then we can begin to make a real impact. We are reminded that evil triumphs when good people do nothing.

Life, the Christ Mystery, is unfolding and as creatures called to grow in freedom and relationship we have our part to play. The Kingdom that is coming is partly the fruit of what was sown before. We truly reap what we sow. If we use our freedom, personally and together with others, for what is good, working for peace, harmony, fairness and compassion then joy and happiness will grow. If we allow the negative currents to grow stronger and do not challenge them then we will suffer the consequences.

There are big issues that need to be addressed today: getting through the pandemic, Brexit, reducing greenhouse gases to halt climate change, addressing poverty & inequality, providing employment and housing, finding a way through the broad spectrum of relationship and gender issues, awareness of the effects of our consumer culture & materialism,

Managing the growing use of automated technologies replacing the need for human labour, healing the culture clashes between secular, liberal, democratic societies and those that are autocratic, patriarchal and politically, ethnically and religiously intolerant or even violent, handling the dawn of quantum computing which carries both huge potential & threat.

The church, as an institution, and particularly in the West, has lost a lot of credibility and respect. Clericalism has covered a multitude of sins which have now been uncovered often by people outside the Church! Women are desperately needed in positions of authority and oversight to provide wise and healthy balance and innovative perspectives. The loss of credibility is particularly acute when it comes to relationship and gender issues. Things are openly discussed on the radio, the internet, social media and TV that cannot be satisfactorily addressed in a church where people of all ages and backgrounds are gathered for prayer and worship. But conversations are urgently needed between parents and their children, between parents, teachers and children, among young people themselves and more broadly within the church community. To do nothing is to risk our young people being a prey to whatever is “out there” and sadly it’s not all good. Doing nothing is the cyber equivalent to “throwing them to the wolves”.

Our Christian, Catholic vision and faith has valuable wisdom to share, wisdom that is vital to human happiness in personal, family and social life. Its about respect and gratitude for life; true love and care for the other person, respect for animals and the environment. It is about the amazing possibility of a free, conscious and loving relationship with the Divine. It is about how our human relationships can receive the fullness of God’s love and joy. These issues must be addressed respectfully and responsibly, calmly and compassionately. The condemnations, anxieties, guilts, embarrassments and negativities of the past must be left there. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Mary Harriet Tickle, Tim McArthur (8th), Elisabeth Plympton (10th)

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: The next Sunday Mass will be on 13th December at 9am, booking is required. Those who signed up for places at Mass in the Christmas Lottery will be notified on Monday or as soon as possible thereafter.

OUR THANKS: to Eva Gaskin for preparing the figures for the Financial Return and to Peter Larke for compiling the report to the parish on finance & property matters.

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. (PRCDTR i.e. Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Reg'd)

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Jessica Rita McNaughton-Smith (11th)

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

SERVICES AT ST ANNE'S: The next Sunday Mass will be on 13th December at 6pm, booking is required. Those who signed up for places at Mass in the Christmas Lottery will be notified on Monday or as soon as possible thereafter.

CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS: Things are happening in Brockenhurst so see the item below.

BOOST TO PARISH FUNDS: We are very grateful to one of our parishioner couples (they want to remain anonymous) who have given a £1000 donation to parish funds in addition to their usual monthly standing order. Be assured of gratitude and our 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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FROM THE SISTERS AT SWAY: Episode 5 on Family Ministry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmPsBKgy4Co> We have at last managed to upload this onto youtube! We are about to acquire some better equipment soon so hopefully our work will be speeded up somewhat. Episode 6 (the final episode) Youth Ministry should be completed by 3rd Sunday Advent.

CAROLS ON THE DOORSTEP: On 16 December at 6 pm, local BBC radio stations around the country are supporting carols on your doorstep. The idea is simple, you download the carol sheet (and music if you want to play an instrument too) from the website, tune into the BBC Radio Solent (103.8 fm or NOW Hampshire on DAB) on Wednesday 16 December at 6 pm and then open your door and sing along with your neighbours, from the socially distanced safety of your own doorsteps. Brockenhurst village are taking part and we hope you might join in. <https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/>

In Brockenhurst we are asking people to consider making a donation to the New Forest Basics Bank if you are able. <https://basicsbank.org.uk/how-to-donate/>

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Emily Andrews (6th), John Alan Curtis Read (7th), Dorothy Borrie (8th), Ernest James Batson, David Philip Jeffcock (9th), Eunice Kelleher (10th), Madeleine Garth (11th), Marianne Winifred (Mary) Aylward (12th)

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:). The next Sunday Mass is on 13th December, at 10.30am; booking required. The car park will remain closed. There will be a Saturday evening Mass at 6pm on 19th December. Those who signed up for places at Mass in the Christmas Lottery will be notified on Monday or as soon as possible thereafter.

100 CLUB DRAW: This will be drawn this weekend 7 winners will be notified in the coming week.

CONGRATULATIONS: Lily and Neil Jenkins are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their fifth grandchild, Joseph James Neil Kosh. Born 15th Nov, 8lb 12oz, a son for Laura and Shasta and brother for Edith.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in Bank as at 27/11/20: £56,733.06 .

SOME REALLY GOOD NEWS: The late Nick Filbee has bequeathed £160,000 for the repair and maintenance of the church of Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph. God bless Nick Filbee, may he rest in peace & rise in glory.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT: If you are not doing so already, please consider supporting the parish with a regular standing order. Parish Standing Order Forms are available from the Parish office.

Donations to the church can also be given by cash, cheque or bank transfer, details below:-

A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - LYMINGTON - OUR LADY"

A/C NUMBER: 00882225 SORT CODE: 30-93-04

(Please reference: DONATION)

Pledge Forms are still available if you wish to support the **Building Fund**.

You may also **Gift Aid** your donations if you let us know.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or would like to discuss how best to proceed.

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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.

REMEMBER our email address changed about 2 years ago.

It is now lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NOT lymbrock@sky.com We can no longer access emails to that address.

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/>