

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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: 27th December 2020 - 3rd January 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	27 th	St Francis	9am	Mass	Christmas - Holy Family	Tom & Audrey Lauer (Thanksgiving)	DMA
SUN	27 th	Our Lady	10.30am	Mass	Christmas - Holy Family	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	27 th	St Anne	6pm	Mass	Christmas - Holy Family	Lowenna Haskell (Health)	DMA
MON	28 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Holy Innocents, Feast (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	29 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Thomas of Canterbury, Feast, (R)	Maurice McCarthy RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	30 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (W)	Pat Mate RIP	DMA
THU	31 st	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (W)	Joseph Smyth RIP	DMA
FRI	1 st	N/A	N/A	Mass	Mary, Mother of God, Sol, (W)	David Lloyd RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT/SUN	2 nd	Our Lady	SAT 6pm	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Christmas	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS WITH RESTRICTIONS - BOOKING REQUIRED

CHRISTMASTIDE QUESTIONS

Can God really become one of us? And if God was among us would that person be what we were expecting or would they completely surprise us? Are the fullness of Divinity and the fullness of humanity aspects of the same mystery? Is the fullness of our humanity its capacity to image the Divine in both strength and weakness?

The prologue of John's gospel tells us that the reality that gives life and expression to all things is the same reality that gives life and expression to Jesus. This reality is the Word, the Mind, the Intelligence of God. God becomes flesh in Jesus. God becomes bread and wine in the Eucharist. God becomes you and me in this moment.

Here we are on some little planet, in a little solar system on the edge of a little galaxy, in a vast universe of countless galaxies and stars.

There was Jesus, a baby, born in an obscure region of the Roman empire in a far off time. Here are bread and wine, simple everyday things. Here we are with our ordinary lives, our ordinary virtues and our ordinary sins. Just because we are physically insignificant doesn't mean we aren't greatly loved and valued. We are a little part of a great mystery but because we are a part we also share the greatness and the glory of the whole reality, the whole mystery of God.

God in Jesus, God in Eucharist, God in you and me - its all part of the same awe inspiring, mind boggling mystery. It just seems to be the way, that we have to see it out there, in Jesus, out there in the Eucharist, before we can believe it and see it in ourselves and in others too.

Do we want to see this? What is it that makes us hesitant, slow to believe that this is true? Why would we not want it to be true? How can we receive this gift if we won't accept it? If not now, when? If not here, where? If not in these circumstances, then in what? If we want God to act we must let God act through us. If we want things to change we must be the change. (DMA)

FAMILY: Jesus didn't idolise the tribal family. He didn't despise it either. Jesus gathered a family of those in harmony with the Father's will. This "will" is love of one another and the whole human race. It sees the Divine in each person and thing, beyond gender, race or worldly status. The "father-mother-child(ren)" relationship is the majority human experience & must be honoured and protected. Secure, happy & loving families provide an ideal context nurturing children. At the same time we must respect and love those who can't relate in this way or who choose other models of community, both natural & spiritual. Jesus indicated that gender is for this life only & that it won't be part of our experience later on (Luke 20:30). While we must respect an individual's gender experience, causing gender confusion at an early age will only do harm. (DMA).

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kevin Andrew Ford, Eve Brown (30th)

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.)

THANK YOU VERY MUCH: Fr David would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind wishes, cards, gifts and generous Christmas offerings. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated at this difficult time.

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: James Kelly, Katherine (Kitty) Hayward (27th), George William O'Donnell, Jessica (Jessie) Emblem (29th), Sheila Doreen Thatcher (31st), Joseph Oswald Williams, Reginald Dudley Hills (2nd)

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH: Fr David would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind wishes, cards, gifts and generous Christmas offerings. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated at this difficult time. Special thanks to Josie & Henrietta for organising a lovely Christmas hamper; and to Ian Holden (PPC) & Cedric Lark & Bill Pignatelli for organising the Christmas collection which was very generous and for managing to keep it a secret from me!!

KEEPING CONTACT WITH PARISHIONERS: Our PPC members have been contacting parishioners to wish them well & offer any support if needed. If desired they will also share a prayer which I have been asked to compose: *Gracious Father, we thank you that you shared our life in your Son Jesus so that through him we can share in your life. Help us, with joyful hearts, to receive your love and to give your love. As Mary and Joseph, may we do our part to share Christ with all your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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:

Formation for Readers: During the 2020 lockdown we have been able to form about 100 readers over two sets of online workshops in October and November, offering a reading practice to each one with a Diocesan Listener. We will continue offering these workshops in 2021, Year of the Word in Portsmouth Diocese. The 2021 workshops will take place in **February (6th and 13th)** and in **April (17th and 24th)**. Participants need to have attended both workshop 1 and workshop 2, and completed a reading practice to receive a Diocesan *Recognitio*. Sign up for the workshops here: <https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers>

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lyminster

Anniversaries this week: Mary Flood, Annie Foot, Lily Pearce, Eileen Mary Weguelin (27th), Blanche Bardell (28th), Patrick (Paddy) Mc Clean (29th), Henry Hunter, Martha Lally (30th), Sydney Teague (1st)

Sick and Housebound: Rita Barrett, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ron & Rita Barrett who celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary last week. Our prayers and good wishes are with them for many more happy years together.

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BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in Bank as at 24/12/20: £57,235.09.

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.

All Parishes

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

NEW FOREST BASICS BANK CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL: Thank you to everyone who has supported the NFBB Christmas Gift Appeal; we have been able to provide gifts for almost 70 people. The box of gifts will be delivered to NFBB on 14 December so that they can be included in the food parcels which are being packed next week.

FOR ONLINE DONATIONS TO BASICS BANK: follow the link below: <https://localgiving.org/appeal/BasicsBankChristmas/>

WORLD GIFTS CAFOD: We cannot leave any paper items in church as it is a means of transmitting the virus, so the CAFOD catalogue for World Gifts is not available. However, you can visit their catalogue on line cafod.org.uk/worldgifts then you can order on line or choose online and phone 0808 14 000 14 Monday to Friday, 9.30am-5.30pm to place an order. Last online order date to receive free delivery for Christmas is 16th December. Order by 12noon 21st December via telephone to receive express delivery at a cost of £5. E-gifts Order online and select a print-at-home certificate or e-card.

FROM THE SISTERS AT SWAY:

Formation on the Mass: This coming January, I invite you to join us for a **Back to Basics Course on the Mass in 6 sessions** to refresh our understanding and deepen our love for the Mass. After lockdown, some of our friends and family, and even ourselves, may find it difficult to return to the sacramental practice of our faith. Taking time to discover or rediscover what we believe in our faith, how this is celebrated in the Mass, and how we are called to live it may be just what we need at the beginning of the year, to re-ignite our love for the Mass and find the words to encourage others to practice. Each session will end with a time of prayer. They will be led by Sr Hyacinthe and Angela Wood. This course will be especially helpful to catechists, readers and parents of First Holy Communion children, but it is open to everyone. It will be taking place on **Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, from the 11th January to the 15th February.**

Sign up for the course here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwof-mrpJtEtDVpuf54s7y-BFuAraTIVe6>