

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 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: 3rd January 2021 - 10th January 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	3 rd	N/A	N/A	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Christmas	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	4 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	5 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (W)	Dennis Freemantle RIP	DMA
WED	6 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	The Epiphany of the Lord (W)	Sheila Scott RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	7 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (W)	For Health Care Workers	DMA
FRI	8 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (W)	For School Staff	DMA
SAT	9 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (W)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	10 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	The Baptism of the Lord (W)	Paddy Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA

CHURCHES IN LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

An Evolving Faith - The Work of Healing

Up to now, top-down religion has pretty much spoiled the show. We need trained experts, scholars, leaders, and teachers, but the truths of Christianity must be made much more accessible, available, localized, and pastoral. Most people do not need to have encyclopaedic knowledge of theology or Scripture. To begin with, why not flatten out the huge and unbiblical distinction between clergy and laity?

While Christian churches do much good, we have one huge pastoral problem that is making Christianity largely ineffective—and largely decorative. Solid orthodox theology is sorely needed (and yes, I am obsessed with it), yet we clearly need good and compassionate pastoral and healing practices ten times more!

It seems to me that we must begin to validate Paul's original teaching on "many gifts and many ministries" (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). Together, these diverse gifts "make a unity in the work of service" (Ephesians 4:12-13, Jerusalem Bible). Individual communities may do this well, but on the whole we need Christian people who are trained in, validated for, and encouraged to make home and hospital visits; do hospice work and jail ministry; support immigrants and refugees; help with soup kitchens or food banks; counsel couples before, during, and after marriage; share child development resources with families;

offer ministries of emotional, sexual, and relational healing; help with financial counselling; build low-cost housing; take care of the elderly; run support centres—all of which put Christian people in immediate touch with other people and for which no ordination is needed. Ordination would probably even get in the way.

Remember, healing was most of the work Jesus did. This fact is almost too obvious.

My vision of any future church is much flatter and much more inclusive. Either we see Christ in everyone, or we hardly see Christ in anyone. Frankly, my hope for Christianity is that it becomes less "churchy," less patriarchal, and more concerned with living its mission statement than with endlessly reciting our heavenly vision and philosophy statement—the Nicene Creed—every Sunday. There seem to be very few actionable items in most Christians' lives beyond attending worship services, which largely creates a closed and self-validating system.

Simply put, any notion of a future church must be a fully practical church that is concerned about getting the job of love done—and done better and better. Centuries emphasizing art and architecture, music, liturgy, and prescribed roles have their place, but their overemphasis has made us a very top-heavy and decorative church that is constantly concerned with its own in-house salvation. (Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Tuesday, December 31, 2019)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Mary Elizabeth Woolgar (3rd), Mary Charlotte Bushnell (6th), Eileen Greenfield Thirsk (7th), Madeleine Gertrude Chaplin (8th)

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: Maria Catherine Wingate, Rosamond Biltcliffe (3rd), Mary (Mollie) Syrett (4th), Winifred Margaret Chainey, Mary Olney (5th), Peter Charles Bishop (7th), Mary Ann Hurt, James Emery (9th)

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!!

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

All Parishes

CLOSURE OF OUR CHURCHES: Very reluctantly I have taken the decision to close our churches until further notice. As parish priest I have sole responsibility for the safety of all who use our places of worship and I take sole responsibility for this decision. The current Tier 4 guidelines allow places of worship to remain open for communal celebration. However if you examine these guidelines you will notice significant inconsistencies. Also the increased transmissibility of the new variant COVID virus casts doubt on the effectiveness of existing measures. Added to this we are all aware of the extreme pressures experienced by the NHS and by our critical care wards in particular. We must not risk more serious cases nor must we be indifferent to the very difficult situation that our doctors, nurses and other hospital staff are going through.

We know that the roll-out of the vaccination programme will make a significant difference. We have much to be thankful for. Having come this far in the struggle with this virus we must not falter at the last hurdle. Patience, calmness, responsible behaviour, support for those in need and trust in God will see us through.

We thank God our Father for the creative power of the Divine Word present in all people and all creation and most evident in the love, compassion, courage, ingenuity and selfless endeavour of all those who are striving to alleviate suffering, ignorance and oppression. (DMA)

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lyminster

Anniversaries this week: Daniel Walsh, Mollie Rosina Hayles (4th), Stella Smith (6th), Peggy Packwood, Joseph Myers, Ann Dolores Gower (7th), Millicent Ada Devine (8th), Albertina Moles, Sergio Parmesan (9th)

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.

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BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in Bank as at 01/01/21: £57,745.09.

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 - LYMINSTON - 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.nfwpp.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/>

Link to a lovely **CHRISTMAS VIDEO POEM** which parishioners may like

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?rel=0&v=ef37IUayHII&feature=youtu.be>

Diary 2021 Through the Year With Mary : Denis McBride CSSR: This hardback diary features a beautiful painting each month and a thought-provoking reflection by Fr Denis McBride that accompanies Mary throughout the year. Mary demonstrates to us how we should mother the word of God. We should take the word to ourselves so that it becomes us, part of our very being, and then we should give it away.

This 2021 diary is A5 in size and has a practical full week to view across a double page spread; each week includes either a prayer, quotation, insight into the artwork for the month or a detail of the beautiful image that will help you to see it in a different way. Included in the diary is an introduction from Fr Denis, year planners for both 2021 and 2022, key dates and feast days, notes pages, and a ribbon page marker. All of these features make it the ideal faith companion, appointment organiser and thoughtful gift. (ISBN:9780852315958)

Order online at www.paulineuk.org/browse/item/diary-2021-through-the-year-with-mary/9780852315958

