

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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**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: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	18 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	19 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Heath Corkery RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	20 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	For those who are unwell	DMA
THU	21 <sup>st</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Agnes, Mem, ( R )	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	22 <sup>nd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Ernest Ash RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	23 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	For all Health & Care workers	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

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

**PEACE SUNDAY: A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace:** Pope Francis urges us all to create "a Culture of Care as a Path to Peace - a culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time." In this new year 2021, we should individually and collectively make up our minds about contributing to peace in our homes, community and country. As Christians, our faith teaches us that we can accomplish great things if we put on love or if our actions are motivated by love. Catholic Social Teaching also instructs that, "it is from the inner wellspring of love that the values of truth, freedom, and justice are born and grow." Start today, by thinking of an area of unresolved conflict within our home, community and country, and list ways in which we could be part of the solution.

**POPE FRANCIS & NEW APPROACHES TO CHRSTIAN UNITY:** (Vatican II gave us new perspectives in our relationship with other Christians) This was best captured in the insight of the German theologian Heinrich Fries: "In the question of 'the Church and the Churches' Vatican II discovered a principle according to which the [Catholic] Church's identity and continuity were to be preserved not by separating off or denying everything that was not itself but by linking fidelity to itself with openness to others rather than with the denigration of others."

The 55 years since the council have certainly seen a harvesting of much fruit from the conciliar vision – through dialogues, spiritual ecumenism, ecumenical friendships, common witness and collaborations. Alongside the all-important grass-roots ecumenism, there has been an official promotion of the council's ecumenical vision by the popes of the last half century, albeit with varying emphases. The overall focus of Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI on doctrinal purity within the Catholic Church has seen a certain parallel in the ecumenical sphere, with a focus on doctrinal differences and an attempt to find a way through them.

Pope Francis has introduced a new approach to Christian unity, one that gives priority more to unity in fides qua creditur and common witness to the Gospel, with a lighter focus on differences in the matter of fides quae creditur and the matter of doctrinal purity. (Note from DMA: This is the distinction between *fides qua creditur*, the faith by which one believes, and *fides quae creditur*, the faith that one believes. The difference is between "faith" taken as the virtue that empowers one to believe and "faith" taken as the beliefs that one accepts.)

Francis prefers a focus, not on differences, but on what is common: "If we concentrate on the convictions we share, and if we keep in mind the principle of the hierarchy of truths, we will be able to progress decidedly towards common expressions of proclamation, service and witness" (Evangelii Gaudium, 246). Pope Francis' approach to doctrinal differences is to let the theologians work all that out, and in the meantime to focus on working together across a suffering world to build the reign of God, particularly by addressing social and ecological problems side by side.

What Pope Francis says in Fratelli Tutti captures his approach to ecumenical friendships and dialogue: "I have frequently called for the growth of a culture of encounter capable of transcending our differences and divisions. This means working to create a many-faceted polyhedron whose different sides form a variegated unity, in which 'the whole is greater than the (sum of the) part(s)'. The image of a polyhedron can represent a society where differences coexist, complementing, enriching and reciprocally illuminating one another, even amid disagreements and reservations. Each of us can learn something from others" (FT 215).

(from an article in *The Tablet*, 16-01-2021 "The whole is greater than the part" by Ormond Rush is associate professor and reader in the Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry in the Australian Catholic University.)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Thomas Francis Dodd (19<sup>th</sup>), Sadie Margaret Naomi Hazleden (21<sup>st</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** John Boocock, 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.)

**SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE:** for John Boocock who has suffered a stroke but is now home being looked after by Kate with support from Lymington Hospital Stroke unit.

**WELCOME TO THE NEW VICAR OF ALL SAINTS:** Our parish extends a very warm welcome to Rev Natasha Anderson who hopes to take up her appointment by Easter. We look forward to working together in the service of the Gospel.

**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:** Catherine Bannen, Denis Irving Fairhurst (17<sup>th</sup>), Denise Mary Brand, Leonard Darlison, Joyce Hilda Runyard (18<sup>th</sup>), Augustus Herbert Plumbly, Lt Col Desmond John Goldsmith, Maurice McNally (19<sup>th</sup>), Basil O Donnell (20<sup>th</sup>), Barbara Emily Drummond, Anthony Edwards (21<sup>st</sup>), Mary Ann Kane, Lt Col.Cecil Halliday, Patricia Feeney-McGlone (22<sup>nd</sup>), Alfred Foster, David Pizer, Eileen Norah Gabony, Tobias (Toby)Hector Langdon (23<sup>rd</sup>)

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

**FROM FR DAVID QUARMBY:** *Following the splendid article last week "THE BIBLE IN A YEAR" which might be a little too heavy going for some of us, a possible alternative could be to ponder a few verses from the daily Readings in the Mass Lectionary and Divine Office.e.g. For this Second Week in Ordinary Time we are encouraged to look carefully at: 1 Samuel 3, 1 Corinthians 6, John 1 vv.35-42; Deuteronomy - sections from chapters 1,4,6,7,9,10,16; Hebrews chapters 5-9; Mark's Gospel chapters 2-3; The Book of Psalms is always in use and could be dipped into any time. It is not the amount we read as the time spent in pondering the Word of the Lord that is really valuable.*

**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](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME**

## All Parishes

**LIVING LAUDATO SI': YOUR PARISH AND YOUR PLANET:** a Zoom Retreat/Conference, **22nd-25th January 2021.** It is a long weekend of talks and discussions on zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of **Laudato Si'** in and through your parish. Any interested parishioner is most welcome to join. The weekend is aimed especially at people with parish responsibilities or who are part of or want to start a relevant parish group.

Sessions will be on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday night (leaving people free during the day on Monday).

It is organised by Sr Margaret Atkins, an Augustinian Canoness at Boarbank Hall in Cumbria, a teacher of philosophy and theology, with a lifelong interest in the natural world,

and author of Catholics and Our Common Home: Caring for the Planet in a Time of Crisis (CTS). Bishop Philip will be speaking at the Concluding Session on Monday evening 25th January at 7.30 pm. Cost - voluntary donations gratefully accepted, but there will be no fee for the weekend.

To apply, simply email Sr Margaret Atkins on [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk).

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Agnes Read (17<sup>th</sup>), Denis Hayward, Juan Nunez, Teresa Joyce (Quinn) Harverson, Joseph Kenny, Joan Audrey Hayward (18<sup>th</sup>), George Hughan Hampton (19<sup>th</sup>), Jessie Blackith, Helen Green, Albert Wren (20<sup>th</sup>), Mary Bryant, Rev Michael Eady, Anthony Duffy, Rev Barry Norris (22<sup>nd</sup>), Aiden Flood, Anne Rosamund (Ros)Maxwell Brundrett (23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Fran & Den Walker, Suzanna Wright, Eddie Hughes, Rita Barrett, Cathy Pickles, Cate Healy, Beatrice Tucker, Sr Rosaleen, Gerry Heneghan, Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 15/01/21: £58,869.09.

**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](http://www.nfwf.org.uk)** for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

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

**DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS: CATHEDRAL COLLECTION:** Due to the lockdown and restrictions being imposed on many people travelling, a 'Give as you Live' page has also been created to enable you to donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal>

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: "GO AND DO" 18<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021:** Each day during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christian Aid has provided a starting point, reflection, questions and a prayer based on the theme. Here you can turn your reflections into action with our Go and Do points. This resource is hugely thought provoking and well worth reading. You can find this at Churches Together in Britain and Ireland [www.ctbi.org.uk/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/)

**MESSAGE FROM FR PETER RYAN:** Once again may I offer my thanks to those of you who so kindly send me appropriate greetings or gifts sometimes both for Christmas. As I have explained in previous years it is not always possible for me to thank people individually - so if you have not heard from me please accept this less personal but no less genuine offer of my thanks. This last year has been very difficult and I have missed all the contact I have had for so many years with parishioners through my helping out in the three parishes - such contacts have always been a great blessing my life. My warmest good wishes to all of you for 2021 - let's hope it will be a better year.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our parishioners who are suffering from Covid; and for my brother priests & deacons who have caught the virus from members of their congregations who subsequently have tested positive and who had inadvertently passed the virus on; also for the priests who are isolating because members of their congregation have tested positive; for parish congregations which are depleted because of Covid; and finally, for all the priests who are torn between keeping their churches open at this time and keeping their congregations safe.

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT A REWARDING CAREER IN TEACHING?** Would you like to train in a Catholic ethos of education? An online Primary Catholic Partnership Information Session can give you the opportunity to learn all you need to know about teacher training and how to apply. **Who is this event for?** Our event is for anyone who has a degree and is interested in teaching - particularly those who are considering starting their initial teacher training in **September 2021.** It offers a great opportunity to get all your questions about teaching and teacher training answered. **When:** We have sessions scheduled for **28<sup>th</sup> January (1-2pm)** and **4<sup>th</sup> March (5.30-6.30pm).** More dates will be added soon, so please visit our website for the latest information. **How to register** Our information sessions are held online. Please use the link below for session dates, times and to register your place.

<http://www.pcp-scitt.org.uk/home/teacher-training-information-events/>

**About PCP SCITT:** Primary Catholic Partnership is a SCITT (School-Based Initial Teacher Training) and has been training teachers for nearly 20 years. We work with schools to offer training places across the Portsmouth Diocese, including Portsmouth, Southampton, Bournemouth and Basingstoke.

**FROM BISHOP PHILIP:** Our main purpose as Christians must be to pray for a speedy end to the crisis. We pray for the sick and for heroes, and for the safety of all. Indeed, to this end, on **Thursday nights over the next weeks of lockdown, from 7.30 til 8.30, I'd like to invite you to join me and the Cathedral clergy online for an Hour of Prayer and Praise for these intentions.** You can join us this Thursday by the Cathedral live-stream <https://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/live-mass.php> to pray for all our intentions, for our safety, for our Diocese, for the sick and for resolution of the crisis.