

# 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: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	8 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	9 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Cathy Pickles RIP (AH)	DMA
WED	10 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Scholastica, Mem, ( W )	Florence Redpath RIP	DMA
THU	11 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Kathleen Lafferty RIP	DMA
FRI	12 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Mary Stephenson RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	13 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Mary Byrne RIP	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

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

### GOD WHO HEALS

Jesus didn't just talk about a God who heals, Jesus actually healed people. He spoke with authority because he was speaking about his own experience of the Father. He acted with power to heal because God's healing love flowed freely through him.

It is good to reflect that of all the ways God might hypothetically use power, God uses it to heal. That is tremendously reassuring and affirming. Jesus does not destroy. The demons are dispelled they are not destroyed. They depart as sickness leaves the body when the fever is over, or as disorder is dispelled when order is re-established.

The healing love of God is not only directed to body and soul, it is also offered to the spirit. Evil is a sickness of the spirit. Jesus said: Those who are well have no need of a physician, it is the sick who need one. I have come to call not the righteous but sinners (cfr Mark 2:17). Part of the sickness of evil is the corruption of desire – to some degree we want what is not good for us or for others. God has to change our desire without destroying our freedom. It is a unique kind of healing. It is multi-layered, on going and life-long.

Jesus treats all forms of suffering as directly or indirectly symbolic of the power of evil. Modern human understanding is beginning to return to this holistic perspective. Everything is interconnected and interrelated. This is not the same as saying everything is somebody's fault. Guilt, as an oppressive negative experience associated with the past, is not part of the solution but part of the problem. It is one of the things that Jesus wants to heal. Accepting responsibility for the past and taking responsibility for how we think, speak and act now & in the future is part of that healing.

Everything is related. The soul and the spirit are affected by the body (e.g. post-natal depression) and the body is affected by the soul and spirit (e.g. some forms of addiction). The individual is affected by the group and by society in general. Fashion, secular myth and current preoccupation are part of the cultural air we breathe and it is difficult to think, speak and act counter-culturally.

Diet, climate, geography, life-style, pollution or the lack of it, all these affect us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Psychic and spiritual health are adversely affected by a lack of love (lack of God) and definitely skewed by individual or corporate malice. It is possible that certain kinds of emotional and spiritual problems are caused by a kind of spiritual pollution. Just as toxic chemicals can harm our bodies so our psyches can be harmed by negative spiritual energies, e.g. anxiety, hopelessness, self-hatred etc.. In the light of modern quantum physics these interconnections are becoming more understandable.

This is why we must be careful not to dismiss possession as something belonging solely to the ancient cultural world and now irrelevant to us. We need to know what possesses us or perhaps obsesses us. An addict begins by enjoying something but ends up totally dependent on that thing. The enjoyment soon diminishes and then the suffering begins. However, its not just the obvious addictions that trouble us. There are those "hidden in plain sight", things we take for granted like entitlement, military solutions, our superiority, the right to exploit other creatures or the myth of an ever increasing standard of living. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Kathleen Doris Horgan (7<sup>th</sup>), Doris Edith Everard, June Mary Groves (9<sup>th</sup>), Frederick William Skinner (11<sup>th</sup>), Herbert John Gallagher, John Edwin Jeckway (13<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Sr Rosaleen, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones.

**CAFOD CAMPAIGN – WALK FOR WATER:** this starts 17th. Feb. Consisting of Walking 10,000 steps/day for 40 days. One can make up teams to achieve this. If anyone interested can contact me .there is a shorter 1 day version. Roger Maugham has kindly written a few words, having worked in Ethiopia: Ethiopia is located in the African Horn, where drought and politics are the 2 main causes of water shortage. The Ethiopian population in January 2021, is approx 115 million. Life expectancy is 68yrs. One third of the population are without safe water. Half the population are without hand washing facilities. Every 20 seconds a child under 5 dies from a water related disease.

[https://walk.cafod.org.uk/?utm\\_source=staffemailfooter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Walk-for-Water-2021](https://walk.cafod.org.uk/?utm_source=staffemailfooter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Walk-for-Water-2021)

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Robert Maxwell Coyle (9<sup>th</sup>), Edwin Ward, Stanley Perry (10<sup>th</sup>), Mr Whatman (13<sup>th</sup>)

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

**DONATIONS FOR FR CHARLIE:** Following the note in last weeks Newsletter Parishioners have asked how they can make a donation to Father Charlie's Parish in Malawi. If you would like to donate please write a cheque to "The Montfort Missionary Society" and send it to Bill Pignatelli, 3 Forest Hall, Lyndhurst Road, Brockenhurst SO42 7QQ. Bill will ensure that the donations are forwarded to Father Charlie. Please do not send cash.

**Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME**

## All Parishes

**"THE ROLE OF FAITH IN THE TIME OF COVID"** The series is organised by the Archdiocese of Edinburgh and St. Andrews. The talks are all at 5pm on Sunday evenings and last 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes for questions – just half an hour in total. **SOLD OUT! Don't worry, you can watch the event live on our YouTube channel. Just copy and paste this link into your web browser on the night: [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](https://bit.ly/ArchYouTube). This includes Bishop Philip's initial talk which was on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January** The speakers include: **7th February: Dr. Mary Rice Hasson**, fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. where she directs the Catholic Women's Forum, an initiative responding to Pope Francis's call for Catholic women to assume a higher profile within the Church, and to think with the Church in addressing the problems of today.

**14th February:** The Scottish philosopher, commentator and broadcaster **Professor John Haldane** from St. Andrew's University, a former papal adviser to the Vatican, is speaking on Sunday **21st February**, the series ends with **Rt. Hon. Gordon Brown MP**, the former Prime Minister.

**RESTORED LIVES – Monday 8th February 2022 for nine weeks (via Zoom).** This ecumenical resource is designed to enable individuals to recover from relationship breakdown. Through facilitated sessions guests are provided with the tools and insights to resolve the emotional impact of separation and divorce. For more information please phone Deacon Roger on 07342818686. To book your place on the course visit [https://www.restoredlives.org/online\\_course\\_relationship\\_breakdown](https://www.restoredlives.org/online_course_relationship_breakdown)

**SUPPORTING THE UYGHUR MUSLIMS in China.** There is extensive evidence that many in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to violence, coercion, torture, rape & forced abortions. Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the widespread human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community. If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website which can be accessed by visiting the link below: <https://genocideresponse.org/>

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Fr John Hickey, Rose Jackson, Christine Couling (7<sup>th</sup>), Muriel Foot, John Barham, William Fegan, Archbp Derek Warlock (8<sup>th</sup>), John (Jack) Joseph Hoey (10<sup>th</sup>), Fr Bernard Heeran (11<sup>th</sup>), Monica Hay, Mary Bernadette Stephenson (13<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Den Walker, Tony Pickles, Suzanna Wright, Eddie Hughes, Rita Barrett, Caite Healy, Beatrice Tucker, Sr Rosaleen, Sr Margarita, 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: 29/01/21: £59,804.09. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £442.06

**CONDOLENCES FOR CATHY'S FAMILY:** Linda has been putting all the emails of condolence together for Tony and his family. I'm sure they will be a great comfort to them. The cut off date for any emails of condolence will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February. We will then print them off and send them to Tony. Thank you to all those who have emailed. They were very moving and a marvellous tribute to Cathy.

**CATHY'S FUNERAL:** There have been a lot of enquiries as to when Cathy's funeral will be and if people can pay their respects. I will, of course, give you details of Cathy's funeral as soon as we know it. As you will appreciate the family has had two bereavements in the last few days and Tony is slowly recovering from Covid. The family now have two funerals to prepare. I realise a lot of people will be wanting to pay their respects as Cathy was well known and loved. However, we have to respect the families wishes. There are a lot of Covid restrictions in church and space is very limited. Because of the Covid restrictions the church service will be by invitation only from the family. People have asked if they can pay their respects by standing in the road as the hearse passes or to meet in the church car park.

If the family would like this, because of the large numbers expected, we will be working with the family, the funeral director and the police to find a satisfactory way of complying with Covid restrictions while still allowing people to safely pay their respects in some way. Obviously we will work with the family throughout the planning. In the meantime, could I ask that you be patient, allow the family to grieve and Tony to recover.

**TONY GREENWOOD RIP:** husband of the late Marcia Greenwood has died peacefully in the care of his daughter Helen in Worcesterhire on the 1<sup>st</sup> February after a long illness. The Funeral service will be on 12<sup>th</sup> February at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Pershore Inquiries to Judith Ridout Tel:643538.

## 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/>

**SVP APPEAL FOR OUR SCHOOL:** Can you help with a request from our school? Whilst working at home the children are on screen for most of the day so the provision of any games, colouring books or second hand children's books in good condition would be welcomed. The books could range from a picture book for the very young to a book by an author such as Michael Morpurgo for children in Year 6. If you have anything that you think would fit the bill please either email Nichola Kirby at [nicholakirby@outlook.com](mailto:nicholakirby@outlook.com) or call on 07710 156087 and we will arrange collection.

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**LENTEN RETREAT:** Fr Denis McBride will be leading a FREE online retreat this Lent, based on his two books *Reflecting with Paintings* Vol 1 and Vol 2. We are delighted to offer the audio book on 8 CDs (with a booklet of the paintings) and the set of two books at a special discount price for the retreat. The retreat will launch on our website on **Wednesday 24th February**