

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: 14th February 2021 - 21st February 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	14 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	6 th Sunday of the Year (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	15 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	16 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
WED	17 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Ash Wednesday (P)	Cathy Pickles RIP (T&E T)	DMA
THU	18 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (P)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	19 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (P)	Eileen Griffiths RIP (CWL)	DMA
SAT	20 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day (P)	Health & Social Care Workers	DMA
SUN	21 st	N/A	N/A	Mass	1 st Sunday of Lent (P)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

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

THE RISK OF BECOMING AN OUTCAST

In Jesus' time and culture a leper was anyone with a visibly "offensive" skin complaint. They were excluded from the local community and forced to live away from others. If they approached other people they had to shout "Unclean, unclean" to warn them of the danger of contamination. If someone touched them or anything they came in contact with, they would become unclean too. "Lepers" were regarded as being punished by God for something either they or their parents had done. The victim was further victimised by social and religious rejection.

In the gospel the leper approaches Jesus doubting his good intentions; "If you want to you can cure me!" In some of the earliest Greek manuscripts of Mark's gospel Jesus is described as being: moved with anger. Later manuscripts have the phrase: moved with pity. If Jesus did experience anger was it because he felt affronted, or because he was angry at the suffering caused by sickness and social and religious rejection? Be that as it may, Jesus makes it clear that he definitely does want to cure the person. And that is what he does.

Jesus then sternly warns him not to tell anyone. Jesus is a person who has strong feelings and is not afraid to show them. Is Jesus worried about being treated as unclean? Will this make it virtually impossible for him to move about and preach? Does he want to avoid a whole flood of sick people demanding cures but not interested in what he has to say?

One thing is clear, Jesus did not want to be thought of as just another faith healer. He had something greater to accomplish.

Despite his warning the leper cannot keep silent. The result is that Jesus cannot go openly into any town. In other words Jesus suffers the same fate as the leper.

There are many things to reflect on here. People who have suffered physically, emotionally and socially may become bitter and cynical. We would probably feel the same. We may be fortunate to be able to offer help. We mustn't expect immediate gratitude and trust in return. Secondly if you help an outcast you are not going to be appreciated by the people who have done the casting out! When AIDS started claiming its first victims those who provided support and sympathy got the same rejection as the sufferers (cfr the TV drama "It's a Sin). If there is someone in the family who has upset others it can be difficult if not all are ready to be reconciled.

There are many divisions in the world, cultural, political, religious and economic. Those who are trying to overcome divisions, to build bridges get condemned from both sides. Paul's words are relevant: *Never do anything offensive to anyone....try to be helpful to everyone at all times.* If Christians could become known for this it would help matters considerably. In this respect some prophetic work has been done at both local & international level by the Sant'Egidio Community in Rome. They are showing a way forward. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Dodd (14th), Susanne Hare, Margaret Lilian Seaton -Clark (17th), Ralph Featherstone Walton (18th)

Sick & Housebound: Sarah Bell, 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/?](https://walk.cafod.org.uk/?utm_source=staffemailfooter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Walk-for-Water-2021)

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St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Mary Hemelryk (17th), Frederick Walter Mager (20th)

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

DONATIONS FOR FATHER CHARLIE: Fr Charlie wrote to tell us things have got worse in his Parish "Here in Malawi the C19 situation is getting worse. Much worse than last year. It's this new variant originating from South Africa, which is now in Malawi. 7 Montforts (2 priests and 5 seminarians) are currently all down with C19 and last week 2 diocesan priests and one religious sister died. They all had C19. Schools are all closed and people are meant to wear masks in public places but most people don't as they don't have them. We continue with church services but the maximum number allowed to attend is 50. Stay safe and God bless." **If you would like to donate to Father Charlie's Parish** 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 to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME

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CAFOD LENT APPEAL: Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/len. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice You could watch a two minute video of Abdella's daily walk for water by following this link.

[Lent Appeal 2021: Abdella's walk for water \(parishes\) \(low music\) | CAFOD - YouTube](#)

World Day of Prayer Service written by the Christian women of Vanuatu (in the South Pacific Ocean). We invite you to join together in a 'virtual' international service on Friday, 5 March at 2 pm via a link on the WDP website. Please see the poster below. More details will follow nearer the time. Or if you have questions please don't hesitate to contact Annabelle Mellor on 624587.

The Nearest Helping Hand is at the End of Your Own Right Arm! Adrift from your spiritual mojo in these harsh times? Confined and contained indoors? Is our connection to nature and the passing of the seasons in danger of being lost? The Festival of Candlemas on 2nd February has already come and gone. How can we find a simple, homely way to connect and harmonise with the rhythms and responses of Creation? It's not all about Netflix! Step forward the Nature Table! Don't let the kids have all the fun! **Create your own special Seasonal Eco Table/Space.** There is now a promise of Spring and return of the Light. Begin by illuminating your Lenten journey with the artifacts, flotsam, jetsam, joys and blessings of everyday life. You already know how to do it. What we often don't know, is why we don't make a start. *To see the world in a grain of sand / And a Heaven in a Wildflower, / Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand / And Eternity in an hour.* (William Blake) Or "When life gives you poo, grow flowers". (item submitted by Marilyn Kinnon)

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Philomena Elizabeth Cutler (15th), Philip Smith, Mary Josephine Walby (17th), Sarah Walsh, Dorothy Teague, Margery Thwaites (18th), Douglas Webb (19th), Julia Rosa Ermalinda (Erma) French (20th)

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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CATHY PICKLES RIP: Cathy's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 5th March to be celebrated by Fr Danny McAvooy at the request of the family. Due to COVID restrictions this is a family only service. At 12.45pm the funeral cortege will process slowly up the High St, turning right at Costa Coffee for any who want to pay their respects. There follows a family only service at the Test Valley Crematorium. Invitations to view this "live" online are being handled by the family. A recording will be made available for all subsequently. At a suitable time in the future we will have a parish memorial service for Cathy.

FROM FRANCES WALKER: Heartfelt, grateful thanks from Fran and Den Walker to everyone who so kindly supported us when we both contracted Covid-19. Den has been discharged from hospital and now begins his journey of recovery. Your prayers, calls, cards and kindnesses have lifted our spirits and made such a difference. Thank you to a wonderful Parish with special thanks to Fr David and the staff at Lymington Hospital.

MESSAGE FROM TONY PICKLES & FAMILY: What can we say. Jenny & I sat together reading the wonderful tributes last night, unable to speak and completely broken. Such an outpouring of love and respect for Cathy. We have previously received dozens of cards and letters and messages, but for these to all be collected together was such a moving tribute. Thank you both from the bottom of my heart and from all of my children. We are so moved. With love, Tony.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 11/02/21: £59,929.09. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £442.06

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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.

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 or call on 07710 156087 and we will arrange collection.

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR THE MINSTEAD TRUST: They need to purchase essential gardening equipment for use by people with learning disabilities at Furzey Gardens. We are fundraising to buy essential gardening equipment for people with learning disabilities to use in the gardens and nursery at Furzey, as part of their health and well-being programmes in the outdoors and to support their training in horticulture. <https://www.minsteadtrust.org.uk/charity/appeals/equipment-for-furzey-gardens/>

SOME IDEAS FOR LENT (from Annabelle Mellor): Global Healing film with guest speakers, reflection and discussion. Six Thursdays, 18 Feb- 25 March. <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjcvcoouqzsvEtMBwz2hxBzhvwy0hcgvoEb>. or email

jane@catholicclimatemovement.global

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited> 'Invited'. Film on Mondays and discussion on Thursdays, evenings over 6 weeks.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Organise-an-event/Big-Walk-for-Water> CAFOD Walk for Water Lent challenge

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>

CAFOD calendar of reflections, prayers and actions

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: for the first time this year, Masses from St.

Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom and YouTube via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill

website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet.