

# 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> March 2021 - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent ( P )</b>	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	8 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	9 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Robert Greenhalgh RIP F/M	DMA
WED	10 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THU	11 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	12 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Tony McCoy RIP	DMA
SAT	13 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )</b>	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

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

### THE DISTURBING PROPHET

The word of God in the Bible, especially the prophetic word, often challenges our hard-heartedness. This is usually so entrenched in self-interest, security, collusion & habit that we don't recognise it for what it is. We also tend to lose our capacity to imagine life, relationships, the world in a different way.

We regard any invitation to re-imagine our economics, our politics, our social & family relationships as foolishness & folly. We don't see the wisdom of the love and unity with which God binds the whole of humanity & indeed all creation.

So we tend to be shocked, surprised and upset by the passion of the prophet who does see things very differently and who is often frustrated by our spiritual blindness. Jesus acting fearlessly with passion and power is a bit too scary for us.

One of the many paradoxes of God's relationship with us is that the mercy of God which has compassion on our weakness & our helplessness, and which makes excuses for us, is the same mercy of God that vehemently attacks our complacency, our fear and our enslavement to our "idols".

### AND WHAT OF THE COMMANDMENTS?

If Jesus has done away with the Law, if the letter of the Law brings death rather than life, if we are called to live in the new relationship of grace, then what place do the commandments now have?

The commandments represent good foundations. They are thousands of years old. They belong to a certain age & culture but the basics are still important for us today. If our society loses basic values and ignores basic responsibilities it is going to be in serious trouble. Whatever the noble heights of our ethical principles may be, the whole edifice, the whole of society is in danger of imploding or just disintegrating in the free for all of individual selfishness.

So it is true we live by grace not by law. Our moral awareness and our ethical principles are much broader, deeper, higher and more sophisticated than ever before. We have come along way since Moses and the commandments nearly 3000 years ago. However, the perennial weeds of fear, selfishness, greed, anger, hatred, violence, lust, pride, etc. can strangle the best ideals. The prophets will call us to new frontiers of inclusivity, compassion and caring but they will also warn us not to undermine the foundations by losing sight of basic responsibilities and rights. Sometimes their words and actions will be severe and shocking. But then that is only a response to the depth of our complacency and the strength of our addiction to our "idols". (DMA).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Louisa Maud McNeill, Norman Anthony Davies (9<sup>th</sup>), Pamela Rosemary Greenwood (12<sup>th</sup>), Isobel Maud Baker (13<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Sarah Bell, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones.

**PRAYERS FOR LOUISE:** Louise Layne is the daughter of Rosalie & Keith Mans. Louise & her husband have five children from 6yrs – 13yrs. They live in Australia. Louise is due to have an important 3rd operation for cancer on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Rosalie asks for prayers for Louise & the family.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Robert Letchford, Angela Mary McAuliffe (8<sup>th</sup>), Maisie Grace Emanuel (9<sup>th</sup>), Monica Jackson (10<sup>th</sup>), Anne Lupton, Patricia Alcock (12<sup>th</sup>), Barbara Lloyd, Kathleen Teresa Conway (13<sup>th</sup>)

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

**FROM ST ANNE'S PPC:** There will be an email communication from our PPC to parishioners this week. Do please read it carefully.

**A HISTORICAL NOTE FROM FR DAVID QUARMBY:** The Foundation Stone was laid on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1937 by Bishop Cotter of Portsmouth. Miss Baker had bought the site and also paid £3,500 towards the cost of the Church using a legacy from her aunt Mrs Lefevre to fulfil her wish to build a church in Brockenhurst. The architects were Stewart and Sutcliffe of Bournemouth whose local assistant was Mr. Wilkinson of North Weirs. The church site was originally owned by Mr. Wilkinson's father who sold it to Miss Baker for £500. Canon Hally paid for the adjoining Presbytery which cost £2000.

Canon Hally, the Parish Priest of Lyndhurst from 1912, moved to Brockenhurst in 1938 and was to have been the first Parish Priest in the new parish which included Sway. Brockenhurst had previously been in the parish of Lyndhurst which then also included Ashurst, Totton, Beaulieu and Boldre. Unfortunately, his health deteriorated, and this held up the opening of the Church. He died at Marylands in Wilverley Road on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 1939.

It was decided by the Bishop of Portsmouth to make Canon Hally's Requiem Mass on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1939 the official opening of the Church of St. Anne's. He was laid to rest in front of the High Altar and a Brass Plaque marks the site of his tomb.

The key figures connected with the building of St. Anne's and the foundation of the Parish of Brockenhurst are commemorated in the "Three Mothers" windows behind the High Altar. The Mothers are St. Anne with Mary, Mary with Jesus, and Elizabeth with John the Baptist. They are in memory, respectively, of Canon Hally, Mrs. Lefevre and Mr. And Mrs. Morrison and finally Miss Baker. Foundation Masses continue to be said for the repose of their souls.

The Altar in the Lady Chapel was donated at a later date and is inscribed on the base with a memorial to Elizabeth Fairhurst R.I.P. (1842-1940).

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

## All Parishes

**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/>

**DOMINICAN SISTERS NEW WEBSITE:** Go too <https://www.dominicansisters.net/>

We have also joined TikToc this week postings are being displayed on the new web feed slot on the new website. Access to our recent videos can be found here also. This includes the recording of the Lenten Retreat and the Lenten Reflections on the Sundays of Lent. (from Sr Veronica OP.)

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Next Monday 8th March is the Commemoration of St. John of God, the Patron Saint of hospitals and the sick, and Patron Saint of Nurses. We pray for all who work with the sick, in whatever capacity, and thank them for their dedicated service. We pray for all who are unwell, especially those in hospital, and we pray that prince Philip will make a good recovery.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Robert Horan, Enid Acworth, Leonard Walter Thomas Lane, Jeffrey Ralph Skitch (7<sup>th</sup>), Roy Green, Colin Moon (10<sup>th</sup>), Rev. Michael Nugent, Arthur Peart (11<sup>th</sup>) Norah Manghan, Robert Conway, Rev Andrew Laverty, Raffaele Franzese (12<sup>th</sup>), George Price, Kathleen Ashworth (13<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Den Walker, Suzanna Wright, Eddie Hughes, Rita Barrett, Cate Healy, Beatrice Tucker, 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: 5/03/21: £60,953.09. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £442.06

**CATHY'S REQUIEM MASS:** Fr Danny celebrated a lovely Requiem Mass for Cathy, as only Danny could. The cortege turned up the High St with Tony & the family walking behind. Mourners from all three parishes who had gathered to pay their respects burst into spontaneous clapping. They lined both sides of the High St up to and around Costa's, clapping as the hearse passed by. Tony, still recovering from COVID, wasn't sure he could walk the whole distance but he was so buoyed up by the warm appreciation shown to Cathy by so many, that he was able to persevere.

**A NOTE FROM CATHY'S FAMILY:** We know how much Cathy loved her community friends, her family, her sisters and brothers in Christ. Experiencing that same love being reflected back from you all in the past few weeks has been positively overwhelming. We would like to say thank you. Thank you for the cards, the notes, the gifts, the offers of help, the runs to the shops, the visits, the prayers and for everything you have all done. And thank you for loving our mum, for loving Cathy, just as much as she loved you all. Tony, Rich, Chris, Jen and Kate.

**CATHY'S FLOWERS:** These were donated by a parishioner and beautifully displayed for the Requiem Mass by Frances Walker, Linda Guiding and Vicki Pent. After the Crematorium Service the flowers were separated into posies and given to the family and mourners present. The pictures have been circulated via email.

**The Order of Service for the Mass and Crematorium Service for Cathy**

**Pickles** can be found at the web address below: <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:122368b7-7708-4e49-a60a-dd0a39d9e79a>

**Donations in memory of Cathy** will benefit St Vincent De Paul Charity, Lymington and can be made by clicking the donate button on the funeral directors website:

<https://www.mariajonesfuneraldirectors.co.uk/>

or sending a cheque payable to "B170116 SVP Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph - Lymington". c/o Maria Jones Funeral Directors, Little Holbrook, 56 Brookley Road, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, SO42 7RA. Tel 01590 622981

**CELEBRATION OF CATHY'S LIFE AVAILABLE ONLINE:** Cathy's funeral was on Friday, but you can still see the *Celebration of her Life* at the crematorium which lasts for 90 minutes. It will be available towards the end of next week for a 28-day *Watch Again* period on Maria Jones's -the Funeral Director- website <https://www.mariajonesfuneraldirectors.co.uk/>  
**The login details are in the newsletter email.**

## All Parishes

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE:** [www.nfwp.org.uk](http://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/>

**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/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent). You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*. 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](#)