

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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St Anne  
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**Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils:** Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Henry Mellor, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea

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**PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator :** Linda Guilding; **Health & Safety Reps St Francis:** Colin Stack & John

Parry . **For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound:** Contact the parish office.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**NOT AVAILABLE NEXT  
SATURDAY  
17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

### Masses & Services for the Week: 10<sup>th</sup> February - 18<sup>th</sup> February

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	Rose Anne "Nancy" Hawkins RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	Alicia Hoad RIP	DMA
SUN	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	Kay Read RIP	DMA
SUN	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	N/A	
TUE	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Sophie Beaton RIP	PWR
WED	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Ash Wednesday ( P )	For our African Charities	DMA
WED	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Ash Wednesday ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	14 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	Ash Wednesday ( P )	Pat Emmett (Intentions)	DMA
WED	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Ash Wednesday ( P )	For our African Charities	DMA
THU	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	For the work of our SVP	DMA
FRI	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	For the our CWL members	DMA
SAT	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	N/A	
SAT	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	Leon G Haley RIP	DMA
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	For our Retired Clergy	DMA

### FEB 24<sup>TH</sup> / 25<sup>TH</sup>: The CAFOD Lenten Fast Collection following on from the Friday Lenten Fast Day.

#### 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. 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. Some prophetic work has been done at both local & international level by the Sant'Egidio Community in Rome. They are showing the way forward. (DMA)

## *St Francis, Milford-on-Sea*

**Anniversaries this week:** Frederick William Skinner (11<sup>th</sup>), Herbert John Gallagher, John Edwin Jeckway (13<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Dodd (14<sup>th</sup>), Susanne Hare (17<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Sarah Bell, Audrey Heneghan, Margaret Langford, Hannah McArthur, Sean McVeigh & Hilary Sendall.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** This year the service, which has been created by the women of Suriname, (N.E. Coast, South America), will take place on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2:30pm and is hosted by Milford on Sea Baptist Church, Barnes Lane;** and also at **St. Mary's, Everton at 7pm.** The theme this year is "All God's Creation is very Good" and is very topical focusing on our current need to recycle and care for God's Wonderful World.

There will also be an **introductory Afternoon Tea** with multi-media presentation on **Tuesday 13th. February at 2:30 at Milford Baptist Church.** Tickets for this event are £3 and available from Di Mussert after Mass or on 01590 643994. All are very welcome.

**BAPTISM - SUNDAY 25th Feb:** During the Mass we will be baptising baby Adrian Molenda, second child of Maria & Adam who live in Milford. Our prayers are with them for this happy occasion.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Catherine Whatman (13<sup>th</sup>), Mary Hemelryk (17<sup>th</sup>)

**Please keep up those prayers** for Anna Hubbard and Eileen Dunn. Also, it is important to remember that there is help from among us for anyone who is house-bound or isolated in any way. If you don't know any of us, then just use the email at the end of this week's news, or the phone number is 01590 624262 Anything needed, however small, will follow!

**Fr Quarmby will celebrate Mass** on Monday, and Saturday at 10am. Tuesday at 8am. Friday, following the Stations, at approximately 10.30am. No Mass on Thursday.

**The Season of Lent** begins this week on Wednesday, which is also a day for fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be given to mark this event at the 10am Mass. May our resolutions and all our good intentions last longer than the first week and may we all have a happy and fruitful Lent!

**The Stations of the Cross** will be followed every Friday during Lent at 10am. and as usual, we are asking for lay volunteers to lead these. Please let Paddy know if you are happy to lead on any one of these weeks.

**Two Ecumenical events for our diaries:** Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 12noon – 1.30pm **We're Bowling over Poverty for Christian Aid;** then on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm we meet in St Saviour's church at 2pm for the Women's World Day of Prayer. Please try to join our friends from the other Churches to eat and pray.

The reply to your questionnaire re the choir will come!

**Any news for next week by Thursday morning, to [greenoaks@waitrose.com](mailto:greenoaks@waitrose.com)**

**PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE:** Did you know that the Catholic churches in the New Forest have a joint website: [www.nfwf.org.uk](http://www.nfwf.org.uk)? Why not visit it sometime and find out what is going on around the area.

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Rose Anne "Nancy" Hawkins, John 'Jack' Hoey (10th), Fr Bernard Heeran (11th), and Philomena Cutler (15th)

**Sick and Housebound:** Terry Iles, Mai Wilson, Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate, Henry Haverty

**CWL:** The next meeting of the CWL will be at 2.15 pm on Tuesday 13th February, in Joseph's Place, Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph, Lymington. This will be our AGM so please try to come.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will be followed after the 9.30am Mass on each Friday during Lent

**NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION NEXT SAT (17<sup>th</sup> Feb).** Fr David is attending the Rite of Election at the Cathedral so, all being well, there will be a Word & Communion service instead of Mass

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB – POSTPONEMENT:** Regrettably the fish and chip lunch planned for Ash Wednesday has had to be postponed. Another day will be organised

**FAIRTRADE FEAST:** Sat 10th March 10am -1pm at St Thomas' Church. Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with FT cakes at the Cafe, Traidcraft produce/gifts,, Fairtrade Raffle etc . Further details Maureen Harris 674458

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED? – PUZZLING QUESTIONS.** Who am I? What is God like? What happens after I die? How can I be happy? Why is there suffering in the world? What is the spiritual realm? A series of meetings is being held at St Thomas' Church in Lymington starting on **Wednesday 14th February** to look at some of life's puzzling questions. **7.00pm until 8.30pm.** Everyone is welcome to come and take part, or just listen, as we look together at some of life's deeper issues.

## *All Parishes*

**DATE FOR THE DIARY:** On March 10<sup>th</sup> at OLSJ, Mary Dunn will lead a session on Jungian Psychology & Prayer. More information to follow.

**PRAYER DAYS & EVENTS AT WISDOM HOUSE:** Join us on Saturday 17th of February 2018 for '**Praying with the Word of God,**' led by Patricia Yandell.

On Saturday 17th of March is **Our Journey: Deepening Our Understanding of 'Self'** - Led by Hazel Hickson. Suggested offering for each is £29 to include lunch and afternoon tea.

The **Julian Group** plans to meet regularly to practise the intentional silence of Christian contemplative prayer and meditation together. The movement was named after Mother Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth-century English mystic. For more information and to book click the links above, or call reception at Wisdom Centre on 01794 830206 or email [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk)

**CAFOD's Family fast day** this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February family fast day can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope. This Lent your donation will make the double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. So please give generously and help us raise £5 million.

**POPE FRANCIS** has asked us to pray for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World, especially on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb as we make a practical sacrifice that day for CAFOD.