

# 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**  
Park Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PT

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**Website:** www.nfwp.org.uk; **Parish Blog:** www.lymrcchurch.blogspot.com. **Registered Charity No:** 246871/2

**School:** Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. **Head of School:** Nanette Allies

**Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils:** Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Henry Mellor, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Vanessa Dugdale (Lym); Susan McCabe (Brock); Liz White (Mil).

**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:*

After Mass on Saturday morning from 10.00am - 10.30am

## *Masses & Services for the Week: 26<sup>th</sup> January - 3<sup>rd</sup> February*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	Anthony Duffy RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	27 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Baptism	St Francis	baby Jessica Grace Barnhouse	N/A	DMA
SUN	27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	Maureen Teague RIP & Brian Davies RIP	DMA
MON	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Thomas Aquinas, Mem, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	N/A	
WED	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Canon Timothy (Ted) Dwyer RIP F/M	DMA
WED	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St John Bosco, Mem, ( W )	Dec'd friends of J & C Bryant	DMA
FRI	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Kathleen Dorothy Haywood RIP F/M	PWR
SAT	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Presentation of the Lord, Feast, ( W )	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	Intentions of Bishop Philip	DMA
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	The Baker Family F/M	DMA

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 26th/27th Jan - For our Cathedral; 16th/17th March - CAFOD Lenten Fast Day**

### PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

When the Christian tradition chose an imperial Christ, living inside the world of static and mythic proclamations, it framed belief and understanding in a very small box. The Christ of the creeds is not tethered to earth—to the real, historical, flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth. Instead, this image is mostly mental abstraction with little heart, all spirit, and almost no flesh or soul. Sometimes it seems like Christianity's only mission is to keep announcing its vision and philosophy. This is what happens when power and empire take over the message.

Did you know that the first seven Councils of the Church, agreed upon by both East and West, were all either convened or formally presided over by emperors? This is no small point. Emperors and governments do not tend to be interested in an ethic of love, service, or nonviolence (God forbid!), and surely not forgiveness unless it somehow helps them stay in power.

Mere information is rarely helpful unless it also enlightens and transforms your life. In Franciscan theology, truth is always for the sake of love—not an absolute end in itself, which too often becomes the worship of an ideology. In other words, any good idea that does not engage the body, the heart, the physical world, and the people around us will tend to be more theological problem solving and theory than any real healing of people and institutions. Ironically, healing is what Jesus was all about!

The word "healing" did not return to mainline Christian vocabulary until the 1970's, and even then it was widely resisted, which I know from my own experience. [1] In the Catholic tradition, we had pushed healing off to the very last hour of life and called the sacrament "Extreme Unction," apparently unaware that Jesus provided free health care in the middle of life for people who were suffering, and it was not just an "extreme" measure to get them into the next world.

You wouldn't guess this from the official creeds but, after all is said and done, doing is more important than believing. Jesus was clearly more concerned with what Buddhists call "right action" ("orthopraxy" in Christianity) than with right saying or right thinking. You can hear this message very clearly in his parable of the two sons in Matthew 21:28-31: One son says he won't work in the vineyard, but then does, while the other says he will go, but in fact doesn't. Jesus told his listeners that he preferred the one who actually goes, although saying the wrong words, over the one who says the right words but does not act. How did we miss that?

Humanity now needs a Jesus who is historical, relevant for real life, physical and concrete, like we are. A Jesus whose life can save us even more than his death does. A Jesus we can imitate in practical ways and who sets the bar for what it means to be fully human. (from Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Thursday, January 24, 2019)

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Kathleen Mary Davies (31<sup>st</sup>), Edward Harry Farr (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Gill Boddington, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday, Margaret Langford, Sean McVeigh, Sarah Nicholls & Hilary Sendall.

**Baptism:** at St Francis this Sunday at 1pm, baby Jessica Grace Barnhouse, daughter of Daniel & Nicola (nee Richens)

**Your Treasured Thoughts:** As promised, your thoughts on our parish have been drawn together into one sheet of A4, for giving to Bishop Philip during his Visitation. Helen will be at the back of church after Mass this Sunday with copies for everyone. Please do help yourselves. Thank you.

**Prayer Powerhouse:** Out of sight is NOT out of mind! Please help yourself to Prayer Cards on the porch noticeboard, for any parishioner you know who cannot manage to attend our services in person. Our home-based parishioners are a powerful part of our worshipping community, and we would really appreciate their prayer support, at the same time as we pray for them. Thank you.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Maria Cave, Joan Towel (27<sup>th</sup>), Irene Ledsham (31<sup>st</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Please keep Deacon Hilary, Anna Hubbard and Sean Dunn in your prayers.

**Fr Quarmby's Masses:** for week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> January: 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 8 a.m. Tuesday.

**Second collection:** this Sunday for our Cathedral in Portsmouth

**CAFOD:** will be running a Lent Fast Day meeting on Saturday, 9th February between 2.30 and 4.30pm at St Theresa of the Child Jesus Church Hall in Totton. Nikki Evans, CAFOD'S Programme Officer for Bolivia, will speak about CAFOD'S work there and give an update on the Altiplano Project. All are welcome. If interested please contact Michael Janssens on 01590 682495

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** An ecumenical service, involving our local Churches Together, will be held on Sunday, 27th January at 6.30 pm at St Nicholas Chapel, Pilley. Details on the board in the porch. Unfortunately this is taking place at the same time as our own Mass but it would be wonderful if some from St Anne's were able to go along to represent our parish at this united service.

**(Women's) World Day of Prayer** will be held this year on 1st March at St John's Church, Boldre. More details to follow.

**Parish Lunch:** The next Parish Lunch is on Tuesday, 29 January in the Foresters Arms, Brookley Road. It is always held on the last Tuesday of each month except December. No need to book - just come along and enjoy good food in good company.

**Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive by Thursday morning**

## *All Parishes*

**THIS WEEKEND:** we take the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Envelopes are available at all masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

**GDPR:** Did you fill in the GDPR form with your contact details in October? You may have been away or ill. If you didn't fill one in, please take a New Parishioner form from the back of the church and hand it into the parish office. Under the new GDPR regulations if you haven't signed the form to give permission for us to put your details in the parish register, you will not be on the register. Thank you.

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## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Guido Jellousheg (26<sup>th</sup>), William Moppett (27<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Hayward, Violet 'Vicky' Chell, Tyler Dean (28<sup>th</sup>), Arthur Smith, Mary 'Maura' Grainner McHale (29<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Davies, William Leon, Juan Nunez, John Paul Rutter (31<sup>st</sup>), Michael Bingham (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** June Siddall, Mike Hedges, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Patricia Mate.

**NEW PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:** The Diocese has accepted the appointment of Vanessa Dugdale as our new safeguarding rep. Our thanks to Vanessa for agreeing to this service. Our special thanks to Cathy Pickles who has fulfilled this role over many years.

**Mary "May" Norton RIP:** May was from Waterside parish and only came to us (Solent Mead Nursing Home) when she needed full time care. She received Holy Communion regularly from one of our Ministers of Holy Communion, Tom Turnbull. May's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen,

**PARISH AGM:** (Interim Report from our Chair of Finance, Gerry Heneghan) Last Sunday we held the parish AGM. Regrettably attended by only 33 parishioners. There was lively discussion on the day to day cost of running the parish, which is now an average £5.00 per adult parishioner per week. This will be of surprise to many. To maintain parish solvency we need to align the parish income with this cost at least. As such please review your current giving. Obviously some parishioners will not be able to give as much as £5.00 per week to the running cost of the parish, in which case give what you can. Others will however be able to make a larger contribution in which case please review your present giving. If you pay tax please consider Gift Aiding your giving. (For every £1 you give the parish will receive £1.25p). Speak to Frances Walker for further information. Also discussed was the state of the buildings and the substantial repairs and maintenance needed. A further meeting will be called in late March to discuss a programme for the works and to investigate funding options. Please give these issues your consideration.

**CWL:** The next meeting of the CWL will be the AGM on 12th February 2019 at 2.15 in the Parish Rooms. Please try to come, there is no speaker. The Catholic Womens League (CWL) are now on FACEBOOK so members of the parish can find out what we do all over the country. There are many items that you might find interesting.

**100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019 ARE NOW DUE:** To join the club, or renew your membership, the cost is still £15 per number. Subscriptions can be paid by cash, cheque or bank online transfer. Please make cheques payable to: PRCDTR LYM 100 Club. Forms and envelopes are available at the back of the church. For online bank transfer, the sort code is 30.93.04, Account No: 07408758, Reference: 100+Your Surname. Thank you to everyone who supports the club which provides valuable revenue for the parish. For further information, please call 678525 or email: [fran.walker@talktalk.net](mailto:fran.walker@talktalk.net)

## *All Parishes*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Bishop Philip will be hearing confessions on Saturday, 9th February from 5.15pm until 5.45pm in OLMSJ.

**BISHOP PHILIP'S VISIT: TIME FOR ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** There will be Adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for vocations in Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph church at 3.30pm on Sunday, 10th February. Please do your best to come and take part in this prayer time.

**BISHOP PHILIP MEETING YOUNG PEOPLE:** The Bishop would love to meet with the youth of our parishes. There will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop on Sunday, 10th February at 4.30pm in Joseph's Place, Lymington. It would be great to see you there.