

# 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 OPT

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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; 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:

Saturday morning after  
Mass until 10.30am  
or by arrangement.

## *Masses & Services for the Week: 4<sup>th</sup> January - 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	4 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	The Epiphany of the Lord ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	The Epiphany of the Lord ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Epiphany of the Lord ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass + AS	St Anne	The Epiphany of the Lord ( W )	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( W )	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
WED	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( W )	N/A	
WED	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day ( W )	George O'Donnell RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	School	Start of Year - School Mass	Staff, Pupils & Governors	DMA
FRI	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( W )	Flora Weld RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SAT	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( W )	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	The Baptism of the Lord ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass + AS	St Francis	The Baptism of the Lord ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Baptism of the Lord ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	The Baptism of the Lord ( W )	Paddy Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA

### An Evolving Faith - The Work of Healing

Up to now, top-down religion has pretty much spoiled the show. We need trained experts, scholars, leaders, and teachers, but the truths of Christianity must be made much more accessible, available, localized, and pastoral. Most people do not need to have encyclopaedic knowledge of theology or Scripture. To begin with, why not flatten out the huge and unbiblical distinction between clergy and laity? [1]

While Christian churches do much good, we have one huge pastoral problem that is making Christianity largely ineffective—and largely decorative. Solid orthodox theology is sorely needed (and yes, I am obsessed with it), yet we clearly need good and compassionate pastoral and healing practices ten times more!

It seems to me that we must begin to validate Paul's original teaching on "many gifts and many ministries" (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). Together, these diverse gifts "make a unity in the work of service" (Ephesians 4:12-13, Jerusalem Bible). Individual communities may do this well, but on the whole we need Christian people who are trained in, validated for, and encouraged to make home and hospital visits; do hospice work and jail ministry; support immigrants and refugees; help with soup kitchens or food pantries; counsel couples before, during, and after marriage; share child development resources with families; (cont/.)

offer ministries of emotional, sexual, and relational healing; help with financial counselling; build low-cost housing; take care of the elderly; run thrift centres—all of which put Christian people in immediate touch with other people and for which no ordination is needed. Ordination would probably even get in the way. Remember, healing was most of the work Jesus did. This fact is almost too obvious.

My vision of any future church is much flatter and much more inclusive. Either we see Christ in everyone, or we hardly see Christ in anyone. Frankly, my hope for Christianity is that it becomes less "churchy," less patriarchal, and more concerned with living its mission statement than with endlessly reciting our heavenly vision and philosophy statement—the Nicene Creed—every Sunday. There seem to be very few actionable items in most Christians' lives beyond attending worship services, which largely creates a closed and self-validating system.

Simply put, any notion of a future church must be a fully practical church that is concerned about getting the job of love done—and done better and better. Centuries emphasizing art and architecture, music, liturgy, and prescribed roles have their place, but their overemphasis has made us a very top-heavy and decorative church that is constantly concerned with its own in-house salvation. (Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Tuesday, December 31, 2019)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Mary Charlotte Bushnell (6<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Greenfield Thirsk (7<sup>th</sup>), Madeleine Gertrude Chaplin (8<sup>th</sup>), Catherine Frances Webdale (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Daphne Jones, Colin Stack, Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday & Sean McVeigh.

**THANK YOU FROM FR DAVID:** Thanks to everyone for prayers and good wishes, kind gifts and a generous Christmas offering. I pray that you will have a happy and blessed New Year.

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER:** Another Christmas has come and once again I should like to thank all those parishioners who were kind enough to send me cards/gifts and whom I have not been able to thank personally. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

**Taize at All Saints - 6pm:** These lovely reflective 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Services resume again in 2020. First two will be: January 26<sup>th</sup> ; February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Time of quiet, prayer, and Taize chants.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Winifred Margaret Chainey, Mary Olney (5<sup>th</sup>), Peter Charles Bishop (7<sup>th</sup>), Mary Ann Hurt, James Emery (9<sup>th</sup>), Laura Bartram, Patrick Whelan (10<sup>th</sup>), Helen Beatrice Margaret Mary Parsons (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Please keep in your prayers: Jules Holden, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon and Mary Byrne.

**Fr Quarmby's Mass times:** For the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020:- 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday to Saturday inclusive; 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday (except Christmas Day) at 9.00am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

**Fr. Quarmby** thanks all the kind people of the parish who have so generously helped him in many ways over the past year – and promises to keep them all in the Masses over Christmastide and New Year. Happy New year to one and all.

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**New Forest Basics Bank Collection:** A big thank you also to all those who generously bought the table decorations at the lunch, or gave a donation, which raised a total of £110 for the NFBB following a recent break-in at their premises.

**Red Mission Boxes:** Missio has expressed their thanks for the donations from Red Box Collections from this Parish which this year amounted to £362 plus the Collection at church which was £190.98 giving a grand total of £552.89. Well Done Everyone.!

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

## All Parishes

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Dominic Boddington from St Francis of Assisi parish for being awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours list for Services to Alternative Education. Dominic is Chair of Governors at Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary school, Pennington.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** next weekend, 11th/12th Jan for the White Flower Appeal, organised by the SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child)

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Daniel Walsh, Mollie Rosina Hayles (4<sup>th</sup>), Stella Smith (6<sup>th</sup>), Peggy Packwood, Joseph Myers, Ann Dolores Gower (7<sup>th</sup>), Millicent Ada Devine (8<sup>th</sup>), Albertina Moles, Sergio Parmesan (9<sup>th</sup>), Anne Frogley, Harold 'Roy' Cozens (10<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Patricia Mate.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** If you wish your child to take part in the 2020 First Holy Communion Programme please take and complete a form from the back of the Church and return to Cathy Pickles a.s.a.p. Your child should ideally be in year group 3 at school. Our first session is this Wednesday 8th January at 3.45pm in Joseph's Place.

**IT'S PANTO TIME!!** Oh yes it is! The Friendship Club have 4 spare tickets to see **Jack and the Beanstalk** at the Regent Theatre, Christchurch on Sunday 19th January at 3pm. Tickets are priced at the concessionary rate of £10.00 and this will include a free ice cream. If you are interested, please see either Pam Gorman or Cathy Pickles

**CWL:** The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 14th January at 2.15 in Joseph's Place, Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph, Lymington. We hope you will be able to come and any other lady parishioners who might be interested in joining the CWL.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will be meeting next Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Joseph's Room. Before tea we will have the quiz and play Bingo. **THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING OF THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB IN FEBRUARY**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SATURDAY COFFEE/LUNCHEES FUNDRAISING TEAM** who raised the sum of £200 for the Salvation Army. This has been sent to help the homeless on behalf the people of the parish. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the team who work so hard, on the last Saturday of every month, to raise funds for local charities.

**100 CLUB 2020 - SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEAR ARE NOW DUE.** The price per number is still only £15 for the year with your number being entered into 4 draws with prizes ranging from £75 (star prize) to £10, providing we can achieve full membership of 100 members. We had full membership last year and need your help to repeat this year! Envelopes for payments are available at the back of the church for members and any parishioner wishing to join. Please leave in parish office. Payment can be made in cash, by cheque payable to PRCDTR LYM 100 CLUB, or bank transfer to Sort Code: 309304 Account number: 07408758. Proceeds from the 100 Club make a significant contribution to parish funds. Thank you to members, old and new.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Fund-raising event – Food with wine tasting Evening, Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

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**THANK YOU** everyone for your prayers and good wishes, plus all the offers of help after my operation: it has been overwhelming and humbling. May God bless you all. Clare Bassett."

**FUND-RAISING UPDATE:** Pledges - Number of pledges: 31  
Expected return over 5 years including gift aid: £75,915  
Actual Bank Account Receipts to date:- **£29,553.93**

## All Parishes

**SPECIAL THANKS:** to our retired priests, Mgr Fr Peter Ryan & Fr David Quarmby for their generous assistance all through the year but especially at Christmas time when there are many more Masses required for our parishes.

**CRIB COLLECTIONS:** For the Christian Communities of the Holy Land (via the Friends of the Holy Land)

**SCHOOL MASS- date for your diary:** The next Mass at the school will be on Thursday 9th January at 9am. You are all welcome to attend.