

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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St Francis of Assisi
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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:

Saturday morning after
Mass until 10.30am
or by arrangement.

Masses & Services for the Week: 11th January - 19th January 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	The Baptism of the Lord (W)	Allan Booth RIP	DMA
SUN	12 th	9.00am	Mass + AS	St Francis	The Baptism of the Lord (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	12 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Baptism of the Lord (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	12 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	The Baptism of the Lord (W)	Paddy Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	14 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Damian Buckley RIP	DMA
WED	15 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	15 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	For those in need	DMA
WED	15 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Hal & Eileen Box RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Anthony of Egypt, Mem, (W)	Flora Weld RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SAT	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	For Christian Unity	DMA
SAT	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	2 nd Sunday of the Year A (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	2 nd Sunday of the Year A (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 th	10.30am	Mass + AS	Our Lady	2 nd Sunday of the Year A (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	2 nd Sunday of the Year A (G)	as per celebrant	PWR

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: This weekend (11th/12th Jan) "White Flower appeal" for the SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child); 25th/26th January - Collection for our Diocesan Cathedral

BAPTISM: LETTING GOD TRANSFORM OUR LIVES

Baptism is both grace and faith, gift and calling, freedom and responsibility.

Baptism celebrates God's Gift: God is a loving Father/Mother – we are first loved by God; God deals with sin and death through Jesus Christ and offers us free, unmerited, undeserved forgiveness and eternal life – we are set free from sin and death; God gives us the Holy Spirit and so makes us family – we become children of the Father and brothers & sisters of Jesus and of one another - this is Church. God never takes back what is given, even if we abuse it or neglect it. This is why Baptism is never repeated. All this giving of God is the source of our joy and hope.

Baptism celebrates our faith, our calling and our responsibility:

God has given us life, made us (male & female) in his image. God loves us and all the creation. As conscious and free beings we are invited to personally receive God's love and enter into relationship with God. So firstly we need to believe and trust God's love. Faith and trust are the only way to receive any kind of love, human or divine. We are called to repentance, that is, called out of ourselves & away from sin into relationship with God and others. In baptism we acknowledge our calling to follow Jesus, to become disciples, to strive to put his word into practice. It celebrates a death to sin and a rising to new life. This is an ongoing, continuous process. From this calling we get a sense of responsibility and a healthy conscience that recognises good and evil.

Baptism is about New Life:

Like a stool with three legs this new life has three key components: worship, discipleship and service. Worship and prayer have to be both communal and personal because we are social and individual beings. Discipleship is a striving to follow the way of Jesus, to let our thinking, our attitudes and our actions be guided by him. Service involves caring for others in body, soul and spirit. It means doing what Jesus did through the gifts of the Spirit, having a practical care for those in need, and taking responsibility for society, the world and the planet. In this way we gradually grow from being the image of God (the gift of creation) into the likeness of God (the gift of grace).

Baptism celebrates the foundation of our faith. Are we living the gift of Baptism? If we have had our children baptised are we giving them any opportunity to experience God's love? After all we can only share what we have received. What we need to do is to absorb, take in, really appreciate God's giving. After that, the scary bit, begin to appreciate our responsibility. I may have money in the bank but if I never take any of it out I cannot benefit from it. We may have been given lots of presents but if we never unwrap them we won't know what they are and we won't be able to enjoy them. Many people have been baptised but too few realise the gifts they have received or the responsibility they have. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

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

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

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

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Percy Edward Charles (13th), Catherine Bannen, Denis Irving Fairhurst (17th), Denise Mary Brand, Leonard Darlison, Joyce Hilda Runyard (18th)

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

Fr Quarmby's Mass times For the week commencing 12th January:- 10 a.m. Monday and Saturday; 8 a.m. Tuesday. (Away 14th-16th Jan.). Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 9.0am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

Churches Together This Year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place 18-25 January. The theme is Unusual Kindness. More details to follow.

Recycling Bottle Tops – UPDATE: WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT MILK BOTTLE TOPS FROM NOW ON. We are sorry to tell you that we can no longer collect random plastic bottle tops of varied sizes & colours. Our outlet for the random plastic bottle tops, LUSH, has had to stop taking them as the demand for their service proved so great that they had more than they could pass on to other industries for reuse. We will endeavour to find another outlet but in the meantime, we will only be collecting milk bottle tops in the porch which are for New Forest Mencap.

Recycling Crisp Packets A reminder that there is a bag in the porch in which you can leave your used crisp packets - any size, any brand including multi-pack outers. Crisp packets are made from metallic plastic film. These are being collected to support a fund-raising project at St Luke's Primary School in Sway.

100 Club The lucky winner of this month's draw was Edelweiss James who won £80.

Any items for the newsletter to anna@boylemellor.co.uk to arrive by Thursday lunch time.

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

Prayer for the Renewal of our Diocese

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we beg you to change us, to convert us and to make us holy. Fill us with a deeper faith, hope and love for you. Send into our hearts the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit and powerfully renew all the clergy, religious and laity of our Diocese. Unite us in love and respect for one another and unify us as your one, holy people. Grant us a new passion and zeal for our Catholic Faith, for mission, for outreach and service. Help us to proclaim your Gospel generously to the poor and needy that man more souls may be saved by finding their way to you in your Church. May Mary Immaculate help us. May St Edmund of Abingdon and blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati pray for us. Amen.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Catherine 'Kit' Webdale (11th), Charles Ireland (12th), Flora Isdell (13th), Elizabeth McCartan, Hermione Nora Alcock, Sonny Andrews (14th), Kathleen Bryan (15th), Charles Edward Brown (16th), Agnes Read (17th).

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.

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.

KNIT & STITCH GROUP: will be meeting in Joseph's Place on Friday 17th January from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Anyone who wants to join is most welcome.

THANK YOU TO OUR SVP MEMBERS for doing the Coffee Morning this Saturday. They raised over £50 for the SVP who will use the funds to support the poor & needy. We extend our thanks and appreciation to all the teams 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 via the post box outside the back door. 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.

BUILDING FUND 5 YEAR PLEDGES: - we are most grateful to our 31 pledge holders, who are providing a very significant contribution towards our repair costs. There will be a short report on pledges after both Masses next weekend (18th/19th Jan). This is to inform the parish on the value pledges are providing to date, financial and otherwise, and also to give another opportunity to consider taking up a Pledge.

FUND-RAISING UPDATE: Pledges - Number of pledges: 31
Expected return over 5 years including gift aid: £75,915
Actual Bank Account Receipts to date: **£30,551.73**

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

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Official Prayer for the Year of the Word: Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.