

# 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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 Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils: Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Ian Holden, 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:

Saturday morning after Mass until 10.30am or by arrangement.

## Masses & Services for the Week: 18<sup>th</sup> January - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	Anthony Duffy RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	Raymond Beachey RIP	DMA
SUN	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass + AS	Our Lady	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Agnes, Mem, ( R )	Ernest Ash RIP F/M	DMA
WED	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	N/A	
WED	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day ( G )	Ray & Joan Lloyd's 70th Anniv	PWR
WED	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day ( G )	Rev Barry Norris RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	Kathleen Dorothy Haywood RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Francis de Sales, Mem, ( W )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Conversion of St Paul, Feast, ( W )	For Christian Unity	DMA
SAT	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	Kathleen Mary Davies RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	as per celebrant	DQ

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 25th/26th January - Collection for our Diocesan Cathedral

### LAMB OR TIGER?

Many years ago when I was a student in Rome we would help out in Italian parishes during Christmas, Lent, and Easter. One such parish was in Ancio by the sea just south of Rome. It was Christmas time and during the midnight celebration of Mass a real lamb was brought up in the offertory procession. It all added to the drama of the liturgy. Another priest from the college was also helping out and we were given accommodation in a local convent. It was one of those typical ecclesiastical buildings all done out in reconstituted marble. It was cool in summer but chilly in winter. The other feature was very minimal sound insulation. Little did we know that said lamb was going to be billeted over night in the same building! It was not a happy little sheep and spent the whole night bleating. I don't think anyone got much sleep. However, I still think most people could live with a lamb a lot easier than with a tiger. In fact there isn't much living around tigers. They are only looking to make a meal of you!

We can be grateful that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. If the world is to be healed and not destroyed, if people are to be reconciled and not set at war, if people are to be forgiven and not crushed then you need a Lamb not a tiger. This week we begin again the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Prayer must go hand in hand with action. We have to do what we can to rediscover and rebuild unity.

This is no longer an issue just for Christians it is an issue for the whole world and for all religions. Christians need more than ever to give witness to what Jesus wanted for everyone. Denominations need to exorcise the demons of tribalism and self-interest and put the priority on the service of humanity, after the example of Jesus.

There are attitudes that encourage relationship, listening, learning, changing and growing. Tigers are not much use here. We need respect, humility, a love of humanity, truth, and goodness. We need meekness and patience, perseverance and hope. We must be willing to make sacrifices for peace, fairness and compassion. The image of the Lamb is much more helpful.

We also need to bring this down to the personal level. Am I a tiger Christian or a lamb Christian? How much does aggression feature in my life, in my relationships, in my work, in my driving? Does stress uncover capacities for aggression we didn't know were there?

We also need to step back from our culture. What are the sources of violence in our society – in films and TV programmes, computer games, newspaper articles and popular attitudes? What is the implicit message of holding an arsenal of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons capable of destroying the world many times over? What is the message given by countries that wage war on terrorism when they themselves have been actively funding terrorist activity? There is a lot of tiger about – that is why God had to send the Lamb. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Thomas Francis Dodd (19<sup>th</sup>), Sadie Margaret Naomi Hazleden (21<sup>st</sup>), James Lawrence Hardy (25<sup>th</sup>)

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

**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:** Augustus Herbert Plumbly, Lt Col Desmond John Goldsmith, Maurice McNally (19<sup>th</sup>), Basil O'Donnell (20<sup>th</sup>), Barbara Emily Drummond, Anthony Edwards (21<sup>st</sup>), Mary Ann Kane, Lt Col. Cecil Halliday, Patricia Feeney-McGlone (22<sup>nd</sup>), Alfred Foster, David Pizer, Eileen Norah Gabony (23<sup>rd</sup>), Mona Fraser (24<sup>th</sup>)

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

**Fr Quarmby's Mass times** For the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> January:- 10 a.m. Monday and Wednesday to Saturday; 8 a.m. Tuesday. 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.

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

## All Parishes

**CATHEDRAL COLLECTION:** Next 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.

**VOCATION SEEKER EVENING:** Wondering what God is calling you to do? Join our monthly group to explore further. Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm – 9pm. at the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, 41-43 Portland Street, PO16 ONF. (Easy access via road, train & bus) Our Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. For info/invite contact: Fr. John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) 01329 318 869

**WISDOM HOUSE – DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER:** *The Temple: Using the Old Testament to explore our personal relationship with God.* Led by Mary Dunn & Fiona Jenvey. **Saturday 28th March 2020, 10am—4pm.** Tea and Coffee available from 9.30am. Suggested Offering—£30 to include refreshments, lunch and afternoon tea. For more information contact: **Wisdom Centre**, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 8EL. Tel: 01794 830206 email: [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk) or visit website: [www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk](http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk)

**ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL CARPET OF FLOWERS:** This marvellous festival of flowers includes a magnificent 90ft carpet of flowers which fills the central aisle of the Cathedral. We are proposing to hire a coach to go to Arundel on **Thursday 11th June** from 10am till 4pm approx. The cost would be £10 per head (to include a tip for the driver). The coach would seat 49 persons. If you are interested, please add your name to the list at the back of the church (Lymington) or let the parish office know (Brockenhurst and Milford). Ideally, we would like to book the coach by the beginning of February so please let us know asap. Many thanks.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Parish Lunch on Wednesday 22 April 2020 at Brockenhurst College. Open to all 3 parishes. More details to follow soon.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Denis Hayward, Juan Nunez, Teresa Joyce 'Quinn' Harverson, Joseph Kenny, Joan Audrey Hayward (18th), George Hughan Hampton (19th), Jessie Blackith, Helen Green, Albert Wren (20th), Mary Bryant, Reverend Michael Eady, Anthony Duffy, Reverend Barry Norris (22nd), Aiden Flood (23rd), Bridget Walsh, Mary (May) Hart Norton (24th)

**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.

### 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 this weekend. 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:-**£30,756.73**

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**CAFOD UPDATE MEETING 8<sup>TH</sup> FEB:** You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at St Anne's Church, Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst SO42 7SR from 10:30am to 12:30pm. At the meeting Sarah Burrows CAFOD's Emergency Programme Officer will talk about our emergency work, and I will give an update on how your generous donations are making a difference to people's lives. Everyone is welcome so please let me know if you are coming by emailing: [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 01252 329385 (Jo Lewry CPC CAFOD Portsmouth)

**LYMINGTON FUNDRAISING – SOCIAL EVENT:** Hi! We're back again with another Fundraising/social event. **A Meal with wine tasting - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7.15 for 7.30pm in Joseph's place.** £15 per person. The flyer/ticket will outline the set menu. There will also be a food and wine quiz and a raffle. *Please note- there are only 30 tickets available so book yours as soon as possible.* Tickets will be on sale from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**FR. RICHARD ROHR:** This small lay group, supported by Fr David, resumes its meetings next month and is open to new members from all three parishes and from local churches of other denominations. We read and share reflections on Fr Rohr's writings & have a period of silent prayer, meeting at 7pm for 90 minutes on some Thursdays in St Joseph's Place (with refreshments). Fr Rohr is a forward looking Franciscan Catholic theologian in America with a very large international following. Please phone 01590-645521 if you would like more information.

**THANK YOU** so much to those who contributed to New Forest Basics Bank using the "Reverse Advent Calendar". You really helped to replenish our stocks as we had sent out 350 special Xmas parcels to the needy. - *NFBB Trustees.*