

# 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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**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

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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: 25<sup>th</sup> January - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	Family of Anne Heppenstall	PWR
SUN	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Yr 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 Yr A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	as per celebrant	DQ
MON	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St Thomas Aquinas, Mem, ( W )	N/A	
WED	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	N/A	
WED	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	W & C	St Francis	of the Day ( G )	N/A	
WED	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	DQ
THU	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
FRI	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St John Bosco, Mem, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
SAT	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday, ( W )	Ros Brundrett RIP	DMA
SAT	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Presentation of the Lord, ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Presentation of the Lord, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Presentation of the Lord, ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Presentation of the Lord, ( W )	Canon Timothy Dwyer RIP F/M	DMA

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: THIS WEEKEND - Collection for our Diocesan Cathedral

### ONLY A DECISION AWAY

Jesus says "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand" (Matt 4:17). The word "repent" can immediately put us on the defensive. We think of our sins and of our guilt and inwardly shrink. It can conjure up fear and anxiety and we are inclined to expect the worst. So we do not experience that word in particular as gospel, literally good news. And the nearness of the kingdom then seems more of a threat than a gift and a joy.

All this reaction stems from the way the word has been used in our own culture and tradition. It is good to know that Jesus was actually saying something different. Jesus may have spoken Hebrew or Aramaic but the New Testament was written down in popular Greek. The word in the Greek is metanoia and it combines two words meta & nous (literally change & mind). So Jesus is calling us to a new mind, a change of attitude, a new way of thinking. We need a new way of thinking to see good news and accept it. We need a new way of thinking to allow the kingdom of heaven to begin entering into our lives and changing them. It is only a decision away.

Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Indeed the kingdom is close; it is all around us and within us. But the kingdom is also hidden by our spiritual blindness. Remember Jesus said: Blessed are the pure in heart. They shall see God. The way to be healed of this blindness is to have a change of mind, a change of heart. We have to want it and desire it but it is a work

only the Spirit of God can do. So we can ask God to carry on doing that work.

The saints and contemplatives have something to tell us about this new mind, this change of heart, this new way of seeing. It is about seeing the goodness in ourselves and others. It is about the union of everything and everyone in God. It is about the world and how everything is at the same time both wonderful, beautiful and glorious and also finite, passing, decaying and disfigured. It is about the gratuity of life, and the graciousness of God's love. This can only be gratefully received and celebrated but never possessed and controlled. As is said of Jesus - he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself (Philippians 2). It is about having love where there was once hatred, forgiveness where there was once bitterness, compassion instead of coldness, joy instead of self-pity. Instead of seeing a refugee you see a fellow human being in need of shelter. Instead of seeing a down & out you see a person who can be lifted up and included. A wounded and damaged person is to be loved and healed. A sinful and wicked person needs love and healing too for a different kind of sickness.

The whole of creation, Paul tells us, (Rom 8) is waiting for people who see with God's eyes, so animals too are no longer seen as resources to be exploited but as creatures to be respected and treated compassionately. The dawning of the kingdom in our lives has already begun, the door to God's heart is always open, do we want to enter? (DMA).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Vincent Richard Harris (26<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Mary Davies (31<sup>st</sup>), Edward Harry Farr, Margaret Langford (1<sup>st</sup>)

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

**COLIN STACK:** You'll be pleased to hear Colin is back home now & still convalescing.

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

**Ladies Lunch Club for St Francis:** The first outing of the year will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm - we will meet locally in Milford at either a pub or restaurant. The venue will be decided depending on numbers & interest and will be posted on the church notice board or in the newsletter. If you would like to come along please speak to either Ann Marie Atherton or Kathryn Fox after Mass or call Ann Marie on 01590 642123. We would hope to make this a regular social event taking place several times over the coming year. Please come along, all welcome, meet old friends & perhaps get to know some new ones!

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Mavis Menzies, Mary Josephine Gould, (26<sup>th</sup>), Joan Towell, Noel Paul Emblem (27<sup>th</sup>), Irene Dolores Ledsham, Dorothy Green (31<sup>st</sup>), Fr Austin Hurley, William (Ted) Joseph Hayward (1<sup>st</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 26<sup>th</sup> January - weekday Masses at St. Anne's: -10 a.m. every day except 8 a.m. on Tuesday. **HOWEVER, NO MASS AT ST. ANNE'S ON SATURDAY.**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** will culminate with an ecumenical Evensong Service this Sunday evening (26<sup>th</sup> January) at St Nicholas' Chapel, Pilley (next to the Memorial Hall, SO41 5QG) at 6.30 pm. The theme this year is Unusual Kindness.

**Care for Creation:** movement was formed in our Parish as a response to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* which challenges us to care for creation and our Common Home, the earth, by campaigning for change in how we treat our planet and in how we live our lives. Our Parish has also signed up to the CAFOD Live Simply award scheme which helps us to think about the many practical actions we can take as individuals and together as a Parish. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 4 February at 4 o'clock in the Parish Rooms. All are most welcome to join us.

**Parish pub lunch** on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, at 12 noon at the Foresters Arms, Brookley Road. All welcome.

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

## All Parishes

**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)

**CATHEDRAL COLLECTION:** 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.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Elizabeth Cutler, Celestin Charles Barnes (25<sup>th</sup>), Guido Jellousheg (26<sup>th</sup>), William Moppett (27<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Hayward, Violet Chell, Tyler Dean (28<sup>th</sup>), Arthur Smith, Mary McHale (29<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Davies, William Leon, John Paul Rutter (31<sup>st</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.

**ROS BRUNDRETT RIP:** You will be very sad to hear that dear Ros died last Thursday after a short illness. Ros was much loved in the parish and will be greatly missed. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am in Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph Church, followed by burial at Lymington Cemetery. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her daughters, Holly & Hannah. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**FUND RAISING UPDATE:** We currently have 35 Pledges which will realise £79,440 after five years including Gift Aid. Building Fund Bank Account income at 24th January 2020:- Donations/Pledges - £6,707.89; Gift Aided Donations/Pledges - £16,379.70; Fundraising - £5,112.14; Living our Faith - £3,230.00; Bank Balance: £31,429.73.

**PLEDGING:** If you have not done so already, please consider making a PLEDGE to the Building Fund and Gift-Aiding your donation if you are a taxpayer. Green forms are available at the back of church.

**100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2020 are now due.** Costs remain at £15 per number and can be paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer to "PRCDTR Lym 100 Club", Sort Code:309304 Account Number 07408758. Envelopes and joining forms are available at the back of the church and can be posted in parish office. Many thanks for your support.

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**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.

**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.

**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)

**The Two Popes:** A biographical drama film on Netflix about a meeting between Pope Benedict and Pope Francis (when he was still a Cardinal). Part factual, part fiction. A good number of parishioners have already seen this film and have commented on how good it is. So it comes highly recommended.