

# 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  
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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: 1<sup>st</sup> February - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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
MON	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
WED	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St Agatha, Mem, ( R )	N/A	
WED	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Agatha, Mem, ( R )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Agatha, Mem, ( R )	Jean Kavanagh RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Paul Miki et alia, Mem, ( R )	Tony O'Connell RIP Anniv	DMA
FRI	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: NEXT - 7th/8th MARCH - CAFOD LENTEN COLLECTION

### LOOKING FORWARD WITH HOPE

Simeon and Anna were part of something that had run its course. The old covenant of the letter of the law that brings death (2 Cor 3:6) had reached a dead end as Jeremiah had prophesied hundreds of years before (Jer 31:31ff). They, however, were not prisoners of their religious upbringing. Their minds and hearts were not shackled or blinded by it. Despite their roles and the commitment of prayer and dutiful service they had invested they looked beyond to God's promise. The Law had forged this hope in the furnace of the failures, struggles, sufferings and strivings of their ancestral generations. The savage rituals of animal slaughter and human circumcision and the hostility created by the commandments and ordinances of the Law could not serve God's purpose (Eph. 2:13ff). Simeon and Anna were able to long for something better, something that only God could accomplish: a revelation of love that would be a light for all peoples. It was to be a new covenant, the ministry of the Spirit who gives life, the ministry of justification so glorious, as St Paul wrote, that it robbed of any splendour what went before (2 Cor 3:9). In the humble simplicity of a poor baby offered by its loving parents they recognised the beauty of God's gracious presence and power.

This gracious love and mercy of God takes away all fear and fills the hopeful elders with peace. God's perfect love drives out fear (1 Jn 4:18). Zechariah's prophecy had declared: "that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days" (Lk 1:74). St Paul echoes this when he writes: "we did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear" (Romans 8:15) and "we are filled with exultant trust in God (Romans 5:11).

And God wants to free us from the fear of death too, as our second reading tells us today: (so Christ could) "set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death" (Heb 2:15). As St Francis wrote in his canticle of creation: *O thou most kind and gentle death, waiting to hush our latest breath. Thou leadest home the child of God and Christ himself that way hath trod.*

The revelation of Christ is a light for all people and all time. The way of Christ has not been tried and found wanting because if it is really followed wholeheartedly it brings unfailing peace and blessing. It is a light that darkness cannot overpower. To live in peace free from fear, to work for fairness, justice and in the service of love and compassion gives a witness that cannot be denied or negated. It is only our failure to live by the light that obscures its brightness.

As the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council said: the Church is constantly in need of reform and renewal. We must be grateful for our blessings and all the good we have received but also we must humbly acknowledge our personal and institutional faults and failings. We are always tempted back to live by law and not by faith, to put our trust in what we do rather than in what God does. By succumbing to this temptation, we fall back into fear and lose the joyful trust that God wants us to have. Like Simeon and Anna, we need to always look beyond our limitations to the gracious love and freedom of God, who gives grace upon grace. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Susan Dove (4<sup>th</sup>), Anthony Patrick Everett (5<sup>th</sup>), Doris Horgan (7<sup>th</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. the next one will be: 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:** Ernest Spencer, Kathleen Hally (2<sup>nd</sup>), Margaret Gates, Thomas Letchworth (3<sup>rd</sup>), Bernadina Maria Cooper, Gladys (Marie) Blower (5<sup>th</sup>), Lady Helen Murray-Fry (6<sup>th</sup>)

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

**Fr Quarmby's Mass times** Weekday Masses for next week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February:-10 a.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat; 8 a.m. Tuesday. The 10 a.m. Mass on Thursday will be followed with refreshments and the **CAFOD** Meeting.

**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, 4th February at 4 o'clock in the Parish Rooms.** All are most welcome to join us.

**CAFOD UPDATE MEETING:** taking place at St Anne's on Saturday, 8th February, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Everyone most welcome. Details under All Parishes or speak to Michael Janssens after Mass today.

**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)

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Michael Bingham (1<sup>st</sup>), James Noel Ormiston (2<sup>nd</sup>), Margaret Dedear, Elisa Rowell (3<sup>rd</sup>), Johanna Pearce (4<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Conway (5<sup>th</sup>), Joyce McEvoy (6<sup>th</sup>), Fr John Hickey, Rose Jackson, Christine Couling (7<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.

**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. My she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**FUND RAISING UPDATE:** We currently have 38 Pledges which will realise £84,315 after five years including Gift Aid. Building Fund Bank Account income at 24th January 2020:- Donations/Pledges - £6,752.89; Gift Aided Donations/Pledges - £16,434.70; Fundraising - £5,142.14; Living our Faith - £3,230.00; Bank Balance: £31,559.73.

**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.

**THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS:** who helped/supported our coffee/lunches last Saturday in aid of Australian Fire Fighters. You enabled us to send A\$500 to the Rural Fire Brigade Association, Queensland on behalf of the people of our parish. Our next fundraiser will be on Saturday 29th February and will be for the New Forest Disability Information Service in memory of Ros Brundrett.

## All Parishes

**MEAL & WINE TASTING EVENING 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY:** Tickets for the above event will be available after Mass @£15 per head. St Francis and St Anne's- please ring the Parish office to book. 01590 676696 or email [lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Proceeds to the OLMSJ Building Fund. Please note: There are only 30 tickets for this event and they are selling fast!

**COMING SOON- 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY- 'GO TO CHURCH WITH AN EGG'! WATCH THIS SPACE!**

**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)