

# 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

## Parish Contacts:

Parish Office: Maryhouse, 132 High Street, Lymington SO41 9AQ. Telephone: 01590 676696.

Parish Priest: Rev David Adams; Parish Administrator: Lisa Thurston. Email: lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk  
 Website: www.nfw.org.uk; Parish Blog: www.lymrcchurch.blogspot.com. Registered Charity No: 246871/2  
 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	Teresa Connolly RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass + AS	St Anne	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Yr A ( G )	Elizabeth O'Donnell RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	For Pope Francis	DMA
WED	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Ash Wednesday ( P )	For the suffering	DMA
WED	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Ash Wednesday ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	26 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	Ash Wednesday ( P )	For those who are unwell	DMA
WED	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Ash Wednesday ( P )	For Flood victims	DMA
THU	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( P )	For the bereaved	DMA
THU	27 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Reception	St Anne	Michael Montague RIP	N/A	DMA
FRI	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
FRI	28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Funeral Service	St Anne	Michael Montague RIP	N/A	DMA
SAT	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( P )	For the work of CAFOD	DMA
SAT	29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass + AS	Our Lady	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Yr A ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Yr A ( P )	Mary Boddington RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Yr A ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Yr A ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA

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

**WHOLENESS & HOLINESS** Jesus tells us: *You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect*, (Matt 5:48). The context of the words makes it clear that Jesus is talking about a perfect love which extends to everyone including enemies. In Luke's Gospel the parallel saying is re-worded to make the meaning clearer: *Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate*, (Lk 6:36). This being perfect in love is not to be understood in a negative way, that is, it is not about never putting a foot wrong. Nor is it to be trivialised as if it concerned the minutiae of life. Jesus criticised the Pharisees because they got all worked up about little things and were blind to the big issues: justice, faith & mercy. In its Greek origins the word "perfect" has the sense of completeness, wholeness & fullness. So the New Jerusalem Bible translates the verse: *'You must therefore set no bounds to your love, just as your heavenly Father sets none to his'*.

Jesus also invites us to maintain our freedom, our initiative & our dignity when the wicked force us into subservience. We are to be creative in non-violent strategies. Over the last two thousand years, apart from some saintly exceptions Christians and so called Christian nations have not been noted for non-violence. With gentle mischief Gandhi once remarked that everyone knows Jesus taught non-violence except the Christians. When we respond to violence with violence it only condemns us to become what we hate and only increases the destructive force of evil. Wounds between individuals, family members, tribes and nations are not healed but only aggravated & deepened.

This compassionate, boundless, whole and perfect love is not, of course, ours to bestow. We have to receive it first from God as beneficiaries. Then we have to surrender to the desire of Divine love to reach out to all others through us. Allowing Jesus' words & Spirit to transform our love develops and brings towards wholeness the three polarities of our existence: self, other & God. There are also three realms of human development: ego growth, soul embodiment, and spirit realisation, or we may think of mind, heart and body. Development in one area will help but cannot substitute for development in the other areas. Now we recognise the need to grow and mature in all three realms. This is growth towards wholeness. It is never completed in this life because the horizon of our soul is always expanding even as our physical frame deteriorates. So we will always be a work in progress.

We need a healed, wholesome and healthy ego to relate to others co-operatively and not competitively. We need to be at home in and with the psychic and somatic powers of our soul rooted as they are in the natural world as it and we have evolved. It is from this realm that we are, perhaps, most alienated. We fear the wildness of nature and our own interior wildness. Developing this realm is not about capitulating to base, irrational instincts. It is about integrating & reconciling the body-soul energies with the other two realms.

We need to surrender to union with the Ultimate Mystery, the Divine. This surrender can only be given in the power of the Divine love which has brought us into being, sustains & nurtures us in being and holds the future of our being. The gifts of the natural world, others & our own unique individuality mirror God to us and draw us to the Mystery. Christ is the universal mirror. In & with Christ all comes from the Father & returns to the Father. This is the paschal mystery of life, death & resurrection. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Susanne Hare, Margaret Lilian Sexton Clark (17<sup>th</sup>), Ralph Featherstone Walton (18<sup>th</sup>), Charles Patrick O'Neil McCoy (21<sup>st</sup>), Edith Beeching (22<sup>nd</sup>)

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

**A Service of Preparation and Renewal** is to be held at All Saints Church, Milford on Sunday 23rd. February at 6pm. The focus for the evening will be on The Forty Days of Lent- "Return to the Lord Your God". All are welcome.

**LADIES LUNCH:-** Tuesday 25th February 12.30pm at The Lazy Lion , High Street , Milford on Sea. There is a list of names on the notice board of all those who have said that they are attending. Can you just check if you're on it please ? There is of course still time to add your name, please do. If you have any questions call 01590 642123. Thank you. Ann Marie Atherton.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and is hosted by the Methodist church in Milford. The focus is on Reconciliation, Peace and Love. There will be a presentation about Zimbabwe at **10.30 am**, followed by the service and completed with a very sociable Soup Lunch. This takes place on **Friday 6th. March** All welcome. For further information contact Di Mussert on 01590 643994.

**March** All welcome. For further information contact Di Mussert on 01590 643994.

**A HOLOISTIC APPROACH TO THE MENOPAUSE:** Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm-8pm, Maryland Room, St Francis of Assisi Church, Milford-on-Sea. Limited places, bookings only. email: alison@carneliansoul.co.uk or ring 07709314222; donation at your discretion for church hall maintenance. A holistic event for ladies experiencing the menopause. Learn how simple yoga meditation and breathing exercises can aid. the symptoms. Tips on diet etc.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** No anniversaries this week.

**Sick and Housebound:** Please keep in your prayers: Helen Pignatelli, Edelweiss Jones, Mary & Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon and Mary Byrne.

**Parish Pub Lunch** on Tuesday, 25th February at 12 noon at the Foresters Arms, Brookley Road. All Welcome.

**Ash Wednesday** is this week, Wednesday 26th February. Mass will be at 10 o'clock as usual with the Distribution of Ashes.

**MICHAEL MONTAGUE RIP:** we were sad to hear of the sudden death of Michael. His daughter is Gerida Montague, the Executive Head of Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic school, Pennington. Michael's body will be received into St Anne's church on Thursday, 27th Feb at 4pm and his Funeral Service will be on Friday, 28th Feb at 11.00am. We pray for his wife Anne & all his family. May Michael rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**Fr Quarmby's Mass times** For next week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> February: 10 a.m. every day except Tuesday & Friday 8 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 9.00am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

**A Day of Reflection on Ash Wednesday** at St Joseph's Mission Centre, Ashurst. The day is organised by the New Forest Catenians. It will start at 10.30am with Mass and the Distribution of Ashes followed by Lenten reflections led by Fr. Des Connolly. The day will end around 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be served but please bring your own lunch. A donation of £10 per person towards the work of the Centre would be much appreciated. All welcome. Please contact Gerry Parsons 01425 291961 if you would like to come.

**NIGHT PRAYER:** (based on the office of Compline) will be held on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent at either St Saviour's or St Nicholas Church at 7pm. The first, on 4th March, is at St Nicholas Church and will have a short address by the Vicar, Rev'd Simon Newham. On 18th March, one of the sisters from St Dominic's Priory will give the address. The schedule is on the porch notice board.

**CHRISTIAN AID LENT SOUP LUNCH:** on Thursday, 5th March at 12.pm-1.30pm at St Saviour's Church Hall. See details in the porch.

**World Day of Prayer** Friday, 6th March at 2pm at St Mary's, South Baddesley. This is an annual ecumenical service and is this year prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. Always an inspirational service to attend. See poster in the porch.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** on Friday, 6th March. A short talk will be given regarding an aspect of CAFOD's current work at Mass on Sunday 1st March. Lent Parish envelopes and prayer cards will be available at this Mass.

**THE CARE FOR CREATION TEAM:** will be collecting plants and seeds until Sunday 8th March for DLSJ Catholic Primary School who have an exciting and creative plan for their outdoor area for the children to work on and enjoy. Your donations of plants and seeds, especially pollinators, will be most gratefully received. Please leave by the garage behind the church or give to Andrea Janssens direct.

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

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Philomena Elizabeth Cutler (15th), Philip Smith, Mary Josephine Walby (17th), Sarah Walsh, Dorothy Teague, Margery Thwaites (18th), Douglas Webb (19th), Julia Rosa Ermalinda 'Erma' French (20th), Michele Palmieri (21st).

**Sick and Housebound:** Gerry Heneghan, 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.

**LENT COURSE:** Our 2020 Lenten course will start on Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm in Joseph's Place. The course, '*Another Story Must Begin*', will follow the 2012 film *Les Misérables*. Please let Cathy Pickles know if you would like to take part - cathypyx@aol.com.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will be held most Fridays in Lent after the 9.30am Mass and will be led by various Parish groups. Please try and attend this Lenten devotion. On Wednesday 25th March Stations of the Cross will be led by the Confirmation group and will be at 7pm

**ROS BRUNDRETT EULOGY:** Ros' daughter has very kindly sent us a copy of the Eulogy from the Requiem Mass. Please email the office for a copy.

**TALK ON THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT:** On the 10th March 2020, at 3pm in Joseph's Place, Anne Heppenstall's husband David and an associate, are giving a talk entitled "THE LESONG SEARCH - THE R.A.R. IN MALAYA 1957". This is open to the parish and might appeal to the men in the parish as well as ladies. David Heppenstall will be donating his speaker's fee to the CALM Charity in memory of his grandson. This charity helps young men who try to commit suicide.

**PARISH LUNCH** on Wednesday 22 April 2020 at Brockenhurst College, 12 noon for 12.30pm. £20 per person. Booking forms are now available at the back of the church. Only 40 places available.

**WOOL OR YARN NEEDED:** The Knit & Stitch group are holding a sale of work in aid of the Building fund later in the year on Oct 30th. Have you any wool/yarn that you could donate for us to make up into items we could sell. Any colour or ply, even unfinished projects can be utilised. Also if you are a craftsperson could you contribute some of your work to the sale? Anything hand made. Please contact Jill Heneghan 07503682669 or jillb8man@hotmail.com

**FUND RAISING UPDATE:** We currently have 39 Pledges which will realise £84,915 after five years including Gift Aid. Building Fund Bank Account income at 20th Feb 2020:- Donations/Pledges - £6,951.89; Gift Aided Donations/Pledges - £17,364.70; Fundraising - £5,457.14; Living our Faith - £3,230.00; Bank Balance: £33,003.73.

**'GO TO CHURCH WITH AN EGG'** - This fund-raising activity is in two parts! (Stage One) It will only work if, from 29<sup>TH</sup> FEB - 29th Mar you bring an Easter egg or eggs (any size) to church & place in box provided. (Stage Two) Buy an envelope which contains a strip of raffle tickets for (£1). If any ticket ends in a 0 or 5 you will win an egg, large or small, collect on palm Sunday. P.S. Don't lose your ticket!

## All Parishes

**HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND UPDATE** – After all Masses this weekend there will be a short update on the progress to date in the application process for the Heritage Lottery Fund in respect of the Lymington Building Fund. We will be asking you to support the work we need to do to reveal and communicate all the aspects of the heritage which surrounds the Church and School in Lymington.

**CORONAVIRUS:** Following the Bishop's note in the E-News: You are requested to make a non-contact sign of peace, receive Holy Communion only in the hand, if you have flu or a cold please, or are otherwise concerned do not receive from the Chalice; and observe scrupulous hygiene re: hand cleansing etc.

**LENT COURSE:** Follow CAFOD's online Lent calendar to reflect, pray and take global justice actions throughout the season of Lent. Based on the scripture readings of the day. <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>. If you would prefer a booklet of daily prayers and reflections during Lent, the Church of England has produced one called Live Lent: Care for God's Creation. You can order it from <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/live-lent>. This course can be followed on line.