

# 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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**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:

If needed urgently  
contact Fr David at the  
parish office.

*The Week: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 - ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED*

DAY	DATE	SERVICE	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	Seventh Sunday of Easter Yr A ( W )	For the People of the Parish	DMA
MON	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	St Bede the Venerable, Mem, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	St Philip Neri, Mem, ( W )	Eileen Griffiths (Peace)	DMA
WED	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	St Augustine of Canterbury, Feast, ( W )	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THU	28 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter ( W )	NHS & Social Care Workers	DMA
FRI	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter ( W )	For our Government & their advisors	DMA
SAT	30 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter ( W )	For those working on a vaccine	DMA
SUN	31 <sup>st</sup>	Mass	Pentecost Sunday Yr A ( R )	For the People of the Parish	DMA

### RELATIONSHIP: THE REAL ISSUE

Following on from this Sunday's Gospel (in John 17:20) Jesus prays for a radical unity for those who believe in him. That is a unity rooted in the relational being of God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit, ("May they be one in us"). This unity is not a facile agreement to disagree, nor is it an imposed uniformity or conformity. It is the love that seeks to hold together, with respect and non-judgement, the whole spectrum of perspectives. It does this while at the same time inviting all to an openness of heart and mind that acknowledges and accepts difference. So the people of God are on a constant journey of discovery. This process of being led "to the fullness of truth" (John 16:13) is never a smooth path because our egos always resist surrendering the prized possession of superiority in the imagined state of "being right". Pope Francis has been trying to re-establish in the Church the structures and processes of dialogue as endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. He has called this process synodality. For the official exposition of synodality cfr: *Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church*, a document published by the Vatican Theological Commission on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 and available from the Vatican website. Its basically about giving everyone a voice, listening to all and together, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, finding a consensus, a way forward that all can accept.

The Church has always experienced tension, controversy, argument and discussion. It is there in the heart of the Hebrew & Christian scriptures. It is the wrestling with a God who is always breaking in upon our closed minds and hearts, always leading us to a fuller and more wholesome understanding and way of life. The clash of ideas and attitudes is a necessary and healthy process in the context of God's inexhaustible patience and the freedom we have been given.

It would be very unhealthy for the Church if people were afraid to express their thoughts and feelings. Dialogue and discussion are as much a human right as they are a necessity. All that God asks of us is that we respect each other & not judge one another, that we are open and honest and faithful to that part of truth that is given to us. We need to recognise that none of us has the whole picture, that truth is present on all sides. Our viewpoint is precisely that – a view from a point. There are many other points! We do not have all the answers and we do not need to have them. Thankfully we have a God who is the answer to everything. God understands even if we do not!

At work, at home, in the Church and in society, if we cannot agree on everything then we try to operate on mutually acceptable compromise. However there are some things that cannot be compromised though even here people will disagree. In the Church the one thing that cannot be compromised (as I see it!) is the "Good News" – the free gift of God's love and mercy, given to all irrespective of sex, age, race, status or any other human label that can be applied. All of us and every authority in the Church must be humble enough to accept examination by the light of God's mercy revealed in Jesus. There can be no exceptions based on power, status or vested interest. Jesus does not pray for the "world" or the "worldly" church. No one has the right to limit God's mercy. No one can claim to be acting in the name of Jesus if they exclude or scapegoat another person or group for any excuse whatsoever.

Beyond divisions of right and left, conservative and liberal is the relationship with all people that God has revealed in Jesus. The love of God and the holiness of each person in God's love can never be compromised. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Kathleen Phillips (30<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Sr Rosaleen, Josie Warren, Richard Blacklock, Daphne Jones, Colin Stack, Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday & Sean McVeigh.

**PRAYERS PLEASE:** for Louise Layne, Rosalie Mans daughter in Australia, who is suffering from cancer and needs further treatment.

**ST FRANCIS WHATSAP GROUP:** Unfortunately, the group suffered an uninvited, malicious message from a hacker who managed to acquire the access information from someone's emails. So, a new group will be started by Anthony and he will personally invite previous participants over the next few days.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Tessa Joan Nally (24<sup>th</sup>), Deacon Hilary Parsons (28<sup>th</sup>), Joseph Francis Taylor (30<sup>th</sup>)

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

**GOOD NEWS FROM HENRIETTA:** See Henrietta's message below, in All Parishes.

**RECITING THE ROSARY: at home** - at the usual time of 9.30 am on a Wednesday. This could bring us closer together in prayer with each other and with Our Blessed Lady.

**ST ANNE'S PPC:** will be meeting via ZOOM on Thursday, 28th May at 6.30pm. If anyone has any issues they want to raise please contact the Chair, Ian Holden on: ianaude@icloud.com.

**THY KINGDOM COME -ECUMENICAL INITIATIVE:** St Anne's community is invited to join in prayer with St Saviour's & St Nicholas. The prayer services will now be **on-line** at 8:30am and 5:30pm each day for a week until Friday 29 May. The format of the services will follow a simple liturgy. The services will be led by clergy and laity. For all the access details & service sheets email Ian Holden on: ianaude@icloud.com.

**100 CIUB:** The numbers for April and May were drawn simultaneously this week. Paul Shearer was the lucky winner for April and won £30; Andrea Janssens won £30 for May. Well done both! This completes a year for the 100 Club but as it is logistically not possible to collect the money from everyone to start again in June, we will restart when the church opens again for services. (Our thanks to Anne & Bill for making this happen & helping to raise funds for the church.

**Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME**

## All Parishes

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE: [www.nfwp.org.uk](http://www.nfwp.org.uk)** for more resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

**PRAYERS PLEASE:** for Louise Layne, Rosalie Mans' (Milford) daughter in Australia, who is suffering from cancer and needs further treatment. Louise has a young family who need their Mum.

**GOOD NEWS FROM HENRIETTA:** "Dear Father, I'm delighted to be able to tell you that Eva and her Mum are home. The two sisters are thrilled to be together again and are the closest the parents have ever seen them. Much rest is needed but 'pacing' is not in a child's vocabulary! Thank you, to all those I know and the many I have not met. I will pray particularly for you all through tomorrow's Rosary and Mass with gratitude and that you and yours keep healthy. If any among you are not well, I ask the Patrons of each parish to watch over you. My family send their appreciation with mine, God Bless, Henrietta."

**RE- REOPENING CHURCHES:** The plans for reopening the churches are with the Bishop in consultation with the Clergy. The Diocese has to be compliant with Government guidelines. As instructed by Bishop Philip, we are waiting to see the final draft of the guidelines before we can consider opening any of our churches.

When the final draft is submitted by the Bishop, Linda, as our 3 parishes H&S co-ordinator & myself have been asked to do the risk assessments of all 3 churches and work out the possibilities which will be, of course, different for each of our churches.

Therefore, as the person legally liable for the safety of my parishioners I must insist that nothing is done without my express permission.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Bridie Heneghan (25<sup>th</sup>), Donald Paul Wilson (27<sup>th</sup>), Ann Patricia Hooker, Mary Ellen Kyte (28<sup>th</sup>), Catherine Ann Lowe (29<sup>th</sup>).

**Sick and Housebound:** Eileen Griffiths, Sr Rosaleen, 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.

**PRAYERS FOR EILEEN GRIFFITHS:** Please continue to keep Eileen in your prayers as she is now on end of life care.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** so far we have 42 5yr pledges yielding £88.8K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 21/05/20: £37,553.59. Included in this is £246.86 raised from "Give as you live" - see below. Thank you to all of you who are continuing to donate in different ways. Contact the parish office if you need help with this.

**EASTER EGG RAFFLE:** Thank you for taking part. It has raised **£166** for the Building Fund. Sorry about the delay in getting your eggs to you. Some Easter eggs were stored in one house, some in another. With the lockdown this made it difficult to bring all eggs together until recently. There are a lot of eggs still to be collected. **If you have winning tickets from the Easter Egg Raffle -ending in a 5 or a 0 -could you let us know A.S.A.P. Closing date for the claiming of winning eggs midnight on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. Any unclaimed eggs will be given to the Food Bank.** Either email [lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or ring the parish office on 01590 676696 with the following information:

your name

the colour of your ticket

the number on your ticket

the smaller reference numbers on your ticket.

Then the **Easter Bunny** will hop round and deliver them to your doorstep. After several weeks in lockdown everyone needs a chocolate boost!

**DO YOU ORDER GOODS FROM THE INTERNET?** If so, you could earn some free money for our building fund! It is very simple: go to **giveasyoulive.com** to register. Sign up for free. Choose the charity: **Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph church**, Click -support us. Enter your details to create an account. Each time you shop online a box will appear in the right hand corner asking if you would like to earn money on that transaction. Follow the instruction. Bingo! Free money! It does not cost you anything. **The money earned for each transaction goes straight to our building fund account.**

## All Parishes

**PRAYERS PLEASE:** for Eileen Griffiths who, at the time of writing, is receiving end of life care in SGH and being lovingly supported by her two daughters Jacks & Colette and the hospital chaplain, Fr Joe McNerney.

**NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION:** for this weekend of **23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May**, for the **Catholic Communications Network**. The funds help the Bishops of England & Wales to communicate the Gospel message via the many different media outlets. Please put your contribution aside until later or send a cheque to the parish office clearly stating what the money is for & making the cheque payable to either: **PRCDTR-LYMINGTON-OUR LADY** or **PRCDTR-MILFORD -ST FRANCIS** or **PRCDTR-BROCKENHURST-STANNE**.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISHES:** For many of you this crisis will involve financial hardship and I do understand that. But, this crisis will also significantly affect the upkeep of our parishes. I'd like to **thank those who are continuing to contribute** by Standing Order or Direct debit. For those who use the envelope scheme or give cash each Sunday, perhaps you will consider setting aside an amount each week that you can afford. You could put the contribution in a marked envelope and keep it until such a time when it can be handed in. If you wish to contribute by Standing Order or Direct Debit instead please contact the parish office.

**MASSES ON THE INTERNET:** You can find many daily Masses from different Catholic parishes available on the internet. Go to [www.churchestv.com](http://www.churchestv.com); [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv); [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)

**Also here: <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online>. For Sunday Mass with Fr Denis McBride, Redemptorist scholar**

**POPE FRANCIS – HIS PRAYERS & WORDS:** Just follow the link below for these resources. This could well be already on our website (such a lot happening that one loses track!) <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-04/downloadable-publication-popes-prayers-homilies-now-available.html>