

# 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:

By appointment only -  
contact Fr David at the  
parish office.

### The Week: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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| SUN | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Our Lady   | Mass | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G ) | For the People of the Parishes | DMA |
| MON | 20 <sup>th</sup> | N/A     | N/A        | Mass | 16 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )     | as per celebrant               | PWR |
| TUE | 21 <sup>st</sup> | N/A     | N/A        | Mass | 16 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )     | Rosaleen Morgan RIP            | DMA |
| WED | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | N/A     | N/A        | Mass | St Mary Magdalene, Feast, ( W )             | Brian Choules RIP              | DMA |
| THU | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | N/A     | N/A        | Mass | St Bridget of Sweden, Feast,, ( W )         | Peggy Walsh RIP Anniv F/M      | DMA |
| FRI | 24 <sup>th</sup> | N/A     | N/A        | Mass | 16 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )     | John Cocker RIP Anniv          | DMA |
| SAT | 25 <sup>th</sup> | N/A     | N/A        | Mass | St James, Feast, ( R )                      | Jacob Philipose RIP            | DMA |
| SUN | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am  | St Francis | Mass | 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G ) | For the People of the Parishes | DMA |
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**FOR SUNDAY MASS NUMBERS ARE VERY RESTRICTED**

**PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - PLEASE RING 01590-676696**

### LEAVING THE FINAL JUDGEMENT TO GOD

That demand for instant judgement, for rooting out those who have done harm in the community, for bringing the last judgement into the present tense, is something that is seriously challenged in today's scripture.

The author of Wisdom tries to answer the pressing question: why does God allow the bad to flourish? Why is God so patient and moderate with Israel's enemies? He argues that God's moderation is not a result of weakness: his justice, after all, has its source in strength. But how does God actually use this sovereign strength? The answer is that he disposes of it in favour of governing with "great lenience". So God's mercy is heaped on everyone in sight, even on traditional enemies. And in this there is a purpose:

*By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.*

The people are asked to share in the same spirit of God and act with kindness to their fellow human beings. The argument is that God's leniency will give the people of Israel the good hope that when they wrong God, they too will surely benefit from his forgiveness. This same hope is enshrined in the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The scandal of God's patience and forbearance with wrong-doers appears again in the Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to a farmer who is confronted with a serious problem: his field is alive with wheat and a poisonous weed, darnel, which can only be distinguished from the wheat when the growth is advanced.

The farmer's servants want to weed out the darnel, but the farmer tells them to leave it alone; he is worried that uprooting the weeds will endanger the wheat. He orders that no premature attempt be made to separate them. Thus both the wheat and the darnel are allowed to grow, and only at the final harvest are they separated.

The message of the parable is something that Jesus lived throughout his ministry. He reached out to all sorts of people, mixing with prostitutes, priests, crooks, scribes, politicians, children, tax-collectors. Religious separatism was something Jesus refused to advocate, making it his business to seek out and save the lost. The Pharisees, those whose very name means "the separated ones", criticised him for associating with the wrong crowd. But Jesus knew that all communities are a mixture of the good and bad, the crooked and the cracked. And further that it isn't always easy to tell which is which. In the end Jesus is the one weeded out by the authorities and thrown on to the killing fields.

The message of the parable still challenges the Church today. It is not the place of the Church to set up inquisitions, support witch hunts, organise purges to free the field for its own approved supporters. The Church is not God. As Christians we have no authority to pronounce the final judgement on anyone. The last word cannot be said about anyone until death, and then it is God's part, not ours, to say it.

(From *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

## *St Francis, Milford-on-Sea*

**Anniversaries this week:** Joan Irene Durrant (19<sup>th</sup>), Una Elsa Miles (21<sup>st</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Judith Kirke, Sr Rosaleen, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones, Colin Stack, Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday & Sean McVeigh.

**URGENT PRAYERS PLEASE:** for Sr Rosaleen, at St Dominic's Priory, Sway, unfortunately the cancer has spread. So she very much needs our prayers at this time.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** If you are attending Sunday Mass at St Francis please remember to bring any collection envelopes. There will be a basket at the back of church for collection contributions or donations.

**SUNDAY MASS AT ST FRANCIS:** Going forward Mass will be on alternate Sundays because of the limited number of stewards available. Numbers are very limited so pre-booking is essential. Please ring 01590-676696

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Edith Gertrude Fox-Pitt, Winifred Mary Nicholas (20<sup>th</sup>), Canon Timothy Dwyer (24<sup>th</sup>), Stefan Josef Kizny (25<sup>th</sup>)

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

**UNFORTUNATELY:** we cannot celebrate Sunday at St Anne's for a while because we do not have the full quota of stewards. Hopefully things will be different in a few weeks time.

**URGENT PRAYERS PLEASE:** for Sr Rosaleen, at St Dominic's Priory, Sway, unfortunately the cancer has spread. So she very much needs our prayers at this time.

**Congratulations** to Paddy and Cedric who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary last week. Wishing them every happiness from all at St Anne's.

**Best wishes** to Michael and Edelweiss who moved to Holmwood in the village last week. We wish them also every happiness in their new home from all at St Anne's.

**Please remember the work of CAFOD** and help them put our faith into action. They have a petition 'Unite against Coronavirus' which you can read and sign on their website [cafod.org/coronaviruscampaign](http://cafod.org/coronaviruscampaign). It is calling on the Prime Minister to cancel all debt owed by developing countries in 2020 and 2021 so that they can concentrate on much needed healthcare. Donations are also needed more than ever to help scale up CAFOD's response to the immense need in the poorest countries where the spread of the coronavirus continues. Donate preferably online at [cafod.org](http://cafod.org).

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

## *All Parishes*

**FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS AT SWAY:** Although we appreciate that most churches are now allowed to open if circumstances permit, we unfortunately will NOT be able to open our chapel for private prayer/worship due to the shielding of our members. Thank you for your understanding. We will continue to hold you in prayer.

**CHECK OUT:** all the Sisters are doing for teaching the faith around the Diocese, especially in the Formation for Mission programme. Go on to their website and click the APOSTOLATE tab and follow the links. There are programmes and courses you can follow on line. <https://dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/>

**PERSONAL PRAYER IN CHURCH:** Unfortunately we do not have enough stewards to continue the personal prayer times at our churches now that Sunday Masses have partially resumed.

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Mary Grant (19<sup>th</sup>), Teresa Mary Pauline Rumsey, Deirdre Ann Hooker, Elizabeth de Warrenne Waller (22<sup>nd</sup>), Esther Margaret 'Peggy' Walsh (23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Beatrice Tucker, Sr Rosaleen, Gerry Heneghan, Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

**URGENT PRAYERS PLEASE:** for Sr Rosaleen, at St Dominic's Priory, Sway, unfortunately the cancer has spread. So she very much needs our prayers at this time.

**Brian Choules RIP:** Brian died on Friday morning after a long illness. He had been lovingly cared for by Pat over the past two years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat and the family. May Brian rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 17/07/20: £42,496.75. Included in this is a further £67.60 raised from "Give as you live". Thank you to all of you who are continuing to donate in different ways. Contact the parish office if you need help with this.

**NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS:** For the foreseeable future we will not be able to provide Mass on Saturday evening. We do not have sufficient stewards. Also we would not be able to give the church a thorough clean in preparation for Mass on Sunday morning

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**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**

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

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**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>

**FROM CAFOD-PORTSMOUTH:** I'm writing to let you know that the **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**, of which CAFOD is an active member, launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal on, **Tuesday 14 July**. Sending this, I am so mindful of all the uncertainty in our parishes, and all that you are doing to adjust. We in CAFOD continue to hold you in our prayers. I wrote to you at the start of lockdown about CAFOD's response to the global pandemic - a long term, large scale response programme. Thanks to generous support from the Catholic community, we are already working across 26 countries, to prevent the virus' spread, and limit food shortages it has caused in the poorest communities. But there is so much more to be done. The needs are immense, long term, complex, and evolving, and so our response needs to be large scale, and multifaceted.

So this month, as the **DEC** raises awareness of the global situation, we are asking the Catholic community to keep those worst affected in their thoughts, prayers and where possible, their alms giving.