

# 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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**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:**

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

## *The Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020*

SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	Sal Pent RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	3 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	18 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	4 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St John Vianney, Mem, ( W )	Joan Iris Barrett RIP	DMA
WED	5 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	18 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	John Manning RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	6 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast, ( W )	Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	7 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	18 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
SAT	8 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Dominic, Mem, ( W )	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	St Francis	Mass	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	Trixie Lister RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

**NUMBERS ARE VERY RESTRICTED FOR SUNDAY MASS**

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

### **YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT**

With the death of the Baptist Jesus crosses the lake, to be alone with his disciples. However, the crowds travel the long distance around the lake to receive the wholeness that Jesus brought into their lives. The sight of their brokenness moves him.

Now the crowds must be nourished for their journey. The disciples do not see this as their responsibility. They ask Jesus to send the people off to look after themselves. But people who have been restored to wholeness by Jesus must be nourished, and he demands that his disciples see to that nourishment: "Give them something to eat yourselves" (v.16). He has been unable to take the disciples into a lonely place to instruct them, but he will instruct them by calling them to minister to a broken and needy people.

The disciples can only reply in the terms of the poverty of their possessions, but Jesus asks them to come to him with the little they have. He accepts their poverty, blesses it and gives it back to them (v.19). Jesus himself does not minister to the people; the disciples have the task of distributing the loaves to the crowd. The large number of people adds to the wonder of what has happened.

Reading this Gospel, we think immediately of the Eucharist. Jesus raises his eyes, blesses, breaks and the disciples distribute (v.19). Jesus is the one who both restores the broken to wholeness (v.14), and who nourishes them for the journey. It is not enough for Jesus to tell his people: "Go, you have been healed". He must also travel with them, nourishing them on their journey. However, it is not only Jesus who is involved in this task. He has intimately associated his disciples, and thus those of us who form the Church of today, with his life-giving mission. We are commanded to feed those in need.

Like the first disciples who preferred that the people go to the villages to look after themselves, we too shy clear of the challenge of Christian loving. This often happens because, again like the disciples in the story, we feel we have little or nothing to offer. But Jesus can take what little we have to offer, bless it, and give it back to us so that we might bring fullness to those whose lives we touch. As Jesus transforms the eucharistic bread, so he also transforms us into eucharistic people. The meal of Jesus is always open. As long as there are people looking for the gifts Jesus offers, this nourishment can never be totally consumed. But the story also tells us that Jesus wants disciples who are prepared to distribute his gifts.  
(From "This is the Gospel of The Lord" Year A by Francis J. Moloney SDB).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Francis Eric Harrison-Dearle (2<sup>nd</sup>)

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

**PPC – ZOOM MEETING:** The St Francis Parish Pastoral Council held a zoom meeting organised by Anthony Kirke on Friday evening. All the members were able to “zoom” in except Rosalie who is away. Roger Warren, Rita Ford, Di Mussert, Liz Price, Anthony & Judith Kirke, Helen Lister, Roger Maughan and Fr David took part. It was a good opportunity to re-connect with each other and share thoughts on the current situation and how best to go forward as a parish. Another PPC Zoom meeting is planned for Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

**OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ANTHONY KIRKE:** For his very generous and wise chairmanship of the PPC over a good number of years, ably supported by Judith. Anthony has handed over the Chair to Roger Maughan. Our thanks to Roger also for being willing to take this on.

**UPDATE ON SISTER ROSALEEN:** Sr Rosaleen had exploratory surgery at the Royal Marsden during this week and will now have further surgery to remove the tumour in about three weeks time. Prayers please this will be a challenging operation. She is in very good spirits despite the long journey up to London.

**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:** Paul Edward Mangin (5<sup>th</sup>), Angela Callaghan (6<sup>th</sup>), Olena Kosandiak (7<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Dunham (8<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.

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**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:** Salvatore (Sal) Gaetano Pent (2<sup>nd</sup>), Joseph Manghan (3<sup>rd</sup>), Charles Frith (4<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth Powell (5<sup>th</sup>), Henry Lang (6<sup>th</sup>), Emma Segato Barbieri (7<sup>th</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.

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**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 24/07/20: £42,571.75. 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

## All Parishes

**Local Syrian family face becoming homeless:** The Syrian family of six who we helped to settle happily into Lymington, are now very anxious as they are facing having to move out because their landlord needs their bungalow back. Finding an alternative for them which they can afford is not proving easy. They are on benefits but can afford a reasonable rent. They will also have a very good reference from their present landlord, having kept their accommodation and garden in excellent condition and paid their rent on time. Benefactors are prepared to provide surety. Have you any ideas or contacts which might be able to help them find somewhere? Please phone 01590 645521.

**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.

**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.

**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**. 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.