

# 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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**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: 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020*

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
MON	10 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Laurence, Feast, ( R )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	11 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Clare, Mem, ( W )	Seymour England RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	12 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	19 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	Brenda Long (Blessings)	DMA
THU	13 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	19 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	14 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Maximilian Kolbe, Mem, ( R )	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	15 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	19 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	Assumption of Bl. Virgin Mary, Sol, ( W )	Christian Clapham RIP	DMA

**NUMBERS ARE VERY RESTRICTED FOR SUNDAY MASS**

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

### **TRUSTING THAT GOD IS WITH US IN STORMY TIMES**

In today's Gospel two things are going on simultaneously. As the disciples set off across the lake, Jesus goes up on the mountain to pray (v.23). The biblical idea is of Jesus ascending the mountain, a traditional place for contact with God. In prayer, Jesus returns to the source of all that he is and does.

But while Jesus is in close contact with God the crossing of the lake becomes a conflict, a battle with a heavy sea. Jesus leaves the union of prayer with God to join his struggling disciples. Yet, despite their need for him, his presence strikes fear into their hearts as they cry out, "It is a ghost" (v.26).

Jesus reveals himself to them in a formula, which has a long history in the Bible: "It is I" (v.27). From Moses' encounter with the burning bush (see Ex 3:14), down to the conflicts of the prophets with the false gods introduced into Israel (see Is 43:10; 45:18), this formula was used to speak of the presence of the true God to his people: "It is I". Equally important to moments when God or the Angel of God speaks to his people are the words of encouragement: "Do not be afraid".

Peter's response is typical. At first he is prepared to take a risk upon the word of Jesus. If it is Jesus, he will only have to call him across the water, and he will come (v.28). At first he places his trust in the Lord, but then succumbs to the pressures of the storm around him. However, in this situation he calls on the help of the Lord, and Jesus holds him and keeps him safe (vv.30 -31). In Peter's situation of little faith and doubt, his Lord has stood by him. So it is with all the disciples in the boat. Jesus and Peter get into the boat, the wind drops and all confess: "Truly, you are the Son of God" (v.33).

In the experience of the disciples and Peter we find reflected the experience of every Christian. We often begin with the great courage, which only faith can give us, but such courage of faith dwindles when wind and wave assail it. In this situation we remain ultimately dependent upon the gracious help of our Lord. Without Jesus we can make no headway. Jesus is the one who is close to God, who unfailingly looks to him for guidance and strength, while we go on with the everyday things in our lives, never giving our God a thought. Yet, when difficulties come God is there, coming out of the darkness into our lives. But even then our faith can falter. He sometimes asks us to do strange things: to jump out of the boat into the stormy water. Encouragingly, Peter's story – and the story of disciples who thought Jesus was only a ghost – tells us it is to those of little faith that Jesus still comes, holding us close and leading us into safety and peace which only he can give.

(From "This is the Gospel of the Lord" Year A, by Francis J. Moloney).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Marjorie Dora McCoy, Mary Beatrice Lister (9<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Mary King, Rosemary Howard (14<sup>th</sup>), Stephen Sheridan, Audrey Streatfield (15<sup>th</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 two 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:** Herminius Bocchese – (Italian P.O.W. Camp Setley (9<sup>th</sup>), Richard Wallace Last (10<sup>th</sup>), Canon William Murphy (11<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:** Patricia Myers, Charles Moverley (9<sup>th</sup>), Emily Halligan (10<sup>th</sup>), Julia Otton, Violet Loader, Monique Magdalene James (14<sup>th</sup>), Samantha Isabelle Cashen (15<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Caite Healy, 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.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY & THEIR FAMILIES:** John Alan Rutter RIP; Caroline Lee RIP & Norah Gates RIP. May they rest in peace and rise in glory

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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 07/08/20: £43,531.75. Included in this is a total £316.22 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

**BOOKINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS:** A reminder that it is obligatory to wear a face mask if you are coming to Mass. Obviously, these can be temporarily removed to receive Holy Communion. Next Sunday, 16th August there is only Mass at Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington, at 10.30am. The car park & the toilets remain closed.

**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.

**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>