

# 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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## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

## *The Week: 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 - 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020*

SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	St Francis	Mass	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	24 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Bartholomew, Feast, ( R )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	25 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	21 <sup>st</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	or Staff & Students in Education	DMA
WED	26 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	21 <sup>st</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	For Basics Bank Volunteers	DMA
THU	27 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Monica, Mem, ( W )	Caroline Lee & Norah Gates RIP	DMA
FRI	28 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Augustine of Hippo, Mem, ( W )	Winifred Denise Brand RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	29 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	The Passion of St John the Baptist, Mem, ( R )	Pat Mate RIP	DMA
SUN	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	22 <sup>nd</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**

### REFLECTIONS ON AUTHORITY & LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

Any short extract of literature needs to be understood in context. In fact, taking things out of context can lead to great misunderstandings and distortions. (*This certainly applies to the short extract from Romans 11:33-36 for this Sunday. The preceding verses 25-32 point to the mystery & paradox of God's mercy: 'God has imprisoned all human beings in their disobedience to show mercy to all' v32).*

So "You are Peter & on this rock..." (Matt 16:18) needs to be understood alongside Matt 16:23 where Jesus says to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things". So, Peter is gifted by the Father's revelation but at the same time remains a frail human being subject to weakness & worldly thinking. So, church leaders may or may not be open to God's inspiration but they will always be "earthen vessels" prone to frailty.

In this Sunday's Gospel passage we read that the keys of the kingdom of heaven are given to Peter, with power to "bind & loose". However, we need to understand these words in the light of other passages where Jesus gives a similar authority to all the disciples (Matt 18:18).

Also, we must consider Matt. 23:8-12: *But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.*

And in Mark's Gospel (Mk 10:41-45) Jesus says how authority is to be exercised: When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

St Peter himself wrote: (1 Peter 5: 1-3) I exhort the elders among you .... Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.

A healthy church community is one in which everyone is respected, listened to, has a part to play, and is able to co-operate and collaborate. A healthy community is one where God's love is the supreme law, where each is responsible for and accountable to the other. A healthy community needs leadership that nurtures the gifts of the Holy Spirit working "in all sorts of different ways, in different people" (1 Cor 12:6).

Pope Francis has been trying to re-balance how authority is exercised in the Church by exposing clericalism and re-introducing dialogue, collaboration and subsidiarity. However, there has been little progress, if any, on the inclusion of women in the leadership of the Church. A few token gestures have made recently but much more needs to be done to exorcise the demons of patriarchy and misogyny. For the vast majority of young people today this is one of the major scandals which diminishes the light of Christ in the Church. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Kazimiras Kevelaitis (28<sup>th</sup>), Frederick Harbury (29<sup>th</sup>)

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

**PRAYERS PLEASE:** for Sean McVeigh who is very poorly in Bournemouth Hospital.

**ANNE SHOTTER RIP:** Anne used to be a parishioner at St Francis. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**HELP for SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY:** The Al Rahmoun family which we have been helping has had to move to a council rented house in Fordingbridge. **They desperately need curtains and carpets.** We would be pleased to welcome any spare you may have or cash to buy them with. If you are able to contribute please phone Anthony, 01590-645521.

**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

**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.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** William Henry Jackson (25<sup>th</sup>), James Patrick McCabe (27<sup>th</sup>), Eirlys Mary Aiano (28<sup>th</sup>)

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

**CAFOD:** We have now got total for the Lent CAFOD collection of £199. Thank you everybody for all your efforts. (And thanks to Michael Janssens, our CAFOD rep at St Anne's)

**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 when we are able to establish a rota for stewards.

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

## All Parishes

**Diocesan Course for Catechists, Children's Liturgy Leaders, and for everyone keen to pass on the faith to others, in 5 sessions.** The sessions will be from 3.30 pm until 5.00 pm and will take place on Thursdays 27th August, 3rd September, 10th September, 17th September, and 24th September. A certificate will be issued on completion of the 5 sessions. The course is free, and open to everyone. It will be led by Sr Hyacinthe. Here is the link to register for the course on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZErdOuvqj8rH939R-0n1G6B6QdlnITQbt5n>

**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/>

**STUDYING THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** The priests of the Oratory who serve the parish of the Sacred Heart in Bournemouth are offering study courses for those who want to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith. This may be useful for catechists and parish co-workers. For all the details go to [www.aoa-edu.com](http://www.aoa-edu.com).

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Hilda Hayles (23<sup>rd</sup>), Anthony John Ennis (25<sup>th</sup>), Michael Duffy (26<sup>th</sup>), Dr John Stephen Bearcroft (27<sup>th</sup>), Emily Byrne (28<sup>th</sup>)

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

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

**HELP for SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY:** The Al Rahmoun family which we have been helping has had to move to a council rented house in Fordingbridge. **They desperately need curtains and carpets.** We would be pleased to welcome any spare you may have or cash to buy them with. If you are able to contribute please phone Anthony, 01590-645521.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 21/08/20: £48,633.46. Included in this is a total £343.93 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

**BOOKING A PLACE FOR MASS:** Could I ask you to book your place for Mass for OLMSJ each week rather than making a 'block booking' for several Sundays in one go. As we have limited seating available it is the fairest way of doing it and gives everyone a chance. There's nothing more disheartening than ringing on a Monday to find all the seats for the following Sunday are already booked. The same applies to St Francis, although their Mass is every other week. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September is their next Mass. I hope to be able to announce, in next Sunday's newsletter, if St Anne's will have a Mass on the 6<sup>th</sup> September or not. I am waiting for final details from the Stewards.

If the weather permits there is a **4pm outdoor Mass on a Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton.** Father George has large, lawned grounds and he can accommodate a lot of people. You have to take your own garden chair with you though. Obviously if the weather is bad the Mass won't take place. As we approach Autumn I'm not sure how long Fr George will be able to offer this.

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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.

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

**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.

**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>