

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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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: 20th September 2020 - 27th September 2020

SUN	20 th	9.00am	St Francis	Mass	25 th Sunday of the Year A (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	20 th	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	25 th Sunday of the Year A (G)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	20 th	6.00pm	St Anne	Mass	25 th Sunday of the Year A (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	21 st	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Matthew, Feast, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	22 nd	N/A	St Francis	Mass	Requiem Mass	Sean McVeigh RIP	DMA
WED	23 rd	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Pio of Pietrelcina, Mem, (W)	Nick Filbee RIP	DMA
THU	24 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	Our Lady of Walsingham, Mem, (W)	Rita Evans RIP	DMA
FRI	25 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	25 th Week of the Year (G)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	26 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	25 th Week of the Year (G)	For health care workers	DMA
SUN	27 th	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	26 th 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

THE FIRST AND THE LAST: One way of responding to the teaching of Jesus is to take a Gospel passage and identify with each of the main characters in the parable or story. Then one needs to recognise one's feeling and reactions. It is called "owning our biases". We all approach the Gospel with preconceived ideas and basic assumptions about life. This is just the way we are and it's not a matter for guilt or blame. We can however take responsibility for ourselves which opens the way to seeing things in a new light and responding in a different way. Jesus is always challenging our basic assumptions about self, others, the world, what is good and bad and what is worth striving for. If we want a relationship with God now and if we hope for that relationship to endure for eternal life then we must continue the effort to get on God's wavelength. Thankfully God will do all the hard work if we let her.

Take this Sunday's Gospel. There are three main characters, the landowner, the labourers hired first and the labourers hired last. We need to stand "in the shoes" of these different people and experience what it feels like. Then we can ask ourselves why we think and feel the way we do.

Some years ago, when I was in South Africa I noticed that in certain places in the towns labourers and craftsmen would stand around waiting to be hired by contractors. Imagine if you have a family to feed or if one of your children is sick. You don't have regular job & therefore no regular wage.

You have to depend on others to hire you. Then when you have been hired and have worked hard all day long you get the same money as someone who has only worked a few hours. How does that make you feel? What are the expectations of justice and fairness? What if you are a trade union representative?

Now put yourself in the shoes of a labourer hired last. You have been waiting for most of the day. You are getting more and more depressed and worried. Will you get enough money to live on? Will you have to work on into the night? How will you feel having to go home to the family with only a little money, not enough to pay the bills and buy food? How will you feel when you are paid the same as those who have worked all day? You receive something you didn't earn or deserve. The gift comes from the sheer benevolence of the landowner. How does that feel? Would you feel more secure if you had earned the wages?

Now put yourself in the position of the landowner. It is your land, your money and you control the work. Would you pay the labourers the same? Would you think about their personal circumstances? Would you be influenced by the objections of other people?

If the landowner represents God it means that God looks to the needs of each person. It means that God gives according to God's own goodness. God is free to do as she sees fit with her gifts. As God is loving to us all we have no reason to complain. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Ellen Margaret Caffyn (21st), Rodney Michael King (23rd), Charles Victor Freeman (26th)

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

SEAN McVEIGH RIP: The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Francis on Tuesday, 22nd September at 11am. Due to the restriction in seating required by social distancing, the church is already at maximum capacity with Sean's family. Instead please think of Sean and pray for him and his family from your own home. Your prayers will be appreciated. I am sorry but we are not allowed to exceed the number allocated. **The two stewards on duty are Anne- Marie and Linda.** Sean's body is to be buried at Milford Road Cemetery, New Milton. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and the family.

THANKSGIVING: Sarah Bell gives a thanksgiving to God on the 85th anniversary of her Baptism which was last Monday 14th September.

SUNDAY MASS AT ST FRANCIS: Going forward Mass will be on alternate Sundays because of the limited number of stewards available. The next Sunday Mass will be on 4th October at 9am. 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.

IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:

A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - MIL-ON-SEA - ST FRANCIS ASS"

A/C NUMBER: 00882772

SORT CODE: 30-93-04

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Doreen Mary Thompson (20th). Aileen Deale (22nd), Florence Skoyles, Denis John Green (26th), Anthea Hayward.

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Rosemary Sheldon, Sr Rosaleen, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon.

MARY BYRNE RIP: You'll be very sad to hear that Mary died last Sunday. In Sarah's words: "I know she is with God, as she was His faithful servant all her life". The Requiem Mass will take place at St Anne's, on Wednesday, 30th September at 2pm, followed by burial at Bolton's Bench Cemetery, Lyndhurst.

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH: We were very happy to receive Holly Holman into the Catholic Church last Thursday. Holly has been supported in her faith journey by the Sisters at St Dominic's and three sisters were able to be present with Holly, her husband and two close friends.

SUNDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S: All being well we will celebrate weekend Mass again here on Sunday, 4th October. We are grateful to the stewards who make this possible. If you wish to come to Mass at that time please book in via the Parish Office. Numbers are very restricted.

IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:

A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - BROCKENHURST - ST ANNE"

A/C NUMBER: 00875962

SORT CODE: 30-93-04

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - WALK FOR CREATION on Saturday, 10th October starting at 10 o'clock. Our Care for Creation group has joined with Eco Church at St Saviour's in organising a local prayer walk along forest paths for our combined Parishes to reflect on the gifts of creation and the mission given us by God to care for our planet and respond to its needs and crises today. Details will follow. All welcome, including dogs.

BIBLES AVAILABLE: Fr David Quarmby has a few spare Bibles if anyone would like one please contact the parish office. **Any items for the newsletter to anna@boylemellor.co.uk to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME**

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Muriel Mary Sanders (20th), Kenneth Ernest Eakins (21st), Minnie Gifford (25th)

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.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 18/09/20: £50,017.46. 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.

COLOURFUL BUNTING AT NO.132: If you've been down the High Street on a Saturday or Sunday recently you may have been wondering why Maryhouse is decorated with bunting. It is just a subtle and hopefully inoffensive way of deterring people from parking themselves on our doorstep or using our window sills to stow their drinks etc.. Social distancing has been forgotten recently by some people!

IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:

A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - LYMINGTON - OUR LADY"

A/C NUMBER: 00882225

SORT CODE: 30-93-04

All Parishes

Upcoming Special Collections: (Corrected information follows, sorry for the error:) This weekend, 20th Sept, For the Christians in the Holy Land (transferred from Good Friday); CAFOD Autumn Fast Day, 2nd October

ONLINE GIVING FOR SECOND COLLECTIONS: The Diocese is setting up an online giving facility for 2nd collections. If you wish to contribute to the welfare of Christians in the Holy Land follow this link: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-supporting-christians-in-the-holy-land-1>

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 20th September is their next Mass. The next Sunday Mass at St Anne's will be on Sunday, 20th Sept at 6pm. Please ring the parish office if you want to book a place.

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical liturgical season dedicated to prayer, reflection and celebration of God the Creator running from 1st September to 4th October. This year the theme is Jubilee for the Earth. There is a lovely Liturgy Guide which can be found at <https://ourcommonhome.org/media/docs/2020-Season-of-Creation-Liturgy-Guide-LISTEN.pdf>

CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwf.org.uk for more resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

SVP AWARENESS WEBINAR SESSIONS: 24 September "The impact of Covid on those already suffering from poverty" – Matt Padley from the Centre for Research in Social Policy in Loughborough University. **1 October** "How the Vincentian spirit is alive in these times" – Fr Paul Roche, Spiritual Advisor to the SVP. Follow this link: <https://www.svp.org.uk/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=6521&qid=603099> to attend any and all of these sessions, and if you would like to join the mailing list for future events and to get recordings and resources of those you have enjoyed, then please email: membership@svp.org.uk.