

# 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: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

SUN	11 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	12 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	28 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	13 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	28 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	14 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	28 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	For our Confirmation Candidates	DMA
THU	15 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Mem, ( W )	Noel Whelan RIP	DMA
FRI	16 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	28 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	For Our Lady & St Joseph School	DMA
SAT	17 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Ignatius of Antioch, Mem, ( R )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

### NO PUBLIC MASSES THIS WEEKEND

### FR DAVID IS REQUIRED TO SELF-ISOLATE UP TO & INCLUDING 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

#### **IMAGES OF THE BANQUET**

Isaiah's description of the banquet comes in a short section, chapters 25-27, which scholars agree to be a later interpolation into the text. Whereas most of Isaiah 1-39 is attributed to Isaiah himself, and dates from the eighth century BC, these chapters, which refer to the fall of an imperial city, are probably from the fifth century. The wonderful feast celebrates the end of history as we know it: for God will "destroy death for ever".

However, Isaiah (if I may still call the author that) is as interested in politics as he is in eschatology (the branch of theology concerned with end times); Israel's troubled and precarious existence as a tiny state, tossed and sometimes crushed between surrounding and warring empires, will finally be resolved. Their loyalty to their God will be vindicated, as he brings about their salvation. Yet Isaiah is not narrowly nationalistic. While Israel's shame in front of mightier nations will be removed, at the same time all nations will be invited to the banquet on the mountain of Jerusalem.

On the one hand, Isaiah envisages punishment for oppressive nations (the lectionary with its customary delicacy cuts the reading just before the grim fate of Moab is described).

On the other hand, the prophet proclaims a future where "the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness" (26:9) and recognise the Lord's rule.

Both Matthew and Luke make use of a version of the parable of the wedding-feast, and their different treatments of it reveal their own theological interests. In Luke, Jesus is urging the wealthy to show hospitality to the poor and the handicapped, who will not be able to repay it. He is concerned to encourage generosity to the needy and to break down social barriers. The second set of guests invited are "the poor and maimed and blind and lame", while the third are summoned from "the highways and hedgerows".

Matthew uses the parable quite differently, to continue his narrative of the conflict between Jesus and the Jewish leaders over the question of God's relation to Israel. Again he presents the story as an illustration of the kingdom of heaven. The motif reappears of the servants who are ill treated and killed, who represent the prophets. The king's revenge on their murderers is described with Matthew's usual lack of squeamishness. He is not interested in whether the second set of guests are poor or maimed (indeed, they seem to be expected to be able to afford a wedding garment).

His point is simply that the feast is now open to all-comers. Once again, the challenge is aimed at Jesus' religious opponents: the time of fulfilment is here, and the kingdom of heaven will welcome anyone who accepts the invitation, Jew and Gentile alike. (From *Priests & People*, preaching and teaching the Word by Margaret Atkins).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Mary (Molly) Kathleen Woodford (11<sup>th</sup>), Ethelfrida Davies (13<sup>th</sup>), Marjorie Leila Brown (14<sup>th</sup>), Dorothy G. Lynch, Dorothea Winifred Hamblett (15<sup>th</sup>), Muriel Felicity Davey, Kenneth John Taylor (16<sup>th</sup>), Mary Cecelia Harding (17<sup>th</sup>)

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

**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 1st November at 9am. Numbers are very limited so pre-booking is essential. Please ring 01590-676696.

**OUR THANKS:** to Helen Lister for many years of service on our Parish Pastoral Council as a valued member & participant and also for the extra service of being Minutes Secretary. Helen's competence and consistency in this role has been greatly appreciated by all the members. Helen is now stepping down from the PPC as extra commitments have come her way at this time. The PPC are very sad to lose Helen and will be exploring the best way to show their appreciation.

**THANK YOU** from Margaret McVeigh for all the cards and prayers she received from parishioners. Your support was much appreciated at this sad time.

**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:** Winifred Foster (12<sup>th</sup>), Ruby Alice Clifford (13<sup>th</sup>) Jean Gordon Brand (15<sup>th</sup>)

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

**MARY BYRNE RIP:** Sarah would like to thank everyone who was able to come to Mary's Requiem on Sept 30th. It was a lovely service despite Covid and the awful weather, and my thanks go especially to Fr David and Linda; to the stewards Madeleine and Paul and Annabelle, and to Annabelle for the breathtakingly beautiful flowers, which Mary would have loved. Also to those brave, true friends who endured the unkind elements for the burial. I was so touched by everyone's love and support. It made a huge difference.

**SUNDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S:** Mass will be on alternate Sundays. All being well we will celebrate weekend Mass again here on Sunday, 1st November. 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**

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

## All Parishes

**BACK 2 BASICS – Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** The FFM (Formation for Mission) team have created an online group input that will help all adults wanting to know more about their faith, especially parents whose children are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Our Back 2 Basics offers 6 sessions that aim explore the beautiful meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of God's infinite mercy. We will be looking at this sacrament using artworks, group activities and discussion. This online course is open to everyone: all adults, parents, grandparents and catechists. The Back2Basics Reconciliation will be presented **this November, every Monday from 7 pm to 9 pm**. We will finish each session with a time of prayer, with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. To Register for this course:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzArCuusDkuH91xaOhE8B\\_Kzvj2Q3yGpk7V](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzArCuusDkuH91xaOhE8B_Kzvj2Q3yGpk7V)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Margaret Jones (11<sup>th</sup>), William Leonard Green (13<sup>th</sup>), Madeleine Fielding-Blandford (14<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Mary Wildegger (16<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.

**100 Club 2021** - due to the ongoing Covid situation, we regret that it is necessary to suspend the 100 Club for 2021. Those members who pay subscriptions by Bank Standing Order are advised to contact their bank to cancel payment. We will be contacting all members who pay by Standing Order. All 100 Club members are thanked for their ongoing support and assured that the situation will be reviewed next year. The final draw for 2020, with star prize of £75, will take place in December.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 10/10/20: £51,342.46. 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.

**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:**

**18th October - Collection for Foreign Missions. Please go to the Diocesan website to make an online donation. Or go direct to: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)**

**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 next Mass at **St Francis, Milford-on-Sea** is on Sunday 1st November at 9am. The next Sunday Mass at **St Anne's, Brockenhurst** will be on Sunday, 1st November at 6pm. Please ring the parish office if you want to book a place.

**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.

**RELATIONSHIP SUPPORT FOR MARRIED COUPLES:** The following Catholic organisations are now offering support online:

**Retrouvaille** <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk>

A well-regarded resource, providing the couple with a safe environment within which to explore difficulties, grow in faith and restore their relationship.

**Catholic Marriage Care:** <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/how-we-help/relationship-counselling/>

**Restored Lives at Home:** <https://htb.churchsuite.co.uk/events/y7yguhtk>

For those who have experienced divorce or separation.

**FORMATION FOR MISSION:** To explore all the courses and resources available (on 1st Holy Communion; Reconciliation; Catechetics; Scripture and much more, visit:

<https://dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/apostolate/>  
See the detail for the Back 2 Basics Reconciliation Course opposite.