

# 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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**Website:** www.nfwp.org.uk; **Parish Blog:** www.lymrcchurch.blogspot.com. **Registered Charity No:** 246871/2

**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; Roger Maughan, Milford on Sea

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Vanessa Dugdale (Lym); Susan McCabe (Brock); Liz Price (Mil).

**PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator :** Linda Guilding; **Health & Safety Rep St Francis:** 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: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	The Baptism of the Lord ( W )	Paddy Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	11 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	12 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
WED	13 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Flora Weld RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
THU	14 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	15 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	16 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Hal & Eileen Box RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

**CHURCHES IN LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

### BAPTISM – CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF DIVINE COMMUNION

Unity is not the same as uniformity. Unity, in fact, is the reconciliation of differences, and those differences must be maintained--and yet overcome! You must actually distinguish things and separate them before you can spiritually unite them, usually at cost to yourself (Ephesians 2:14-16), which is perhaps why so few go there. If only we had made that simple distinction between uniformity and true unity, so many problems--and overemphasized, separate identities--could have moved to a much higher level of love and service.

Paul already made this universal principle very clear in several of his letters. For example, *"There is a variety of gifts, but it is always the same Spirit. There are all sorts of service to be done, but always the same Lord, working in all sorts of different ways in different people. It is the same God working in all of them"* (1 Corinthians 12:4-6). We see this beautiful diversity and yet unity in the universe--from Latin, unus + versus, "to turn around one thing."

We are not seeking some naïve "everything is one"; rather, we seek much more: the hard fought and much deeper *"unity of the Spirit which was given us all to drink"* (1 Corinthians 12:13). Here we must study, pray, wait, reconcile, and work to achieve true unity--not an absurd and boring uniformity, which is rather undesirable except by marching armies.

The deeper unity we seek and work for is described by Julian of Norwich when she writes, *"The love of God creates in us such a oneing that when it is truly seen, no person can separate themselves from another person"* (Showings, 65), or any other creature, I would add

This is something that we can enjoy originally at primal and then deeper levels of consciousness. Children already enjoy this unity at a pre-rational level, and mystics later enjoy it consciously at a trans-rational and universal level.

So what we might now call deep ecumenism is not some 21st century glib assertion. It is not classic pantheism or unfounded New Age optimism. It is in fact the whole method, energy, and final goal by which God is indeed ushering in an ever recurring "new age" (Matthew 19:28) that some allow themselves to enjoy pre-emptively ahead of time! That is a very good name for enlightenment or salvation.

You see, we are already one, but most people just don't know it yet. Jesus' final prayer is that we can consciously know and live this radical union now (John 17:21-26). Such a daring assertion of primal unity between God and all creation is at the heart of the perennial tradition, and the only grounding for any true and lasting humanism. (Secular humanists try to ground our common dignity in our rationality, but then it does not apply to children, the senile, the mentally ill--any we decide who are not "rational.")

Christian humanism grounds our dignity in our common divine DNA and thus makes it untouchable and inclusive of all! Our job is not to discover this, but only to retrieve what has already been discovered--and rediscovered--again and again, in the mystics, prophets, and saints of all religions. Until then we are all lost in separation--while grace and necessary suffering gradually *"fill in every valley and level every mountain"* to make a *"straight highway to God"* (Isaiah 40:4.3). (from the writings of Fr Richard Rohr OFM)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Catherine Frances Webdale (11<sup>th</sup>), Stanley Henry Barlow, Joan Helen Hennes (12<sup>th</sup>), Vincent Joddrell, Michael Joseph Connaughton (13<sup>th</sup>), Laura Sarah O'Sullivan, Lincoln MacDonald Chateau, Paul Alexander Langford (15<sup>th</sup>), Regina Barbara Frank (16<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Sr Rosaleen, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones, Joan Lloyd, Sarah Bell. (Note: Our Pastoral Council agreed that people should be taken off the sick list after they have been on it a month unless they or someone asks for them to stay on it.)

**SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE:** for John Boocock who has suffered a stroke but is now home being looked after by Kate with support from Lymington Hospital Stroke unit.

**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**

**Contact Eva Gaskin on 01590-643199 if you need any help.**

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Laura Bartram, Patrick Whelan (10<sup>th</sup>), Helen Beatrice Margaret Mary Parsons (11<sup>th</sup>), Percy Edward Charles (13<sup>th</sup>)

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

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR:** (from Ian Holden, Chair St Anne's PPC) In light of the current lockdown and the fact that we are not able to attend mass as we used to do, I thought it may of interest to let you and other parishioners know of a new podcast that has just been launched by Ascension Press, a Catholic media organisation based in the US. (See All Parishes section for full details)

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

**A/C NUMBER: 00875962**

**SORT CODE: 30-93-04**

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

## All Parishes

**CLOSURE OF OUR CHURCHES:** Very reluctantly I have taken the decision to close our churches until further notice. As parish priest I have sole responsibility for the safety of all who use our places of worship and I take sole responsibility for this decision. The current Tier 4 guidelines allow places of worship to remain open for communal celebration. However if you examine these guidelines you will notice significant inconsistencies. Also the increased transmissibility of the new variant COVID virus casts doubt on the effectiveness of existing measures. Added to this we are all aware of the extreme pressures experienced by the NHS and by our critical care wards in particular. We must not risk more serious cases nor must we be indifferent to the very difficult situation that our doctors, nurses and other hospital staff are going through.

We know that the roll-out of the vaccination programme will make a significant difference. We have much to be thankful for. Having come this far in the struggle with this virus we must not falter at the last hurdle. Patience, calmness, responsible behaviour, support for those in need and trust in God will see us through.

We thank God our Father for the creative power of the Divine Word present in all people and all creation and most evident in the love, compassion, courage, ingenuity and selfless endeavour of all those who are striving to alleviate suffering, ignorance and oppression. (DMA)

**CLOSURES AROUND THE DIOCESE & THE LOCAL AREA:** Clergy at St Edmund's, Southampton had to self-isolate over New Year because a member of the choir tested positive. The parish priest of Fareham is currently self-isolating because a person attending a weekday Mass has tested positive. Fr Danny at Bracknell & the parish priests of Sandhurst & Crowthorne have closed their churches. In Eastleigh, Southampton, two priests have tested positive and the six churches they served have had to close. More locally, Church of England parishes: St Thomas's Lymington, St Mark's, Pennington, All Saints, Milford-on-Sea, All Saints, Fawley & Langley have now closed with respect to in church services. (source: clergy grapevine)

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Anne Frogley, Harold (Roy) Cozens (10<sup>th</sup>), Catherine (Kit) Webdale (11<sup>th</sup>), Charles Ireland (12<sup>th</sup>), Flora Isdell (13<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth McCartan, Hermione Nora Alcock, Sonny Andrews (14<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Bryan (15<sup>th</sup>), Charles Edward Brown (16<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Suzanna Wright, Eddie Hughes, Rita Barrett, 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.

**CHRISTOPHER BARKER RIP:** Chris died suddenly on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> aged 71yrs. His Funeral Service will take place at Test Valley Crematorium. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gill and the family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in Bank as at 08/01/21: £58,695.09.

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** If you are not doing so already, please consider supporting the parish with a regular standing order. Parish Standing Order Forms are available from the Parish office.

Donations to the church can also be given by cash, cheque or bank transfer, details below:-

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

**A/C NUMBER: 00882225 SORT CODE: 30-93-04**

(Please reference: DONATION)

Pledge Forms are still available if you wish to support the **Building Fund**.

You may also **Gift Aid** your donations if you let us know.

## All Parishes

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE:** [www.nfwp.org.uk](http://www.nfwp.org.uk) for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

**FOR ONLINE DONATIONS TO BASICS BANK:** follow the link below: <https://localgiving.org/appeal/BasicsBankChristmas/>

**DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:** Collection for the Cathedral on the weekend Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>. The best way to contribute is to go to the Diocesan website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) & click the donate button or follow the links.

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<https://ascensionpress.com>

The website has further information about the podcast and reading plan. The podcast can be downloaded from wherever you normally download podcasts. Although there will be a new episode released every day of 2021, you can start it at any time. I have just started and looks as though it will be a useful tool to encourage Catholics to read and engage with the Bible. January looks as though it is going to be a challenging month, but this time can be an opportunity for us too and I am going to try my best to listen to the podcast as often as I can so i can follow it over 2021.

**Deepening our Awareness of God** - 10-week course offering experiences of different ways of praying, reflecting and listening, fostering the connection between life and prayer, based on the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Starts Thursday 14th January, 7:30pm on Zoom. For further information contact: Deacon Roger and Jackie Carr-Jones - [deaconrogercarrjones@gmail.com](mailto:deaconrogercarrjones@gmail.com), 07948516854.