

# 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  
Park Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 OPT

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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; 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: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	25 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	The Conversion of St Paul, Feast ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	26 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Ss Timothy & Titus, Mem ( W )	Christopher Barker RIP	DMA
WED	27 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	For those who are unwell	DMA
THU	28 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Thomas Aquinas, Mem, ( W )	Kathleen Dorothy Haywood RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	29 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Maureen Dyer RIP	DMA
SAT	30 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Pat Mate RIP	DMA
SUN	31 <sup>st</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

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

### JESUS' ALTERNATIVE REALITY

I am told that there are three kinds of cultures in the Western world today, each with its own "bottom line": political cultures based on the manipulation of power, economic cultures based on the manipulation of money, and religious cultures based on the manipulation of some theory about God.

These three cultures are based on different forms of violence, although it is usually denied by most participants and hidden from the superficial observer. Evil gains its power from disguise. Jesus undid the mask of disguise and revealed that our true loyalty was seldom really to God, but to power, money, and group belonging. (In fact, religion is often the easiest place to hide from God.)

Jesus announced, lived, and inaugurated a new social order, an alternative to violence, exclusion, and separation. Jesus went so far as to promise us this alternate reality. It is no fantastical utopia, but a very real and achievable peace—by the grace of God. He called it the *Reign or Kingdom of God*. It is the subject of his inaugural address (Luke 4:14-30) [1], his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), and most of his parables. Indeed, it is the

guiding image of Jesus' entire ministry. Most Christians glibly recite "Thy kingdom come," but this means almost nothing until and unless they also say, "My kingdom go."

Challenging the status quo is unpopular. Jesus was killed for opposing the religious and political powers of his time. "It is better for one man to die for the people" (John 18:14) than to question the bottom line that is holding the whole system together.

When Christians accept that Jesus was killed for the same reason that people have been killed in all of human history (rather than because he walked around saying "I am God"), we will have turned an important corner on our quest for the historical Jesus. He was rejected because of his worldview much more than his God-view. Yet these two are intrinsically connected.

This now and not-yet Reign of God is the foundation for our personal hope and our cosmic optimism, but it is also the source of our deepest alienation from the world as it is. We are strangers and nomads on this earth (see Hebrews 11:13). Our task is to learn how to live in both worlds until they become one—at least in us.

*(Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Thursday, January 18, 2018)*

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Thomas James Lawrence Hardy (25<sup>th</sup>), Vincent Richard Harris (26<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Mary Davies (31<sup>st</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** John Boocock, 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.

**WELCOME TO THE NEW VICAR OF ALL SAINTS:** Our parish extends a very warm welcome to Rev Natasha Anderson who hopes to take up her appointment by Easter. We look forward to working together in the service of the Gospel.

**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.**  
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## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Bridget Walsh, Mary (May) Hart Norton (24<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth Cutler, Celestin Charles Barnes (25<sup>th</sup>), Guido Jellousheg (26<sup>th</sup>), William Moppett (27<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Hayward, Violet (Vicky) Chell, Tyler Dean (28<sup>th</sup>), Arthur Smith, Mary (Maura) Grainer McHale (29<sup>th</sup>)

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

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 22/01/21: £58,894.09.

**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.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or would like to discuss how best to proceed.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Mona Fraser (24<sup>th</sup>), Mavis Menzies, Mary Josephine Gould (26<sup>th</sup>), Joan Towell, Noel Paul Emblem (27<sup>th</sup>)

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

**FROM FR DAVID QUARMBY:** *Following the splendid article last week "THE BIBLE IN A YEAR" which might be a little too heavy going for some of us, a possible alternative could be to ponder a few verses from the daily Readings in the Mass Lectionary and Divine Office.e.g. For this Second Week in Ordinary Time we are encouraged to look carefully at: 1 Samuel 3, 1 Corinthians 6, John 1 vv.35-42; Deuteronomy - sections from chapters 1,4,6,7,9,10,16; Hebrews chapters 5-9; Mark's Gospel chapters 2-3; The Book of Psalms is always in use and could be dipped into any time. It is not the amount we read as the time spent in pondering the Word of the Lord that is really valuable.*

**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**

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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

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE:** [www.nfwf.org.uk](http://www.nfwf.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: CATHEDRAL COLLECTION:** Due to the lockdown and restrictions being imposed on many people travelling, a 'Give as you Live' page has also been created to enable you to donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal>

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: "GO AND DO" 18<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021:** Each day during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christian Aid has provided a starting point, reflection, questions and a prayer based on the theme. Here you can turn your reflections into action with our Go and Do points. This resource is hugely thought provoking and well worth reading. You can find this at Churches Together in Britain and Ireland [www.ctbi.org.uk/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/)

**MESSAGE FROM FR PETER RYAN:** Once again may I offer my thanks to those of you who so kindly send me appropriate greetings or gifts sometimes both for Christmas. As I have explained in previous years it is not always possible for me to thank people individually - so if you have not heard from me please accept this less personal but no less genuine offer of my thanks. This last year has been very difficult and I have missed all the contact I have had for so many years with parishioners through my helping out in the three parishes - such contacts have always been a great blessing my life. My warmest good wishes to all of you for 2021 - let's hope it will be a better year.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our parishioners who are suffering from Covid; and for my brother priests & deacons who have caught the virus from members of their congregations who subsequently have tested positive and who had inadvertently passed the virus on; also for the priests who are isolating because members of their congregation have tested positive; for parish congregations which are depleted because of Covid; and finally, for all the priests who are torn between keeping their churches open at this time and keeping their congregations safe.

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT A REWARDING CAREER IN TEACHING?** Would you like to train in a Catholic ethos of education? An online Primary Catholic Partnership Information Session can give you the opportunity to learn all you need to know about teacher training and how to apply. **Who is this event for?** Our event is for anyone who has a degree and is interested in teaching - particularly those who are considering starting their initial teacher training in **September 2021**. It offers a great opportunity to get all your questions about teaching and teacher training answered. **When:** We have sessions scheduled for **28<sup>th</sup> January (1-2pm)** and **4<sup>th</sup> March (5.30-6.30pm)**. More dates will be added soon, so please visit our website for the latest information. **How to register** Our information sessions are held online. Please use the link below for session dates, times and to register your place. <http://www.pcp-scitt.org.uk/home/teacher-training-information-events/>

**About PCP SCITT:** Primary Catholic Partnership is a SCITT (School-Based Initial Teacher Training) and has been training teachers for nearly 20 years. We work with schools to offer training places across the Portsmouth Diocese, including Portsmouth, Southampton, Bournemouth and Basingstoke.

**FROM BISHOP PHILIP:** Our main purpose as Christians must be to pray for a speedy end to the crisis. We pray for the sick and for heroes, and for the safety of all. Indeed, to this end, on **Thursday nights over the next weeks of lockdown, from 7.30 til 8.30, I'd like to invite you to join me and the Cathedral clergy online for an Hour of Prayer and Praise for these intentions.** You can join us this Thursday by the Cathedral live-stream <https://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/live-mass.php> to pray for all our intentions, for our safety, for our Diocese, for the sick and for resolution of the crisis.

## All Parishes

**LIVING LAUDATO SI': YOUR PARISH AND YOUR PLANET:** a Zoom Retreat/Conference, **22nd-25th January 2021**. It is a long weekend of talks and discussions on zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of **Laudato Si'** in and through your parish. Any interested parishioner is most welcome to join. The weekend is aimed especially at people with parish responsibilities or who are part of or want to start a relevant parish group.

Sessions will be on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday night (leaving people free during the day on Monday).

It is organised by Sr Margaret Atkins, an Augustinian Canoness at Boarbank Hall in Cumbria, a teacher of philosophy and theology, with a lifelong interest in the natural world, and author of *Catholics and Our Common Home: Caring for the Planet in a Time of Crisis (CTS)*. **Bishop Philip will be speaking at the Concluding Session on Monday evening 25th January at 7.30 pm.** Cost - voluntary donations gratefully accepted, but there will be no fee for the weekend. To apply, simply email Sr Margaret Atkins on [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk).