

# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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St Anne  
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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: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021 - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	22 <sup>nd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	The Chair of St Peter, Feast, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	23 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Elizabeth O'Donnell RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	24 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Cathy Pickles RIP (AW)	DMA
THU	25 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Greg Lawson (Ints)	DMA
FRI	26 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Thomas Joseph Lyons RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	27 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	28 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

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

### Wild Beasts and Angels

Immediately after Jesus hears the words from heaven": "You are my son, the beloved, with you I am well pleased", he is driven by the Spirit into the wilderness. This will be a time of testing, of focusing and new strength.

This experience of Jesus symbolically connects with the calling of the Israelite people and their journey into the desert towards the Promised Land. It also links with the spiritual advice of Scripture: *My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for testing* (Sirach 2:1).

The Spirit drives Jesus out because it is imperative that he recognises, confronts and disarms the diabolical (i.e. tearing apart) forces. Jesus, if he is to be the servant and son of the Father, cannot be a slave to any other need or power.

This is true also for us. If we are to do God's work we have to be free spiritually. We have to grow in harmony with God's will and be ready to commit ourselves wholeheartedly.

How do we find out what is really driving us, what our dependencies are and whose agenda we're following? We have to be shoved out into the desert. There has to be some experience, voluntary or involuntary, that unmasks the wild beasts. (Perhaps lockdown has done this for us.) We've all seen the adverts for products that help us give up smoking. The craving is often depicted as an angry, demanding fantasy creature which has to be defeated. Without restraint a desire can become a demon, an uncontrollable desire is a wild beast.

Getting away from business as usual, giving up our little indulgences and comforts, not giving in to our bad habits – this can help to unmask the beast. But God, coming to us disguised as our life does the real work when we are no longer "in control". This reveals the strength of the "enemy". Identifying and getting the measure of the strength of the enemy is a necessary strategy for ultimate victory. Victory, however, is not the elimination of desire but the refocusing of desire on what is life-giving.

We need to think and experience for ourselves what are our own wild beasts. They could be: a need for praise, recognition, status, control, power, moral superiority, comfort, harmful gratifications; they could be bitterness and resentments that we haven't let go, hurts that haven't been healed, or fears that are paralysing our lives and relationships

Unmasking the wild beasts reveals the truth, it lets the light in. It enables us to experience the help of the angels. The powers of our soul – (the desires for life, love and happiness, distorted by our fears, addictions and insecurities and led by ignorance into futile searching), are re-focused on the love of God which enfolds and fills all.

The Spirit helps us on the way to wholeness and freedom. We begin to recover that harmony with God, with ourselves and with all of creation that we sense we have lost. The desert experience is not something that we do just once. Usually we are brought back again and again as the different layers of the ego are purified and re-aligned. But when we confront the wild beasts and accept the ministry of the angels, when we have been through our time of testing, then we have some good news to share. Then we can begin to speak with some authority and have something positive to offer through compassionate actions. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Charles Patrick O'Neil McCoy (21<sup>st</sup>), Edith Beeching (22<sup>nd</sup>), Thomas (Tom) Lyons (26<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Sarah Bell, Sr Rosaleen, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones.

**CAFOD CAMPAIGN – WALK FOR WATER:** this starts 17th. Feb. Consisting of Walking 10,000 steps/day for 40 days. One can make up teams to achieve this. If anyone interested can contact me .there is a shorter 1 day version. Roger Maugham has kindly written a few words, having worked in Ethiopia: Ethiopia is located in the African Horn, where drought and politics are the 2 main causes of water shortage. The Ethiopian population in January 2021, is approx 115 million. Life expectancy is 68yrs. One third of the population are without safe water. Half the population are without hand washing facilities. Every 20 seconds a child under 5 dies from a water related disease.

[https://walk.cafod.org.uk/?utm\\_source=staffemailfooter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Walk-for-Water-2021](https://walk.cafod.org.uk/?utm_source=staffemailfooter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Walk-for-Water-2021)

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Francis O Donoghue (R.A.F. Beaulieu) (21<sup>st</sup>)

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

**ST ANNE'S PPC:** will have a Zoom meeting on Thursday, 25th Feb at 6.30pm.

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

## All Parishes

**SVP PARISH NEWSLETTER:** This has been sent as an attachment with the newsletter.

**LENT RESOURCES FOR THE FAMILY:** Linda has found some prayer suggestions and activities for families to do during Lent. I believe some older members of the community have enjoyed doing them too- not just reserved for the young! The resources were attached to the newsletter email.

### LENT RETREAT: FINDING HOPE IN SCRIPTURE

To mark the Year of the Word, Sr Hyacinthe is inviting you to join the Formation for Mission Team Lenten Retreat: '**Finding Hope in Scripture**', starting on 22nd February. Every Monday evening during Lent at 7.30pm and for 6 weeks, we will discover aspects of the virtue of hope from six different Bible passages, so that we may grow in hope in these difficult times, and find ways to share our hope with others while preparing for to celebrate Easter as a fulfilment of hope. Our reflection will be followed by a time of livestreamed adoration and Compline with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. To register go to OUR WEBSITE [www.nfwp.org.uk](http://www.nfwp.org.uk) and register on DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH'S SWAY. (At the time of writing the sisters seem to be having a technical problem with their own website. BUT The Formation for Mission team have a new website [pffm.org.uk](http://pffm.org.uk) and you can find access to the courses on that site too.)

**CAFOD LENT APPEAL:** Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/rent](http://cafod.org.uk/rent). You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*.

\*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice) You could watch a two minute video of Abdella's daily walk for water by following this link.

[Lent Appeal 2021: Abdella's walk for water \(parishes\) \(low music\) | CAFOD - YouTube](#)

**World Day of Prayer Service** written by the Christian women of Vanuatu (in the South Pacific Ocean). We invite you to join together in a 'virtual' international service on Friday, 5 March at 2 pm via a link on the WDP website. Please see the poster below. More details will follow nearer the time. Or if you have questions please don't hesitate to contact Annabelle Mellor on 624587.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Michele Palmieri (21<sup>st</sup>), Yvonne Chamberlain, Rosita Evans (22<sup>nd</sup>), Cecil Nicholls, William O'Regan (23<sup>rd</sup>), Joan Evans (24<sup>th</sup>), Kenneth Webdale, Annie O'Brien, John Haverson (27<sup>th</sup>)

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

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CATHY PICKLES RIP:** Cathy's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 5th March to be celebrated by Fr Danny McAvoy at the request of the family. Due to COVID restrictions this is a family only service. At 12.45pm the funeral cortege will process slowly up the High St, turning right at Costa Coffee for any who want to pay their respects. There follows a family only service at the Test Valley Crematorium. Invitations to view this "live" online are being handled by the family. A recording will be made available for all subsequently. At a suitable time in the future we will have a parish memorial service for Cathy.

**FROM FRANCES WALKER:** Heartfelt, grateful thanks from Fran and Den Walker to everyone who so kindly supported us when we both contracted Covid-19. Den has been discharged from hospital and now begins his journey of recovery. Your prayers, calls, cards and kindnesses have lifted our spirits and made such a difference. Thank you to a wonderful Parish with special thanks to Fr David and the staff at Lymington Hospital.

**MESSAGE FROM TONY PICKLES & FAMILY:** What can we say. Jenny & I sat together reading the wonderful tributes last night, unable to speak and completely broken. Such an outpouring of love and respect for Cathy. We have previously received dozens of cards and letters and messages, but for these to all be collected together was such a moving tribute. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and from all of my children. We are so moved. With love, Tony.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 18/02/21: £59,998.09. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £442.06

## 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/>

**SUPPORT NEEDED FOR THE MINSTEAD TRUST:** They need to purchase essential gardening equipment for use by people with learning disabilities at Furzey Gardens. We are fundraising to buy essential gardening equipment for people with learning disabilities to use in the gardens and nursery at Furzey, as part of their health and well-being programmes in the outdoors and to support their training in horticulture. <https://www.minsteadtrust.org.uk/charity/appeals/equipment-for-furzey-gardens/>

**SOME IDEAS FOR LENT (from Annabelle Mellor):** Global Healing film with guest speakers, reflection and discussion. Six Thursdays, 18 Feb- 25 March. <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvcOuuqzsvEtMBwz2hxBzhvvy0hcgYoEb>. or email

[jane@catholicclimatemovement.global](mailto:jane@catholicclimatemovement.global)  
<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited> 'Invited'. Film on Mondays and discussion on Thursdays, evenings over 6 weeks.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Organise-an-event/Big-Walk-for-Water>

CAFOD Walk for Water Lent challenge

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>

CAFOD calendar of reflections, prayers and actions

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2021 (22nd February – 7th March)** For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid. The climate crisis threatens vulnerable countries who are already seeing its impacts from droughts and crop disease to floods, heatwaves and shrinking harvests. With the emergence of the global COVID pandemic, the challenges that farmers face now are bigger than ever before with falling commodity prices and widespread shocks reverberating along our global supply chains. We have the power to help in something as simple as changing our shopping habits. Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are over 6,000 Fairtrade products now in our shops. Make this week and next week a time for trying new Fairtrade products.