

# 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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**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

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**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: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
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
MON	1 <sup>st</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	St David, Feast, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	2 <sup>nd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Alan Hammond RIP	DMA
WED	3 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
THU	4 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Janet Paine (Int)	DMA
FRI	5 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	11.30am	Mass	Requiem Mass - family only	Cathy Pickles RIP	DM <sup>C</sup>
SAT	6 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Liturgy of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent ( P )	Violet Aitken RIP	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

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

#### WHAT IS GOD ASKING – WHAT IS GOD GIVING?

For much of human history people have been fearful of God. In the emerging consciousness of humanity the deity was difficult to find and hard to understand. People were suspicious of the forces that seemed to arbitrarily control their lives. Gods were to be feared not loved. They had to be placated and kept on side. This way of imaging God was dark and toxic.

The Old Testament patriarch, Abraham, was called away from such pagan religion into a relationship with the living God. This was the beginning of revelation as we have experienced it in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The pagan peoples who lived close to Abraham and the early Israelites are known to have practiced some kind of child sacrifice at various times. They obviously had an influence on the Jewish people. You can imagine the scenario; "We are so devoted to our god we are prepared to sacrifice our children! What are you prepared to do for your god?"

The story of Abraham and Isaac is a response to that kind of taunt. At some point people began to realise and believe that God doesn't want the sacrifice of humans – perhaps God will be pleased with an animal instead? But God doesn't really want animals to be killed either (cfr Micah 6: 6-8).

It takes thousands of years for people to realise that God doesn't want anything killed or destroyed at all. Jesus reveals God as life-giver not life-taker!

Instead of demanding that we sacrifice ourselves God actually makes the sacrifice on our behalf. At one time we thought we had to kill things to get to God. In Jesus God accepts death to reveal the divine love, which is unconditional, gratuitous, inclusive and indiscriminate. Jesus accepts being killed, accepts being a victim so that we would no longer turn others into victims. God can be loved. We are not seeing a toxic God of our own imaging but the God whom Jesus reveals – Father and Mother to all.

There is another important teaching of spiritual wisdom here. Life gives and life takes away. Sometimes life takes from us the very people or things we have been cherishing the most. Isaac was the child of the promise – the whole future depended on him. Our life our work, the people we love, the people we depend on, the gifts God has given us, the enjoyments and pleasures we experience, our own life too, some day we will have to let them all go back to God. We must even hand over our sin, as Psalm 65 says: *To you all flesh will come with its burden of sin, too heavy for us our offences but you wipe them away.*

We believe and trust in God's goodness and we hope new life will be given in ways we cannot now understand or imagine. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** John Frederick Kimber (28<sup>th</sup>), Floriana Malicki (1<sup>st</sup>), Joseph Pentz, Margaret (Rita) Tew (2<sup>nd</sup>), Maureen Purgavie (5<sup>th</sup>)

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

**FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MILFORD:** We want to say a **MASSIVE THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed in any way to keeping us safe and healthy during the past year. Our church buildings are closed at present but that does not mean that the churches are not still active in our communities. Some churches have moved to providing online services, all of them are reaching out to provide pastoral care where it is needed. The need for prayer has never been greater and Christians Together churches have been regularly praying for all those in our communities. We are comforted by the words from *Isaiah Chapter 58 v 9* "When you pray, I will answer you. When you call to me, I will respond". That response may not always come in the form that we expect or would like but be assured God hears all our prayers. (the full text has been attached to the newsletter email)

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Elizabeth Hamilton McCabe (28<sup>th</sup>), Robert Noel Greenhalgh, Sarah Eileen Bridget Dunn (1<sup>st</sup>), Gervase Scroope, Minnie Darlison, William Donald Fitzgerald-Graham (2<sup>nd</sup>), John Hurley Marshall, Mary Elaine Taylor (5<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Baker (6<sup>th</sup>)

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

**PRAYERS FOR ABI:** (an appeal from Paul Morris) I appeal to our people for prayers for Abi. She is a young Mum devastated by a disease called Lupus where the body attacks itself. As is so often the case she is one of the most caring people. At this time she is unable to eat properly and is losing weight she can ill afford to lose.

**World Day of Prayer, Friday 5th March.** We invite you to join together in this virtual service 'Build on a Strong Foundation' written by the Christian women of Vanuatu on Friday, 5th at 2 pm. You will find the video entitled WDP 2021 Worship Service on the World Day of Prayer website ([wdp.org.uk](http://wdp.org.uk)). Copies of the service sheet can be picked up from St Saviour's church porch from this Sunday, 28th Feb. so you will be able to pray along with the on-line service. For more details about the service, how to make donations and information about Vanuatu please see the article attached to this newsletter.

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

## All Parishes

**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/>

**DOMINICAN SISTERS NEW WEBSITE:** Go too <https://www.dominicansisters.net/>

We have also joined TikToc this week postings are being displayed on the new web feed slot on the new website. Access to our recent videos can be found here also. This includes the recording of the Lenten Retreat and the Lenten Reflections on the Sundays of Lent. (from Sr Veronica OP.)

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Martine (Tina) Mary Bernadette Booth (28<sup>th</sup>), Patrick O'Keeffe, Mary Agnes (Barbara) Balls (1<sup>st</sup>), Michael Campbell, James (Jim) Thomas Cannon (3<sup>rd</sup>), Thomas Walker, Alice Manghan, William Cullen (4<sup>th</sup>), Canon Michael Sexton, Clodagh Eileen Shelley (5<sup>th</sup>), Athel Joan Hawker, Leonard Sweeney, Reginald Dennis Gilkes (6<sup>th</sup>)

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

**FINAL INFORMATION RE: FUNERAL OF CATHY PICKLES RIP:** The Requiem Mass at OLMSJ church on Friday 5th March is for family only. Please do not try to attend her Requiem as the church will be full and you will be turned away. Please do not come into the church car park. The family is aware that Cathy has touched a lot of people's hearts and they will want to pay their respects. **To accommodate everyone they have arranged for the hearse to travel slowly up the High Street, leaving OLMSJ church at 12.45pm.** If you wish to pay your respects please stand -socially distanced & wearing a mask- **anywhere up the High street between the church and where the hearse will turn at Costa.**

**Please do not all stand on the corner at Costa** as this will form a crowd and will break Covid restrictions. Cathy died from Covid-19 and uppermost in the family's mind is that you all stay safe. So please remember to stand apart and not bunch up. They have been very moved by all the letters, emails and cards they have received over the last few weeks and are very grateful. God bless Cathy and comfort Tony & the family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

### ONLINE MEMORIAL & COMMITTAL SERVICE FOR CATHY PICKLES:

As soon as we receive the login details for Cathy's Memorial & Committal Service, live streamed from 1.45pm – 15.15pm, Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, at Test Valley Crematorium we will distribute them via the newsletter mailing list and post them on the parish website. The service will also be available for a period of 7 days to view afterwards online.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 25/02/21: £60,053.09. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £442.06

## All Parishes

**GOOD NEWS RE: SR. ROSALEEN:** We had wonderful news regarding Sr. Rosaleen yesterday. After a routine scan they have pronounced that she is now cancer free. This is a mini miracle!! This time last year the prognosis was not at all good. She is eternally grateful for everyone's prayers and has asked if her name could now be removed from the sick list.

**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/>

**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/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent). You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*. 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.