

# 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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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: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 - 8/9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Clare Barry-Ball RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	3 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Ss Philip & James, Feast	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	4 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	English Martyrs, Feast	Norman Haskell RIP	DMA
WED	5 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
THU	6 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	7 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SAT	8 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Jim Holder RIP Anniv	DMA

### PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL MASSES

#### REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

Direct confrontation often causes more harm than good. Saul was aggressively hunting down the followers of Jesus. That aggressive energy was still driving him when, only days after his dramatic conversion, he begins challenging his former co-religionists with his new-found faith "Jesus is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20). Today's reading describes him "preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord". Having raised a proverbial hornet's nest Paul and his companions began to suffer the unintended consequences of his zeal. His minders took the wise and prudent decision to quietly spirit him away. Today's extract finishes with: "The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit". **How** we say something has a greater effect than what we say. Are we trying to share a truth or insight we have come to realise or are we just trying to prove ourselves "right" and the other person "wrong"? Before we presume to confront or challenge or dialogue it would be good to become aware of the energies that are driving us. Are they angry and aggressive or peaceful and benevolent?

We are often prone to anxiety. And God can sometimes be sensed, experienced or thought of as One who is overwhelming and all-demanding. In contrast we experience ourselves as weak and sinful and never good or holy enough.

If we are not careful our negative imaginings and anxieties can run away with us. In our second reading today, John recognises the vulnerability of our consciences which can "raise accusations against us". We need to "quieten our consciences" to preserve the peace Christ gives us and even our mental health! The way to do this is to honestly assess the reality of our practical compassion and love. Are we really trying to love and care for one another according to our capacity and means? If yes, we can be at peace. If no, we need to repent.

"I am the Vine and you are the branches". The life, beauty and goodness of God is manifest in everything. We human beings can begin to appreciate these qualities in the experience of our relationships. It is in our relationships that God's life, beauty and goodness are freely given and received as love. The fullness of God's self-giving can only be received in relationships of love and freedom. *One has to be in it to win it*, as the popular saying goes! One has to be in the relationship to receive the blessings of the relationship. "Remain in me", Jesus says, "as I remain in you". We are part of the Divine mystery. As Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:13: *we may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful for he cannot disown his own self*. And it is only in this Divine relationship that we can "bear fruit". This is because the fruit is none other than the personal goodness of God given to us and flowing through us as pure gift. As Paul wrote in Galatians 5:22: *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*. By keeping the great commandment, *love one another as I have loved you*, we will bear much fruit. (DMA).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Alfred Bernard Little (3<sup>rd</sup>), Alma O'Sullivan, Vera Irene White (4<sup>th</sup>), Arthur Joseph Bishop (6<sup>th</sup>), Peter Igoe, Claire Patricia Weaver (7<sup>th</sup>)

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

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** Thanks to Roger Maughan for arranging the distribution of the envelopes to those who have signed up for them.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Capt. William John Lamb CVO, OBE (2<sup>nd</sup>), John Joseph Boocock (5<sup>th</sup>) Vera Cassidy, Lance Reginald Day (6<sup>th</sup>), Lilian Le Chevalier, Frederick Matthews (8<sup>th</sup>)

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

**FR CHARLIE - PRAYERS REQUESTED:** Fr Charlie has recently contracted COVID and is hopefully on the road to recovery. However please keep him and his parish in Malawi in your prayers. They face many challenges including food shortages & of course the pandemic

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

## All Parishes

### WEEKEND MASSES GOING FORWARD:

**The Ascension of the Lord:** There will be a Mass on Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am at OLMSJ. pre-booking is required.

**ST FRANCIS SUNDAY MASS:** fortnightly at 9.00am on the following Sundays: 16th May, 30th May.

**ST ANNE'S SUNDAY MASS:** fortnightly at 6.00pm on the following Sundays: 16th May, 30th May.

**OLMSJ SATURDAY EVENING MASS** fortnightly at 6pm on the following Saturdays: 8th May, 22nd May, 5th June.

**OLMSJ SUNDAY MASS:** fortnightly at 10.30am on the following Sundays: 16th May, 30th May.

**PRE-BOOKING IS REQUIRED. PLEASE BOOK JUST ONE MASS AT A TIME TO GIVE OTHERS A CHANCE.**

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS ON ZOOM: STARTING 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY FOR 7 WEEKS AT 7PM

*"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said." Jn 14: 26*

*"I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Paraclete to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth" Jn 14: 16*

At Pentecost the disciples experienced the transforming strength of the Holy Spirit in them. They received the gifts enabling them to proclaim Jesus as Lord.

The Life in the Spirit Seminars include scripture, reflection, testimony and prayers so that all who open their heart to the Lord will receive the gifts and their lives will be transformed.

Pope Francis has asked the Church to organise Life in the Spirit seminars and to encourage everyone to join in. In 2019 he said to priests and others visiting Rome *"Speaking of dispensers of grace, I ask each and all of you that you ... organise seminars of Life in the Spirit in your parishes and seminaries, in schools and in neighbourhoods"*

See what Sr Veronica says about her experience in this short video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSYGftqtoAE&t=16s>

This seminar series runs from Pentecost for seven weeks on Thursday evenings. It is online using Zoom; each session is 1½ hrs. For part of the meeting we will be in small groups of 8 people including two group leaders. The groups will be the same week by week and geographically based when possible. **Please register to receive the link.**

<https://forms.gle/cagKWdKXu6xyXxsU7>

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Peter Goffart, Mary Ann Gillespie (2<sup>nd</sup>), Leigh Horton, John Elmer Stevens, Jane Fletcher (3<sup>rd</sup>), Cliff Borrell, John Szwaczka, Michael Heaps (4<sup>th</sup>), Thomas Augustine Feehan, Irene Shepperd, Annette Allars, Jeremy Giles (5<sup>th</sup>), Edith Theresa Mould, Jim Holder (6<sup>th</sup>), Bruna Baker (7<sup>th</sup>)

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

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS PLEASE:** Please continue to pray for Den Walker & Susie Wright.

Frances's husband, Dens' health remains fragile so keep Den, Frances and all the family in our prayers.

Norah Holder's daughter, Susie, continues to have difficulties recovering, so keep Susie, Norah and all the family in our prayers.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 22/04/21: £64,161.08. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £479.55

## All Parishes

**NEXT DIOCESAN COLLECTION: 15th/16th April, for the Catholic Communications Network. Facilities for online donations on the Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan website**

**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/>

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** As you may appreciate, the sad death from COVID of our Lead Catechist, Cathy Pickles, and the effects of the pandemic itself, have severely disrupted the usual programme of preparation for First Holy Communion. But it also presents us with an opportunity to review the process. In the interim, I outline here how things will be done this year.

**Parents eligible to contact Fr David:** You (as a baptised Catholic) and your baptised child would normally participate in Sunday Mass with reasonable regularity. You intend to resume this practice once lockdown is fully lifted. You think your child is ready to receive Holy Communion with sufficient awareness and respect. (I am happy to be flexible on the age of your child). If your child has not been baptised please contact Fr David to arrange a Baptism.

**Parental preparation over Zoom:** When we have gathered the group of parents, preparation sessions for parents only will be set up over Zoom. Parents will then need to help their children appreciate and understand, according to their capacity, the meaning the Eucharistic celebration (i.e. Mass) and Holy Communion. The priority here will be on nurturing a trusting relationship with God who loves us all and shares God's life and love with us. The emphasis will be on "knowing" through shared experience and on faith acceptance of God-with-us.

**First Holy Communion Celebrations:** There will **not** be one, big group celebration. First Holy Communions will be arranged individually with Fr David. They may take place at any Sunday Mass through the year. The child and family will be prayed for and special provision will be made for the child and the family in receiving Holy Communion. It will be a celebration day for the child & family so smart clothing is appropriate and girls will **not** be expected to wear special white dresses.

### COVID 19—A VERY CHALLENGING TIME FOR MANY MARRIAGES.

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart?

**Retrouvaille** is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443.

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