

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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St Anne  
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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: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME		LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Josephine Pope RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Henrietta Montague-Munson	DMA
MON	17 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	18 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Anne Thomas RIP	DMA
WED	19 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	Ded. of Cathedral, Sol.	Jenny Laramba RIP	DMA
THU	20 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Mary & Edwin Said RIP	DMA
FRI	21 <sup>st</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	For peace in the Holy Land	DMA
SAT	22 <sup>nd</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	Pentecost Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	OLMSJ	3.00pm	Mass	Confirmation Mass	Confirmation Candidates	DMA

### PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL MASSES

#### LOVE ENDURES:

"No one has ever seen God, but as long as we love one another God will live in us and God's love will be complete in us". (1 John 4: 12).

*CAC core faculty member, Cynthia Bourgeault, beautifully describes growth in "conscious love" in her sermon, given at her daughter's wedding. I hope you will find it quite profound, as I did.*

It's easy to look at marriage as the culmination of love, the end point of the journey that begins with "falling in love." [But] marriage is not the culmination of love, but only the beginning.

Love remains and deepens, but its form changes. Or, more accurately, it renews itself in a different way. Less and less does it draw its waters from the old springs of romance, and you should not worry if over time these dimensions fade or are seen less frequently. More and more, love draws its replenishment from love itself: from the practice of conscious love, expressed in your mutual servanthood to one another.

It will transform your lives and through its power in your own lives will reach out to touch the world. But how to stay in touch with that power? At those times when stress mounts and romance seems far away, how do you practice that conscious love that will renew itself and renew your relationship? Here is the one [practice] that works for me:

*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things* (1 Corinthians 13:7). **"Love bears all things."** This does not mean a dreary sort of putting-up-with or victimization. There are two meanings of the word *bear*, and they both apply.

The first means "to hold up, to sustain"—like a bearing wall, which carries the weight of the house. *To bear* [also] means "to give birth, to be fruitful." So love is that which in any situation is the most life-giving and fruitful.

**"Love believes all things."** [This] does not mean to be gullible, to refuse to face up to the truth. Rather, it means that in every possible circumstance of life, there is a way of perceiving that leads to cynicism and divisiveness, a closing off of possibility; and there is a way that leads to higher faith and love, to a higher and more fruitful outcome. To "believe all things" means always to orient yourselves toward the highest possible outcome in any situation and strive for its actualization.

**"Love hopes all things."** In the practice of conscious love you begin to discover a hope that is related not to outcome but to a wellspring a source of strength that wells up from deep within you independent of all outcomes. It is a hope that can never be taken away from you because it is love itself working in you, conferring the strength to stay present to that "highest possible outcome" that can be believed and aspired to.

Finally, **"love endures all things."** Everything that is tough and brittle shatters; everything that is cynical rots. The only way to endure is to forgive, over and over, to give back that openness and possibility for new beginning which is the very essence of love itself. And in such a way love comes full circle and can fully "sustain and make fruitful," and the cycle begins again, at a deeper place. And conscious love deepens and becomes more and more rooted.

(from Fr Richard Rohr's Daily Reflection - Wednesday, May 2, 2018)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Robert Thomas Gerard Patey (17<sup>th</sup>), Jane Tinslay, Constance Elizabeth Violet Slade-Jones (20<sup>th</sup>), Owen John Marshall (21<sup>st</sup>)

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

**JENNY LARAMBA RIP:** Sadly Jenny died on Saturday morning after a long illness. She had been living in Milford for 15 years having moved down from London. She was originally from Poland and a survivor of the war years. Jenny's Requiem Mass will take place at St Francis at a date to be determined. Her Committal Service will take place in London where her husband is buried. Our condolences to her family. May Jenny rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**FAREWELL TO CONNIE HARRISON:** Connie says her farewell to all her friends in the parish. She is moving up to a care home very near to her daughter in Berkshire. We wish her well and every blessing and happiness.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Luke Kelly (16<sup>th</sup>), Erna Stanbury, Eric Griffiths, Monica Wibberley (18<sup>th</sup>), Fr Terence Green, Andre Eugene Marie Joseph Prove (20<sup>th</sup>), Henry Wardale (22<sup>nd</sup>)

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

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Henrietta Montague-Munson who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, at St Anne's. Hen & her fiancé Olly will be getting married in St Anne's this Summer. So we look forward to another lovely celebration.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Daphne Kelly who recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We send our love & best wishes to her and the assurance of our prayers

**CAFOD** is continuing to campaign on climate change throughout the pandemic. The eyes of the world are on the UK as it is hosting the G7 summit in June and the UN 'COP 26' climate talks in November. Decisions taken at these meetings have the potential to impact the lives of millions of people across the world. Please sign the petition on the CAFOD website to reclaim our common home at: [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim).

**WALK FOR CREATION** join us for this walk taking place on Saturday, 22 May, starting at 10 am at Whitefield Moor Car Park (off Rhinefield Road). Registration essential. Please see the attached flyer for details.

**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:**

**ST FRANCIS SUNDAY MASS:** fortnightly at 9.00am on the following Sundays: 30th May, 13th June.

**ST ANNE'S SUNDAY MASS:** fortnightly at 6.00pm on the following Sundays: 30th May, 13th June. .

**OLMSJ SATURDAY EVENING MASS** fortnightly at 6pm on the following Saturdays: 22nd May, 5th June, 19th June.

**OLMSJ SUNDAY MASS:** fortnightly at 10.30am on the following Sundays: 30th May, 13th June.

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

**WALK FOR CREATION:** is open to parishioners from all our churches. See the item in the St Anne's section & the poster attached to the emailed newsletter.

**PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES:** The Diocese needs to save money & also to restrict the [portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) email addresses to clergy & employees. It is therefore requiring all parishes to have their own domain names with the relevant email addresses. **So the current [lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) will be gradually merged with our new address which is: [office@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:office@lymbrockmil.org.uk) (for general admin for all three parishes).** Lisa & Fr David will use the "office" address; Linda will use either the "office" address or [people@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:people@lymbrockmil.org.uk). All safeguarding issues should be directed to the parish representatives: [safeguarding@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lymbrockmil.org.uk) (for OLMSJ, Lymington); [safeguarding@brock.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brock.org.uk) (for St Anne's, Brockenhurst); [safeguarding@sfmil.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@sfmil.org.uk) (for St Francis, Milford-on-Sea). Accounts queries should be directed to: [accounts@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:accounts@lymbrockmil.org.uk) (for OLMSJ); to [accounts@brock.org.uk](mailto:accounts@brock.org.uk) (for St Anne's); to [accounts@sfmil.org.uk](mailto:accounts@sfmil.org.uk) (for St Francis)

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Pauline Agnes Gregory, Gary Stratton, Ruby Harris (16<sup>th</sup>), Peter Henry, Barbara De Vere-Hunt, Richard (Ric) Kay, Albert Edward Cooper (17<sup>th</sup>), Colleen Hunter (18<sup>th</sup>), Cecilia Moverley, Paul Joseph Neary (19<sup>th</sup>), Madelena Jellousheg (20<sup>th</sup>), Madeleine Rowles (21<sup>st</sup>), James Russell, Kay (Kathleen) Van Kesteren (22<sup>nd</sup>)

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

**ANNE THOMAS RIP:** Sadly we learnt of the death of Anne this week. Anne attended the Saturday, 6pm Mass in Lymington when she could but increasing frailty took its toll in the last couple of years. She had a strong faith and was a very private person but always courteous and appreciative. Our condolences to Anne's next of kin. May Anne rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS PLEASE:** Pat Choules is now out of hospital at her daughters recovering slowly. Den Walker is continuing to improve slowly. Norah Holder's daughter, Susie, is now at home & receiving the special antibiotics at last.

**OVERDUE CONGRATULATIONS:** to Caroline & Oli Puckering on the arrival of baby Grace some months ago. Also, to Ben & Rosie Lidstone-Scott on the safe arrival of baby Ivy.

**GIFT AID:** If you are giving money to the parish and claiming Gift Aid you may need a Gift Aid statement for your tax return. If so, please contact the parish office by email. And if you are no longer paying tax and therefore not eligible to claim Gift Aid, please let us know by email at the parish office, also if you have changed your address. Thank you.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 14/05/21: £65,265.08. This includes donations raised from Everyclick of £479.55

## All Parishes

**NEXT DIOCESAN COLLECTION: 15th/16th May, 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** If you think your child is ready to make their 1st Holy Communion, please contact Fr David at the parish office via email. Thank you.

**SR VERONICA'S REFLECTION:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQOU-v8u3D0> "Hope everyone is well this week. Here is the last installment for Eastertide. I am hoping to continue up until Trinity Sunday and am considering whether I should continue with Ordinary time. I have had some requests to do so. Let me know if you are interested." God Bless Sr Veronica OP

**Dear All,** (re: church re-opening)

Providing Boris doesn't throw a spanner in the works, I am planning to fully **open all 3 churches the weekend of 26th/27th June**. There will be a lot more venues opening up after 17th May, and it remains to be seen how that will affect the spread of the virus nationally. I am not following suit. I do realise a lot of parishioners have had both jabs and because of that feel we should open after 17th May. However, please remember that we still have a lot of parishioners waiting to receive their first jab and I want to ensure the safety of all parishioners. Plus, the jury is still out as regards whether those with 2 jabs can still transmit the virus. A lot of parishioners have told me they are still nervous about going out and about, and need reassurance to know that they will be in a safe environment. At the end of the day your safety is my priority.

So, I look forward to the end of June when we will be able to meet once again as a Community and be able to celebrate Mass with great joy and, yes....singing! From that date there will be no need to book a seat at Mass anymore. The 2m social distancing will be removed and you may sit wherever, and with whoever, you wish. Stewards will still be on duty that weekend to ensure everything goes smoothly, but will stand down after that.

**They have been absolutely wonderful during this pandemic. I can't praise them highly enough. We certainly couldn't have opened safely without them.** Hopefully we'll see some of them in the future meeting and greeting you as 'Welcomers'. Professional cleaners will be making sure the churches have been thoroughly cleaned before your return.

There is a lot to do before reopening and I have asked your Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC's) to work with the various groups & Ministries concerned who will make our opening welcoming & vibrant. **Until we open on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> June, the restrictions will still be in place and you are asked to continue to book your seat for Mass.**