

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. **Head Teacher:** Kirstie Richards

Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils: Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Henry Mellor, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Cathy Pickles (Lym); Susan McCabe (Brock); Rita Ford (Mil).

For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound: Contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

after 9.30am Mass on Saturdays in Lymington or by appointment

Masses & Services for the coming week

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Holy Souls	DMA
SUN	12 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	2 nd Sunday of Lent	John & Leana Keane RIP	DMA
SUN	12 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	2 nd Sunday of Lent	as per Celebrant	PWR
SUN	12 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Rosie Parsons RIP	DMA
MON	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Lent (P)	as per Celebrant	PWR
TUE	14 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Lent (P)	John & Leana Keane RIP	DMA
WED	15 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Lent (P)	N/A	
WED	15 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Requiem - Margaret Rita Tew RIP	Margaret Rita Tew RIP	DMA
WED	15 th	10.00am	Word & HC	St Anne	of the 2 nd Week of Lent (P)	N/A	
THU	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Lent (P)	John & Leana Keane RIP	DMA
FRI	17 th	9.00am	Mass	SCHOOL	OLSJ-SCHOOL MASS FOR LENT	Pupils, Staff & Governors	DMA
FRI	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Patrick (Feast) (W)	as per Celebrant	PWR
SAT	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Lent (P)	Nicola Chapman RIP & Joe Guerrier	DMA
SAT	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Jimmy & Kathleen Swinden RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	19 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 rd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	19 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	19 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 rd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections:

CAFOD Collection THIS WEEKEND 11th/12th March

25th/26th March
Clergy Assistance Fund (Obligatory)

Adoration & Silent Prayer at

Our Lady & St Joseph

Wednesday Evenings

7pm - 7.40pm
Mar 15th/22nd/29th & April 5th

& repeated on
Thursday Mornings
10am - 10.40am
Mar 16th/23rd/30th & April 6th
Each session 40mins including 20 mins teaching

THE PARADOX OF GLORY & SUFFERING: In an era when we are more painfully aware of the fragility of our life and our civilisation it is good to reflect on the paradoxical mystery of our existence.

In Psalm 82 verse 6 we have the words (later quoted by Jesus in Johns Gospel): ' I say "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince". This is an example of paradox which is the relationship between things that seem to be contradictory yet are still perceived to be true. How they relate together is beyond our understanding. The closest we come to paradox in science is in quantum physics.

Another example is given us by St Paul in Romans 11:28-29: *As regards the gospel they (the Jewish people who do not believe in Christ) are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.* Other paradoxes abound in our faith language: glory & ordinary, virgin & mother, one & three, human & divine, bread-wine & body-blood, grace & freedom, faith & reason, time & eternity, lose life to find life, suffer to enter into glory, and I'm sure that doesn't exhaust the list!

The wisdom sayings of Jesus and the "koans" of the Buddhist tradition are similarly paradoxical. They are ways of drawing us into deeper & more mysterious truths and relationships. Trying to rationalise the paradox, wisdom saying or koan is a futile business. It'll just make your head ache. We are encouraged rather to hold, to ponder, to treasure. We must let the paradox work on us and not try to work on the paradox. This is where contemplative prayer helps us. Taking an alert but relaxed posture we allow the river of consciousness to flow past the eye of the soul. We gently recognise but do not react to thoughts, feelings, memories, images etc. We let them float by, not trying to engage with them or judge them. A repetitive word or phrase can help such as "Abba, Father" or "Come, Holy Spirit". We can also focus on our breath as receiving the life of God and returning the life of God. These little practices are not an end in themselves but only a help to enable the mind / soul to rest in stillness. In this way one can begin to perceive and receive the "peace that surpasses understanding". We also begin to realise that we cannot be identified with any experience. So I can say to myself: I have this thought but I am **not** this thought. I have this feeling but I am **not** this feeling. This relativises both our joy and our pain and helps receive more fully God's perfect love.

So on the one hand we are beautifully gifted sons & daughters of God with the potential to flourish in so many ways and receive the fullness of life. On the other hand we are weak, fragile, vulnerable, sinful, selfish and mortal. Some have a full life with little suffering, others barely draw breath before they die and others have lives of great hardship, suffering and challenge. Some rise to great courage, generosity and love, others less so. Some are drawn to virtue and holiness, others are drawn into darker realms of anger, violence, greed and lust. Whatever the scientific explanations maybe this planet (this universe) is certainly fine-tuned for life and fine-tuned for struggle. It is the perfect environment for learning and growing, for discovering and experiencing all the wonderful gifts of the Spirit - attributes of God - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness & self-control. Yet these delicate flowerings of grace are always emerging in a situation radically subject to the impermanence of this sphere of existence. The Transfigured One must go through death to resurrection. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Pamela Rosemary Greenwood (12th), Isobel Maud Baker (13th), Joseph John McGowan (14th), Clarence Patrick Nello Thompson (15th), Reginald Walter Driscoll (17th), Edward Anthony Ferrari (18th)

Sick & Housebound: Kathleen Connaughton, Mike Halle & Hilary Sendall.

CAFOD -LENTEN FAST DAY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND.

MARGARET "RITA" TEW RIP: You'll be sad to hear that Margaret died this week after a long time in the nursing home at Birchy Hill. She was a devoted parishioner, bringing Jane Beavon to Mass. She had been a nurse in her working life. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St Francis, Milford **this coming Wednesday, 15th March at 10am**, followed by Committal at Bournemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY. We, at St Anne's, are starting to practise the Triduum music on Monday, 13th and every Monday onwards until Monday 10th April. As last year, we meet at Cedric & Paddy Lark's home: Greenoaks, Wilverley Rd at 2.30pm. We would welcome anyone who enjoys singing at Mass. You will be offered refreshments after the work!

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Anne Lupton, William Fitzgerald-Graham (12th), Barbara Lloyd (13th), Monica Jackson (14th), Elizabeth Anne Olney, Mary Simmons (15th)

CAFOD -LENTEN FAST DAY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND.

Lenten Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 10am and will continue at this same day and time throughout the weeks of Lent, until Holy Week begins. More details later.

Please remember to look well at the articles in the "All Parishes" section and especially note *The Fund Raising* talk on Saturday 18th of this month at Lymington.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Michael Jones and all the helpers from St Anne's and St Saviour's who helped make the Charity Concert such a great success. It was well attended, much enjoyed and well over £900 was raised for the respective charities.

The Presbytery Flat. Terms have been agreed with the Diocese for them to rent this accommodation from the parish so as to provide a home for a retired priest in the person of Fr David Quarmby. A considerable amount of work will need to be done in order to create a self-contained flat with its own new kitchen; to provide a secure access so as to ensure privacy; to upgrade the rooms generally and possibly to provide a separated heating system. The scheme will require financial approval from the Diocese before work can commence. In the view of Ken Manley, who will be managing this project, the contract period is likely to be in the order of two months, thereby hopefully allowing Fr Quarmby to move in during the month of June. There will be some disruption whilst the works are being carried out. However, using the first floor to provide a home for a retired priest in our lovely location is something which parishioners supported at the time of last November's A.G.M. Fr Quarmby is certainly looking forward to living in our midst.

Welcome forms for new parishioners. Some new forms are again at the back of the church. Should you meet a new parishioner, with your greeting, please offer them a yellow Welcome form and please try to follow up collecting it, and giving it to Paddy.

Any items for next week's newsheet, please send to Paddy: greenoaks@waitrose.com.

All Parishes

MARRIED COUPLES: A **Marriage Encounter Weekend** is an opportunity to enrich your marriage. The weekend is focussed on various aspects of relationship, including the Catholic Church's Vision for Marriage. Apart from mealtimes and the concluding Mass, the weekend is spent together as a couple. There are no group discussions. Here is a tremendous opportunity to enrich your relationship away from the stresses of everyday life. The next Weekend to be held in this area is at Park Place, near Fareham from 19 to 21 May. For further details please look on our website www.wwme.org.uk

ENGAGED AND PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE? An **Engaged Encounter Weekend** gives you the perfect opportunity. We recommend that couples attend a Weekend well in advance, ideally at least six months before their wedding day. A weekend is to be held at Park Place, near Fareham between 31 March and 2 April. For further details please look on our website www.wwme.org.uk

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Fr Michael Nugent, Arthur Peart (11th), Robert Conway, Fr Andrew Laverty, Raffaele Franzese (12th), George Price, Kathleen Ashworth (13th), Helena Jenvey (14th), Constance Martell, Joyce Ambrose, Mary Symons (15th), Ellen Leech, Bernard Finn, Frank O'Connell (17th)

Sick and Housebound: Terence & Betty Isles, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Patricia Mate. Prayers please for Kirstie Richard's father, Norman Hughes, who is seriously ill also for Frances & Den Walker's daughter, Debbie, who is recovering from a serious road accident in Australia.

CAFOD -LENTEN FAST DAY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday after Mass or at 10.00am

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: this Wednesday, 8pm in Joseph's Place.

The **CWL** will be holding its next meeting on Tuesday 14th March at 2.15 in Joseph's Place. At 3pm we shall have a talk given by Peter Morgan. (As already advertised below).

ASSISTANT PORT CHAPLAIN, Peter Morgan will be giving a talk on the work of the Apostleship of the Sea on Tuesday, 14th March at 3pm in Joseph's Place. All are welcome.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB - NEXT EVENTS: an afternoon trip to Barton with tea at Sammy Miller on Monday 20th March and also our day trip to Exbury Gardens on Monday 10th April. We look forward to seeing you. For information or transport, please call Fran on 678525 or Audrey on 670158.

KNIT & STITCH will meet next Friday 17th March in the Hospitality Centre from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY. We, at St Anne's, are starting to practise the Triduum music on Monday, 13th and every Monday onwards until Monday 10th April (unless we are all so good, we can stop sooner!). As last year, we meet at Cedric & Paddy Lark's home: Greenoaks, Wilverley Rd at 2.30pm. We would welcome anyone who enjoys singing at Mass. You will be offered refreshments after the work!

A DAY OF REFLECTION for Ministers of Holy Communion is on 8th April in Joseph's Place. There are a few more places available for those who serve in other Ministries i.e. Ministers of the Word, Choir, Welcome, Flowers, Servers etc. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you would like to attend the day please let Cathy Pickles know a.s.a.p. cathypyx@aol.com or text to 07715 842006

ADORATION, TEACHING & SILENT PRAYER: on **Wednesdays evenings** (from 7.00pm to 7.40pm) in Lent, Mar 15th/22nd/29th & April 5th. The teaching will be repeated on the **Thursday mornings**, between 10am and 11am, Mar 16th/23rd/30th & April 6th. The total time for Adoration in each session will be about 40 mins. There will be about 20 mins teaching on silent (contemplative) prayer and about 20 mins for the practice of silent prayer. The prayer time will conclude with the silent blessing & reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Parishes

FUND RAISING FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: Saturday 18 March 2017, 10.00am – 2.00pm in Joseph's Place, Lymington. A discussion by Sr. Siobhán Boyle DW. Siobhán has worked in international development for over twenty years and has lived and worked in both Asia and Africa. Siobhán is a religious sister of the Daughters of Wisdom, currently living in Romsey and is the Director of their Development Office raising funds for projects in ten countries in Asia, Africa and S. America.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: is holding a Day of Reflection at **St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate SO31 7GH on Saturday, 18th March.** Fr Colum Kelly, AoS chaplain at Immingham Port, will lead the Day which starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm. It's free but please bring lunch to share with others and, to help us welcome you properly, confirm your attendance by emailing Patrick Binks: Binkspm@aol.com.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?? Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? **If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 24th June 2017 at 11 am.** It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Or contact Liz Murphy at St Bede's Parish office on 01256 465214. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form. Alternatively send via email to above email address or by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX.