

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
Rhinefield Rd, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SR

St Francis of Assisi
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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 Week: 15th April - 23rd April

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	15 th	8.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	First Mass of Easter Day - the Vigil	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Mass of Easter Day	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Mass of Easter Day	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 th	12 noon	Mass	St Anne	Mass of Easter Day	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Octave of Easter	As Per Celebrant	PWR
TUE	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Octave of Easter	Theresa Musial (Health)	DMA
WED	19 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	Octave of Easter	N/A	
WED	19 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Octave of Easter	As Per Celebrant	PWR
WED	19 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Octave of Easter	Angela Campbell (Intentions)	DMA
THU	20 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Octave of Easter	Tony Rochford (Health)	DMA
FRI	21 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Octave of Easter	Holy Souls	DMA
SAT	22 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Octave of Easter	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	22 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	2 nd Sunday of Easter	As Per Celebrant	PWR
SUN	23 rd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Michael Halle RIP	DMA
SUN	23 rd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Brian Edward Griffiths RIP Anniversary	DMA
SUN	23 rd	12 noon	Mass	St Anne	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Richard & Elizabeth Hunt RIP	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections:

Easter Sunday

As is traditional the collection at Easter is for your parish priest and forms a part of his ordinary income for the year. Fr David will be very grateful for whatever you give at this time.

April 29 /30
SVP collection

May 6/7
Clergy training Fund

May 27/28
Catholic Communications Network

June 17/18
Day for Life

RESURRECTION – THE RESPONSE OF THE FATHER

When Mary of Magdala goes to visit the tomb of Jesus she expects to make a rendezvous with death. It is very early on the first day of the week. It is still dark, but there is light enough to see that the stone has been moved from the entrance to the tomb. Mary's reaction is not immense relief that Jesus is not dead. She does not cheat herself with that mad groundless hope. The only conclusion she can come to is that some unknown people must have stolen the dead body of Jesus. Even in death Jesus is not allowed to rest in peace.

When Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple hear Mary's story they run to the tomb. The account in John's Gospel is clearly written in favour of the Beloved Disciple. When Peter enters the tomb he sees the burial clothes; when the Beloved Disciple enters the tomb he sees and he believes. The disciple who was closest to Jesus in life is the one who is first to believe in him as the risen Lord. Perhaps the Beloved Disciple reckoned that if someone had stolen the body he would not have taken the trouble to strip the body first and then roll up the burial clothes. Or perhaps the evangelist John is simply telling us that beloved disciples are always the first to get to the heart of the matter. For the heart of the resurrection is the matter of love.

What we celebrate in the resurrection is God's liberating love for his beloved Son. Resurrection is the Father's response to the cross, his defiant answer to a world that hoped violence could keep Jesus in its hold.

In raising Jesus from the dead God raised every value that Jesus stood for, every story that Jesus told, every preference that Jesus made, every purpose that Jesus followed. All this was given new life and new significance.

If death had spoken the final word about Jesus, it would only have been a matter of time before everything about Jesus would have been reduced to a curiosity, a forgettable footnote in the crowded history of lost causes. But God had the last word. As indeed he had the first. The resurrection of Jesus was not a hysterical invention of people who refused to accept the death of their master. On the contrary, resurrection is the original act of accepting Jesus' death. The Father's act of raising Jesus from the dead is the Father's way of accepting his Son's death. Jesus is wakened to new life by the applause of his Father, by the sheer energy of his Father's love, by the loud shout of his Father's gratitude. The dead Jesus has no alternative but to rise to the occasion. The tomb can never be his permanent address. The Good News is that the Father's affirmation is not confined to Jesus; it is extended to all who follow the way of the beloved Son. As Paul says in today's second reading: "When Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him."

In the meantime, however, we struggle to let some of that glory shine through our halting efforts to follow the Lord. We know the way of the cross leads to our own doorstep and that we are challenged to take it. But it also leads us to the Father's ultimate affirmation, to the God who will laugh us out of our tombs. Today let us bless the God who insists on having the last laugh! (from Denis McBride: Seasons of the Word).

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: John Joseph Seery (16th), James Boyd Smith (18th), Patrick Joseph Lang (19th), deceased of the Chamberlain family (20th), Leonard Shaw, Phyllis Mary Meldon, John Adair Langford (21st)

Sick & Housebound: Kathleen Connaughton & Hilary Sendall.

MICHAEL HALLE RIP: We were very sad to hear that Michael died last Sunday afternoon. Michael had been receiving treatment for about a year for a brain tumour and he put up a brave fight lovingly supported by Jenny and the family. The Requiem Mass for Michael will take place at St Francis on Wednesday, 26th April at 11.00am followed by burial at Lymington Cemetery. We pray for Jenny & all the family and for Michael that he will rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

NEW ROOF COVERINGS AT ST FRANCIS!

Work will start on **Tuesday 18th April** and continue until the end of June. Scaffolding will be erected right around the church and a temporary compound will be built along the west side for the builders' use. **Masses will continue on Sundays and Wednesdays as usual** and normal access routes including Fire Exits will be maintained throughout.

On site car parking will be limited and with your cooperation, priority must be given to parishioners with mobility difficulties and to our priests. The "Old Boy's" Club next door have kindly agreed to allow us to use their forecourt and there is usually road side parking available on Sundays on local roads. Car sharing might be a good idea to consider. It is likely that church cleaning will be more of a challenge. The builders will do their best and will not be entering the church apart from the roof space but some extra dust is to be expected. We have bought dust covers to protect our most sacred and important places. Andrew Fox and I will be available to answer any questions you may have about this very important project for our lovely church. Peter Larke, Chair, Finance & Property Committee.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – INTERNATIONAL TWINNING PROJECT: - **CHARITY DINNER** on Thursday 27th April 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Raft Rocks, Milford on Sea. The price is £18 per person for a delicious African themed two course meal with £5 going towards our charities. (payment on the night please). There will also be a fabulous raffle to raise additional funds. Please complete the booking form available in church and hand back to Roger or Liz by 24 April 2017.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Ronaldo Scrope (16th), Iris McClone (17th), Robert Sparrow, Sheila Groombridge (18th), Jean Rixon, Susan Kathleen King (19th), Basil Thatcher (22nd)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Anna Hubbard, Kieran Holland and Bliss Morris. We very much hope that you will pass on the name (s) either to Fr David or to one of the Lay Ministers of anyone else known to you who might like a visit or/and Holy Communion.

FORMAL APPROVAL has now been received from the Diocese for the conversion of the first floor of the presbytery into a self-contained flat and the capital outlay of around £27,000 required to carry it out, this sum including a 10% contingency allowance. Ken Manley will manage this project for the Finance and Fabrics Committee and we are very grateful to him for taking on this role. Receipt of this authorisation allows the work to commence immediately after the Easter break and, given no unexpected delaying factors, should enable it to be completed by the second half of June. It is inevitable that there will be a degree of disruption likely to affect any parish activities taking place in the presbytery over this period although, as there will be no weekend working, it is probably only the serving of refreshments after the Wednesday morning Mass which may need to be curtailed depending on the type of work then taking place. By the time of the run up to the Parish Fete, the conversion should be at or near its end with the most potentially disruptive elements all completed. Parishioners having any questions or concerns should contact either Ken Manley or Cedric Lark.

Just check your diaries to make sure that you have noted the date of the **Parish Summer Fete**, now scheduled for **Saturday, June 17th**. Please start collecting together any items that you may have which are suitable for the Fete, for instance bottles for the Tombola!

WE HOPE that everyone is enjoying their Easter break. It was good to be sharing the Holy Week Services with so many of us. The choir, not surprisingly, are now taking a few week's break, but if anyone would like to consider joining the choir, then let one of our existing members know and we will tell you when we are restarting our practises.

DURING THE RUN –UP TO EASTER: Michael Jones had to have immediate surgery and Mary Dunn was confined to bed with 'flu! We pray that both of you make a safe and thorough recovery soon.

Newsletter items to Paddy at greenoaks@waitrose.com by Thurs please.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: John Ghost, David Ronan (15th), Jemima Secchi, Marion Nicholson (17th), Declan Good, Brian Edward Griffiths (19th), Bridie Jarratt (21st)

Sick and Housebound: Terence & Betty Isles, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Mary Norton, Carla Morgan, Chrissie James, Patricia Mate, Peter Strubin.

KNIT & STITCH will meet next Friday 21st April in the Hospitality Centre from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

100 CLUB DRAW - Congratulations to our winners as follows:- star prize of £70 Andrew Sutherland, £36 Ben Scrace, £27 Sarah Bell, £18 Antony Uniack, £14 Julia Lewcock, £9 Judith Giles. Many thanks for your support. It is not too late to purchase numbers for the three draws during 2017. Please contact Fran on 678525 or fran.walker@talktalk.net for information.

All Parishes

FIRE WARDENS TRAINING: Thank you to all those who accepted the invitation to be Fire Wardens for our parishes. The Diocese requires that Fire Wardens attend a training session. This has been arranged for **Friday, 21st April, from 7pm until 8.30pm at Lymington, Joseph's Place, next to the church.** There will be an opportunity to operate a fire extinguisher! Surely an experience not to be missed!! Please make the effort to attend.

YOUNG PEOPLE -Your Voice Matters – Mega Youth Poll: . If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

HOPE IN DEMENTIA. Saturday 22nd April 10.00-1.00. Lymington Baptist Church. Do you know somebody with dementia? Do you struggle to communicate with them? Do you know how to support them? Louise Morse is a therapist with wide experience of older people, and communications manager with Pilgrim's Friend Society. She will talk about practical and spiritual support. Dr Jennifer Bute is a retired GP who herself has dementia. She will share from professional and personal experience. Her talk is called 'A glorious opportunity'! This should be a really helpful conference. Do your best to come! £10 per person. Email: conference@pilgrimsfriend.org.uk or through www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk

ETERNAL WISDOM – Spring, New Shoots and Spiritual Growth: on Saturday, 22nd April, 10am-4pm. The day costs £27 and is inclusive of a simple lunch and a booklet to take away. For all the details visit: <http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Eternal-Wisdom-leaflet-pdf.pdf> To book please contact Melanie on 01794830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: 7pm Saturday 6 May, 2017 St Thomas' Church, Lymington Brought to you by the Lymington Choral Society with its Musical Director, Michael Goldthorpe and Timothy Rice, Organ/Harpichord. The Lymington Classical Players, Leader Marjory King. Soloists: Eleanor-Rose Sanderson-Nash, Soprano; Rosanna Cooper, Alto; Joel Williams, Tenor; Harry Thatcher, Bass. Tickets £15, £12.50 (gallery restricted view) - includes a glass of wine or soft drink. Accompanied children free entry. Available from Maxwell Hamilton, Lymington 01590 672191, Milford Community Centre 01590 644861, New Forest Stationers, New Milton 01425 620480 and on the door until sold out. Phone for tickets: 01425 614023 Monday to Saturday 9am – 7pm, Sunday 11am – 3pm. More Information: www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk Email: lcspublicity@hotmail.com.