

# 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 0PT

## Parish Contacts:

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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: 29<sup>th</sup> April - 7<sup>th</sup> May

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	As Per Celebrant	PWR
SUN	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Emily, Albert and Sonny Andrews RIP	DMA
SUN	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Joseph the Worker - Mem ( W )	As Per Celebrant	PWR
TUE	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Athanasius - Mem ( W )	Clare Barry-Ball RIP F/M	DMA
WED	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	Ss Philip & James, Apostles Feast ( R )	N/A	
WED	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Ss Philip & James, Apostles Feast ( R )	As Per Celebrant	PWR
WED	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Ss Philip & James, Apostles Feast ( R )	William John Lamb RIP F/M	DMA
THU	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	the English Martyrs (1535-1680) Feast ( R )	Patricia Sexton RIP	DMA
FRI	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter ( W )	Cathy Pickles (speedy recovery)	DMA
SAT	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter ( W )	Jim Holder RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Service	Our Lady	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for HC Children	N/A	DMA
SAT	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Jim Insole RIP	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Michael Halle RIP	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	As Per Celebrant	PWR
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism - Archie Oliver Dowling	N/A	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA

## Forthcoming Special Collections:

**This Sunday**

**April 29 /30**  
SVP collection  
In all Parishes

**Next Sunday**

**May 6/7**  
Clergy training Fund

**May 27/28**  
Catholic  
Communications  
Network

**June 17/18**  
Day for Life

**“MERCY BEGINS AT HOME”** – the second collection today will go to help the St Vincent de Paul Society help those less fortunate within our midst – your generosity and prayers are much needed. Thank you SVP – you’re doing a good job.

## JESUS WALKS WITH US ON THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

Where do we try to meet God: In holy places, sites of scenic beauty, in church, on our own in private, or when we are with others? Perhaps we can answer “yes” to all those. But where does God try to meet us? The first answer is surely where we are right now. God comes to meet us in our lives. That may not sound very exciting or very inspiring. It may not even be what we want to hear. But it is where we need to find God. If we cannot find God within ourselves and in our lives where else will we find God? How else can we experience joy, peace, love and confidence unless it is first within ourselves and then among ourselves?

Jesus is always walking with us on the journey of life. We turn over in our minds the experiences of life, our hopes & dreams, our fears and anxieties. We share our thoughts with trusted friends who are walking a similar journey. They listen to us and we listen to them. When we experience the uncertainties of life, the collapse of shallow hopes, the futility of selfish ambition, then Jesus is with us to lead us to new life.

Jesus encourages us to read the Scriptures and to see the patterns of God’s action. We are called to celebrate God’s action and presence in the Eucharist and in all the sacraments. In these gatherings of the community Jesus encourages us to let go of our fear and our worry and to trust God who is always bringing new life out of “death”.

Like the two disciples we are hoping that God will act in the world like we do. We imagine God will be forceful and conquering, meting out punishment on sinners and rewarding the righteous. We expect God to shield us from anything that might wound our pride, diminish our bank balance or threaten the manner of life to which we have become accustomed. We imagine God is going to reinforce everything in the way we think it should be. More often than not God is doing the exact opposite.

God in fact has to deconstruct almost everything, all our ego edifices. This is because almost everything has been contrived to protect the interests of the small individual and collective ego – power, status and wealth. We must let this shallow world die before we can experience the new life of God. The small self must die so that we can accept the real self, our identity in God. When we receive that grace in joy and gratitude we begin to experience the risen life of Christ within us and among us. Our hearts begin to burn with eagerness and excitement and then we have good news to share. (DMA).

## *St Francis, Milford-on-Sea*

**Anniversaries this week:** Maud Elizabeth McNeill (1<sup>st</sup>), Alfred Bernard Little (3<sup>rd</sup>), Alma O'Sullivan, Vera Irene White (4<sup>th</sup>), Arthur Joseph Bishop (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Sarah Bell, Kathleen Connaughton & Hilary Sendall.

### **ON-GOING ROOF WORKS AT ST FRANCIS:**

**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.

**THANKS: to all who organised and supported the** International Twinning Project Charity dinner last Thursday. A most enjoyable evening for a great cause.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Olive Milton, Ray Ryan (30<sup>th</sup>), Sister Dominic, Luke Kelly (1<sup>st</sup>), Capt William Lamb (2<sup>nd</sup>), John Joseph Boocock, Lance Reginald Day (5<sup>th</sup>)

**LET US NOT FORGET** our fellow parishioners in our prayers, especially Anna Hubbard, Kieran Holland and Bliss Morris. Do always remember that Fr David and any of our Lay Ministers are grateful to be told of anyone who perhaps feels isolated and unable to leave their homes. We would be glad to make contact with them.

**BROCKENHURST PPC:** will meet on Thursday, 11th May at 7.30pm

**FIRE WARDENS MEETING TODAY:** Just to remind all Fire wardens that there will be a short meeting after Mass today to construct our fire safety plan.

**THE MONTH OF MAY** is nearly with us, a month devoted to Mary, Mother of God. Every Wednesday during May it is planned that those of us who wish, will meet in the church at 9.30am to pray together a mystery of the Rosary. It would seem that the best place to gather would be as near the Lady Chapel as is practical. So Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> the first Joyful Mystery will be prayed. Perhaps we should pray for peace, especially peace in the Middle East where there is so much destruction and suffering.

**A SUMMER CONCERT AT ST ANNE'S! THE DATE? SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 7.30PM.** Featuring Carol Johnson (mezzo soprano) and Brockenhurst's Friday Girls. This concert is in aid of both 'Honypot' and Medicin sans Frontieres. So do please mark your diaries.

**OUR SUMMER FETE** is only seven weeks away now, on **Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>**. Another important date that deserves early entry in your diary. Please start making your own collection of items for this date, but keep them at home for a little longer.

**A BIG THANK YOU:** from Fr David for all the prayers, blessings and Easter greetings from everyone and for the very generous Easter offering.

**Newsletter items** to Paddy at [greenoaks@waitrose.com](mailto:greenoaks@waitrose.com) by Thurs please.

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Michael John Heneghan (29th), Michael Booth (30th), Thomas Scanlon, Diana Begg, Margaret Topp (1st), Peter Goffart, Mary Ann Gillespie (2nd), Leigh Horton, John Elmer Stevens (3rd), Cliff Borrell, John Szwaczka (4th)

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

**FIRST SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Please pray for all our young people, in the First Holy Communion programme, who are preparing to receive this beautiful Reconciliation Sacrament next Saturday 6th May.

**TO ALL THE FIRE WARDENS AT OLSJ:** There will be a short meeting after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday, 7th May, to produce a fire safety plan.

**GRATEFUL THANKS:** to Pete Lawes for the church flowers donated in loving memory of Leigh Horton.

**OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** Talk by a member of **TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE** at 3pm 9th May 2017 in Joseph's Place, on the work they do recycling tools and equipment for the Third World

## *All Parishes*

### **ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY, BANK HOLIDAY OPEN**

**DAY:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. 10am – 2pm. Food, Stalls, Games, Activities. Come along with your family & friends to meet the Sisters. St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms Rd, Lymington, Hants, SO41 BNH

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**ANYONE WHO KNOWS THAT THEY ARE TO BE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL** is encouraged to contact Fr David via the parish office with the dates and location of the hospital. The Sacrament of the Sick is available for everyone who is ill. It is a sacrament of strength, healing, peace and forgiveness. The sacrament can be given at home or in church after Mass. If anyone needs an emergency admission they are encouraged to instruct their next of kin to let Fr David know so that chaplaincy care at the hospital can be arranged.

**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/Harpsichord. 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](http://www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk) Email: [lcspublicity@hotmail.com](mailto:lcspublicity@hotmail.com).

**SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND** will be on **30th September and 1st October this year** at St. George Catholic College, Swaythling, Southampton, SO163DQ. A "Faith Filled" weekend with Teachings, Praise & Worship, Seminars, Daily Mass, Dramas & Mimes and Reconciliation. A real celebration of our faith. Children's streams are available with age appropriate teaching. Full details are available on [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or phone Peter & Lynda on 02380292058