

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
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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: 6th May - 14th May

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	6 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Easter	Jim Insole RIP	DMA
SUN	7 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 th Sunday of Easter	Michael Halle RIP	DMA
SUN	7 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Easter	Henrik Van De Brand RIP	PWR
SUN	7 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism - Archie Oliver Dowling	N/A	DMA
SUN	7 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 th Week of Easter (W)	As Per Celebrant	PWR
TUE	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 th Week of Easter (W)	Phillip McCormack RIP	DMA
WED	10 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the 4 th Week of Easter (W)	N/A	
WED	10 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 4 th Week of Easter (W)	Michael Halle RIP	DMA
WED	10 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 4 th Week of Easter (W)	As Per Celebrant	PWR
THU	11 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 th Week of Easter (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 th Week of Easter (W)	Harry Newenham RIP	DMA
SAT	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady of Fatima Mem (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	13 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of Easter	Lily Pearce RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	14 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	14 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of Easter	Jack & Lily Hunter RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 th Sunday of Easter	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections:

This Sunday

May 6/7
Clergy Training Fund

May 27/28
Catholic Communications Network

June 17/18
Day for Life

THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

God calls each one of us by name. We are known intimately by God and loved deeply by God as we are. We are called to follow Jesus, our good shepherd, on a journey that will take us through a death to the false self to a new life as God's children. God loves us now as we are and loves us into becoming wholly filled and transformed by the Divine presence in us. As brothers and sisters in the Lord our concern is for one another to support and nurture each other on this faith journey. This is the basis of all the lesser callings we refer to as "vocations".

The most important thing to realise in terms of "vocation" is that we all have at least one! We all have important contributions to make and vital support to give. We are the Body of Christ and each one is a valuable part. Among these many forms of service is the ministerial priesthood. While other lay vocations have flourished in recent years, the ministerial priesthood has been in crisis. At this present time and in our cultural area the crisis is continuing to deepen. One could write pages about the probable causes of this crisis. Suffice to say the causes are many and complex both in the Church and in society. While it is important to pray for all vocations, lay, religious & ordained, we cannot ignore our responsibility to address the underlying problems, which have brought about this shortage of ordained priests.

The truth of the matter (as I see it) is that the institutional church is going through the "pangs of new birth". In recent years the Holy Spirit has released tremendous vitality and new vision to meet the needs of our time. We, however, are always afraid of new things. Institutions are loath to change and imperceptibly they become ends in themselves, in other words, idolatrous. Power, control, secrecy, dictatorship, elitism and legalism are all alien to the Gospel of Jesus yet they are second-nature to us. As the Bible shows, salvation history is, more often than not, a story of *two steps forward, three steps back*. After Vatican II a new vitality was released but we grew afraid and have felt the need to return to the imagined securities of the past.

The ministerial priesthood has been at the crossroads between new ways and old ways. It yearns to find a new expression of Christ's service in freeing, reconciling, uniting, healing, and welcoming all people. Yet it is increasingly shackled by our need for status, power, self-justification and showy display. It is called to serve the People of God but we have shown little desire to truly listen to the concerns of the people.

So we must be patient. It is never God's desire that the Church be without servants (i.e. ministers). It is our sure faith that God will bring good out of this crisis. We will benefit as long as we recognise it as a crisis and do not continue to bury our heads in the sand. The important thing is to follow the call of Jesus through death to self and openness to the new life of intimacy with God. If we walk that journey as servants of each other, then "the Lord will provide". (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Peter Igoe (7th), Andy Gage (10th)

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

CHURCH SIDE DOOR – IMPORTANT: WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, **THE SIDE DOOR IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR USE DURING WORKING HOURS FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY.** THIS IS BECAUSE THERE IS A REAL RISK OF INJURY FROM FALLING DEBRIS. Please contact Andrew Fox if you have a need to access the Church during these hours and do not have a key.

WEDS 17 MAY 10 AM : HELP NEEDED! Please can you assist, for the short Service in our church during the Week of Christian Unity. **Welcomers** needed, and **Refreshments** in the Maryland Room afterwards: simple tea / coffee and biscuits, pretty tablecloths and posies. All refundable from our Treasurer. Please give your name to Helen **soon**, so that “our” day, when we welcome worshippers from the other Milford churches, will be as hospitable and holy as ever! Thanks very much.

LOST PROPERTY: Did anyone leave a purse in the church last week? If it was you, please see Fr David after Mass to retrieve it.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Frederick Matthews (8th), Frank Cassidy (11th), Monica Wibberley (13th)

Please remember in your prayers: Anna Hubbard, Kieran Holland and Bliss Morris.

BROCKENHURST PPC meet this week on Thursday at 7.30pm. Let us hope that by then our Chairman, Henry Mellor is fully recovered! However, we do have a vice chairperson, so the Meeting will still be held. If you have anything you would like to be considered at the Meeting, do mention it to any member of the PPC.

TO ALL THE FIRE WARDENS AT ST ANNE'S: Linda Guilding, our Health & Safety Co-ordinator will meet with you after Mass to discuss the Fire Safety Evacuation Plan.

ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY: We did have a group of seven who together hoped to storm the heavens for an end to the wars and destruction taking place in Syria. We prayed the Joyful mysteries and so will continue our praying through the Sorrowful Mysteries on Wednesday. It helps if we gather a little before 9.30am so that we start our Rosary promptly. We do need to have completed it by 9.55am. Deacon Hilary mentioned the Mysteries of Light, started by Pope John Paul II. If anyone has information on this mystery, please bring it with you on Wednesday.

FINDING ITEMS FOR SALE. Please continue your search and collection at home for items worthy of **our Summer Fete, which takes place on June 17th.** This week, a special plea is made for the Tombola. Please be generous with your bottles – of all kinds- and bring them to Greenoaks whenever you wish. Bottles brought on the day can be difficult, just because of the numbers game with raffle tickets, that is best prepared **before** the Fete. Mention of each stall will be made each week from now on.

Summer Concert at St Anne's on Saturday, 15th July at 7.30pm. Do please mark your diaries for this. We will hear the Friday Girls (very talented!) together with Carol Johnson – another gifted person! It is a charity concert with monies going to 'Honypot' and Medicin sans Frontieres.

Health and Safety. Although Fr David is covering the recent Health and Safety inspection in the 'All Parishes' section, we at St Anne's should record our gratitude to Linda Guilding in this context. Without Linda's help in coming over from Lymington, organising the necessary preparations and being there on the inspection day, the very favourable outcome would not have been achieved. Thank you, Linda!

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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Edith Mould, Jim Holder (6th), Bruna Baker (7th)

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

CWL: The next meeting of the CWL is on the 9th May at 2.30 in Joseph's Place. Our speaker will be from Tools for Self Reliance and will speak at approximately 3pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB meets on **Monday 8th May from 2-4pm** in Joseph's Place. Program includes quiz, talk/demonstration of chair yoga from Freda Jan, Brian's Corner, afternoon tea, practice with the Friendship Singers if there is time. We will be taking names for the boat trip on Monday 22nd May: numbers are limited for this trip. Everyone welcome. For transport or information please call Audrey on 670158 or Fran on 678525.

TO ALL THE FIRE WARDENS AT OLSJ: As a number of Fire Wardens are absent this weekend the proposed meeting will now be re-scheduled.

BOOK SALE - OUR THANKS to Kay and Moz Malpiedi for their time and hard work in organising the books in Joseph's Place and the Grand Book Sale last weekend. They raised a total of £72.30 for the Church Building Fund. Thank you also to the parishioners who donate books regularly. There are always bargains available to buy or borrow.

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

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.

NEXT WEEK: there will be a **Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip.**

PRELIMINARY HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTION – A GREAT RESULT: Thanks to all those in our parish communities of St Francis, Our Lady & St Joseph & St Anne's who worked so hard to prepare for this important inspection. Both representatives from the Diocese & the Assessors were very delighted with our level of compliance. My special thanks to Linda Guilding for co-ordinating the preparatory work for this inspection. Of course we mustn't be complacent and we all recognise our responsibility to keep our premises and gatherings safe as far as possible.

CAFOD – FUND-RAISING PLANT SALE – LYNDHURST: Henry Rosenvinge from Lyndhurst Parish is doing his yearly CAFOD plant sale on Saturday, 13th May from 10am – 12 noon. There is a £2 entrance fee and plants, flowers and cakes will be on sale. The address is Dunelm, Silver Street, Emery Down, Lyndhurst, SO43 7DX

WISDOM HOUSE, ROMSEY – EVENTS: Labyrinth Meditation (May 20th); Cream tea Fundraising to help women exploited by the sex trade (May 26th). For information tel: 01794 830206, or Email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk, or visit the website: wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk

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