

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
132 High St, Lymington, SO41 9AQ

St Anne
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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); Theresa Yates (Mil).

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

From 10 - 10.30am after Mass on Saturdays or by request

Masses & Services for the Week: 5th August - 13th August

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	5 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Transfiguration of the Lord (W)	In Thanksgiving (AT)	DMA
SUN	6 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Transfiguration of the Lord (W)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	6 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Transfiguration of the Lord (W)	Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	6 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Transfiguration of the Lord (W)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	7 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	St Cajetan, Opt Mem, (W)	N/A	
TUE	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Dominic, Mem, (W)	For those who are unwell	DMA
WED	9 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	St Teresa Benedicta, Feast, (R)	N/A	
WED	9 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Teresa Benedicta, Feast, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	9 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Teresa Benedicta, Feast, (R)	Richard & Elizabeth Hunt RIP F/M	DMA
THU	10 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Lawrence, Feast, (R)	deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
FRI	11 th	11.00am	Mass	Our Lady	Requiem Mass	Salvatore Pent RIP	DMA
FRI	11 th	3.00pm	Wedding	St Francis	Wedding Service - Chloe Wallis & Patrick Holden	N/A	GH
SAT	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday, (W)	Val & Joe Naylor & family (Int)	DMA
SAT	12 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Rev Barry Norris (Health)	DMA
SUN	13 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	13 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	13 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR

Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

Aug 19/20 - Apostleship of the Sea - Appeal for Volunteers;

Sept 16/17 Home Missions

TRANSFIGURATION

The Gospel gives us Matthew's account of what we have come to call the Transfiguration. Again we have the language of spiritual experience in its different aspects: seeing the Divine aura, the connection with the Law & the Prophets, wanting to stay in a comfortable "place", being drawn further into the mystery of Christ – the "cloud", the shadow, the Voice, the revelation, the counsel of wisdom – "Listen to him", the reaction of fear, Jesus's reassurance – "Do not be afraid", Jesus now seen alone, the command of Jesus: Tell no one until the Son of Man has risen.

God has taken Peter, James & John way out of their comfort zone. They realise Jesus is not just another prophet like Moses & Elijah. They could settle down to that quite easily. No, the Law and the Prophets have done their work. They now fade away. The old religion is now an empty shell, a vacated cocoon, an empty tomb. Only trusting, having faith in God, guides them through the fear, the shadow and the cloud. It is anything but certainty, clarity and self-assurance. It is incomplete, imperfect, "through a glass darkly".

Intriguingly, when Peter is giving encouragement to the new Christians he refers back to this experience in today's second reading. He suggests that we can all have this grace of illumination: *So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts* (2 Peter 16ff).

When we begin to be open to the heavenly realms within the mystery of our being, or when we are awakened to this, we begin to experience the transfiguring of our mortal nature. This is the simple, humble joy of realising God is with us in the "earthen vessel" of our humanity in all its weakness and in all the ordinary and sometimes extraordinary things we do. The awakening happens by the action of God's Spirit. It happens when we are ready. It is not something that is in our control. This is what Eucharist celebrates, expresses and realises: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the Divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity" (*Prayer said when the water is added to the wine*). (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Decima Mary Bidwell, Marjorie Dora McCoy, Mary Beatrice Lister (9th)

Sick & Housebound: Audrey Heneghan, Hannah McArthur, Sean McVeigh & Hilary Sendall.

SPECIAL THANKS: to everyone who helped with the Strawberry Cream Tea; and to Annemarie, Andrew & family for making their garden available & being such gracious hosts, thanks to all who helped and supported the fund raising event. We were blessed with typical English weather (!), the scones, strawberries & drinks were lovely and everyone who attended greatly enjoyed the occasion. The gazebos were greatly appreciated.

NEW FOREST BASICS BANK: There will be an appeal on behalf of NFBB, at Mass this Sunday. Please seriously consider making regular donations to this worthy cause, your local food bank. Please ask Anthony for a form

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Olena Konsaniak (7th), Eileen Dunham (8th), Hermione Bocchesse (9th), Richard Last (10th)

HERE IS OUR WEEKLY REMINDER of our fellow parishioners who are dependent upon our prayers: Kieran Holland, Eileen Dunn, Anna Hubbard and Bliss Morris, with a special need for us to remember Kieran at this difficult time for him.

THE PPC MINUTES are now available for anyone to read on either one of the two notice boards. The item that we hope you will all note is the date of the Parish House Mass. This is fixed for Friday 15th September. Traditionally, we gather at the host couples' home, this time, Greenoaks, Wilverley Rd, from 6pm, so that Fr David is able to start Mass with a settled group by 6.30pm. Cedric and Paddy look forward to welcoming you all.

EXTRA WEEK-DAY MASSES. Fr Quarmby will celebrate Mass with anyone who wishes to join him in St Anne's at 10am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week. Fr David or Fr Peter will be with us for Wednesday as usual.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA APPEAL - 19TH/20TH AUGUST -see All Parishes section opposite.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE is languishing, gathering the dust at the back of the church! It is such an easy, quick read and does keep us up with the goings-on in the Diocese. Give it a chance before the quarter is over and they are all consigned once more to the bin!

The 100 Club. The winner last month was Daphne Kelly, No.9. Well done Daphne, the money is on its way! Are you a member of the 100 Club? If not, but would like to join, please speak to Anne, Bill or Cedric after Mass and they will happily take your membership money. You never know your luck!

The 'Silly Season' is most definitely upon us! Most of us are fortunate enough to be looking forward to our annual holidays; but **the Newsheet tries to carry on!** This Sheet is there for everyone and would be far more lively if any item of news or planning that is in the air was mentioned. **Please remember your sub-editor and keep the sheet alive and up to date. Just tell me the item and I'll write up the rest. Send it to greenoaks@waitrose.com before Thursday lunch time. Thank you!**

FANNING THE FLAME: Faith, Fun & fellowship Summer Camp, 21st - 25th August for ages 10-25yrs. Venue: St Dominic's Priory, Sway. For more information and booking forms: visit www.fanningtheflame.co.uk or email: ftcm1995@gmail.com

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Henry Lang (6th), Emma Segato Barbieri (7th), Patricia Myers, Charles Moverley (9th), Emily Halligan (10th)

Sick and Housebound: Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Terence & Betty Isles, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Mary Norton, Chrissie James, Patricia Mate, Peter Strubin.

PARISH BAR-B-Q - IS NOW DRAWING NEAR!!: .
Next Sunday, 13th August from 12 noon onwards.
Everyone is welcome, especially our young people & visitors.

We do need to have an idea of how many are planning to come. **SO PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET PROVIDED.** The main course will be provided but we need people to bring salads &/or puddings.

GRATEFUL THANKS: to everyone who contributed to the coffee/ lunches on Saturday and helped us to raise the sum of £230 for Kidneycare UK. We are pleased to support this organisation which does so much to help kidney sufferers locally and countrywide.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: meets on **Monday 7th August in Joseph's Place from 2-4pm.** Our theme is Garden Party so please come along in your best outfits to enjoy Strawberry Pimms, a quiz, Brian's readings on garden parties, afternoon cream tea and old time singing. We will also be collecting names for the boat trip on Monday August 21st. We look forward to seeing you. Please phone Fran on 07840813768 for information or transport.

FLOWER BOXES: The work on the flower boxes is now more or less complete. Those who have sponsored a box will have their dedication plaques attached in the next week or so. We will also put a security cover over the irrigation controller. If you would like to sponsor a box and have it dedicated to the memory of loved ones the cost is a one off payment of £250. A part sponsorship is similarly available at £50. The cost will include the provision of the plaque. Cheques should be made payable to: "PRCDTR-Lymington-Our Lady". Please contact Lisa in the Parish Office for further details.

All Parishes

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Deacon Roger Stone who works for AOS at Southampton will be making an appeal, at all Masses on 19th/20th August, for volunteers to help staff a drop-in facility for seafarers (from the Fawley Terminal) at St Bernard's Church & Hall in Holbury, Waterside (New Forest East)

CHILDREN OF THE UNIVERSE FUNDRAISING DINNER: on **Thursday 14th September 6.30 for 7.00 pm at South Lawn Hotel.** Come and enjoy a three-course dinner (including a glass of wine), magic moments with magician Peter Thomas, entertainment by Nick and Hazel (formerly of the Cast Offs), raffle and auction.

Tickets now on sale only £25.00 each from Rini and Keith, phone 01590675386. Keith will speaking briefly at all Masses this weekend.

CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefings: Join us at special Harvest Briefings at either Christchurch on Saturday 9 September from 10am to 12pm at St Joseph's Centre, Immaculate & St Joseph's, 67 Purewell, Christchurch BH23 1EH or Winchester on Saturday 23 September from 2.15pm to 4.15pm at St Stephen's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery Road, Winchester SO22 4JB to find out more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus for Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.