

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

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School: Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. **Head of School:** Nanette Allies

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).

PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator : Linda Guilding; **Health & Safety Reps St Francis:** Colin Stack & John

Parry . **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: 19th August - 27th August

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	19 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	20 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	20 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	20 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
MON	21 st	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	St Pius X, Mem. (W)	N/A	
TUE	22 nd	10.00am	Mass	Our Lady	The Queenship of Mary, Mem. (W)	Krysia Masters (Health)	DMA
WED	23 rd	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	23 rd	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	23 rd	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
THU	24 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Bartholomew, Feast, (R)	Those who are unwell	DMA
FRI	25 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Teresa Gray (Peace)	DMA
SAT	26 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SAT	26 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	27 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	27 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	27 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism - Molly Francesca Jarvest	N/A	DMA
SUN	27 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

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

Sept 16/17 Home Missions

Prayer of the Heart: *Read Thomas Merton's own description of meditation or contemplative prayer:*

In the "prayer of the heart" we seek first of all the deepest ground of our identity in God. We do not reason about dogmas of faith, or "the mysteries." We seek rather to gain a direct existential grasp, a personal experience of the deepest truths of life and faith, finding ourselves in God's truth. Inner certainty depends on purification. The dark night rectifies our deepest intentions. In the silence of this "night of faith" we return to simplicity and sincerity of heart. We learn recollection, which consists in listening for God's will, in direct and simple attention to reality. Recollection is awareness of the unconditional. Prayer then means yearning for the simple presence of God, for a personal understanding of his word, for knowledge of his will and for capacity to hear and obey him. It is thus something much more than uttering petitions for good things external to our own deepest concerns.

Consequently: first of all our meditation should begin with the realization of our nothingness and helplessness in the presence of God. This need not be a mournful or discouraging experience. On the contrary, it can be deeply tranquil and joyful since it brings us in direct contact with the source of all joy and all life.

But one reason why our meditation never gets started is perhaps that we never make this real, serious return to the centre of our own nothingness before God. Hence we never enter into the deepest reality of our relationship with him.

In other words we meditate merely "in the mind," in the imagination, or at best in the desires, considering religious truths from a detached objective viewpoint. We do not begin by seeking to "find our heart," that is to sink into a deep awareness of the ground of our identity before God and in God. "Finding our heart" and recovering this awareness of our inmost identity implies the recognition that our external, everyday self is to a great extent a mask and a fabrication. It is not our true self. And indeed our true self is not easy to find. It is hidden in obscurity and "nothingness," at the centre where we are in direct dependence on God. [1]

As you meditate in silence, allow yourself to become empty and naked before God's loving gaze. In your nothingness, at the centre of your heart, God can mirror back to you your True Self, one with God's own heart. *(from the daily reflection shared by the Center for Action & Contemplation, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 19th August 2018)*

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Marcella Mary Morgan (20th)

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

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

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT RESPONSE to Anthony's appeal for Basics Bank. Please return the completed forms to him or to Basics Bank cabin soon!

Message for Michael Goss: Your tapes of Alistair Cooke are available for collection in the Sacristy at St Francis Church.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Terence Filbee (20th), Mathilde Sweet (21st), Helen Webb (22nd), William Jackson (25th)

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

Please continue our Parish prayers for Eileen Dunn, Anna Hubbard, Bliss Morris, Jo Chatterton and Kieran Holland

Fr Quarmby's Morning Masses cease for a week. He will recommence on Saturday 26th August when he will have returned from the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We look forward to the visit of Fr Charlie on Sunday 3rd September when he will celebrate

Mass with us at 6pm.

Flower Arranging Classes. Two members of the Brockenhurst Flower Cub will be putting on an eight week course, starting on Thursday 14th September at the Methodist Church Hall at 9.30am until 11.30am. Cost is £8 per session, to be paid in advance. We desperately need more helpers to build a team of flower-arrangers in our church and this course would be a great opportunity and a fun way to develop skills and confidence. You do not need to be a member of the Flower Club and no more than a basic knowledge is required. If you would like to know more, please call Anna on 01590 624587.

The Choir are free of any practises or obligation to sing as a group during the month of September. During that month, we will only be sing an opening and closing hymn during Mass. We will recommence on Sunday 1st October, with our first practise on Monday 2nd. So choir members please make a note in your diaries and enjoy a limited freedom.

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.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS) – Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral: Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:15pm at **St John the Evangelist's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Monday 4 September 2017.** It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports of your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For more information contact: salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Wilhelmina Garniss (19th), Ronald Haley, Sean Gleeson (21st), Myra Druitt, Giuliana Maria Kidner (22nd), Hilda Hayles (23rd), Anthony Ennis (25th)

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.

THANKS TO GERRY & MIKE & all the helpers: For a very successful parish Bar-B-Q last Sunday. Enjoyable company & good food was had by all. Thanks to everyone who brought side dishes & desserts.

FLOWERS: The flower displays in our beautiful church are created for the glory of God. However, they need some care and attention if they are to keep their glory. Could you spare some time to help create and maintain the displays? No experience necessary. Please speak to Frances Walker or Pat Choules if you can help.

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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 each from Rini and Keith, phone 01590675386. **Don't miss this great evening out. Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment.**

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 S022 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.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND is taking place at St. George Catholic College on Sat. 30th Sept. & Sun. 1st Oct. 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 can be found on www.celebrateconference.org or by phoning Peter & Lynda on: 02380292058. Last year we were fully booked so it would be advisable for anyone wishing to attend to apply in good time. **For reasons of security and safeguarding we are not able to accept anyone who "turns up on the day".**

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, in hospital 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.