

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 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); Liz White (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: 26th August - 3rd September

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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)	Winifred D Brand RIP F/M	DMA
MON	28 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Augustine of Hippo, Mem (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	29 th	10.00am	Mass	Our Lady	The Passion of St John the Baptist, Mem (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	30 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	Ss Margaret Clitherow, A. Line & M. Ward, Mem (R)	N/A	
WED	30 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Ss Margaret Clitherow, A. Line & M. Ward, Mem (R)	People of the Parish	DMA
WED	30 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Ss Margaret Clitherow, A. Line & M. Ward, Mem (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	31 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	CWL Intention	DMA
FRI	1 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	The Baker family F/M	DMA
SAT	2 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	3 rd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	3 rd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	3 rd	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism - Jocelyn Eve Curtis	N/A	DMA
SUN	3 rd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	CB

Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

Aug 27/28 - Collection re: Farewell Gift - Rev Dr Stephen Morgan;

Sept 16/17 Home Missions

REFLECTIONS ON AUTHORITY & LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

Any short extract of literature needs to be understood in context. In fact, taking things out of context can lead to great misunderstandings and distortions.

So "You are Peter & on this rock..." (Matt 16:18) needs to be understood alongside Matt 16:23 where Jesus says to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things". So, Peter is gifted by the Father's revelation but at the same time remains a frail human being subject to weakness & worldly thinking. So, church leaders may or may not be open to God's inspiration but they will always be "earthen vessels" prone to frailty.

In this Sunday's Gospel passage we read that the keys of the kingdom of heaven are given to Peter, with power to "bind & loose". However, we need to understand these words in the light of other passages where Jesus gives a similar authority to all the disciples (Matt 18:18).

Also, we must consider Matt. 23:8-12: *But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.*

And in Mark's Gospel (Mk 10:41-45) Jesus says how authority is to be exercised: When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

St Peter himself wrote: (1 Peter 5: 1-3) I exhort the elders among you Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.

A healthy church community is one in which everyone is respected, listened to, has a part to play, and is able to co-operate and collaborate. A healthy community is one where God's love is the supreme law, where each is responsible for and accountable to the other. A healthy community needs leadership that nurtures the gifts of the Holy Spirit working "in all sorts of different ways, in different people" (1 Cor 12:6).

Pope Francis has been trying to re-balance how authority is exercised in the Church by exposing clericalism and re-introducing dialogue, collaboration and subsidiarity. However, there has been little progress, if any, on the inclusion of women in the leadership of the Church. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kazimiras Kevelaitis (28th), Frederick Harbury (29th)

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

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!

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: James McCabe (27th), Eirlyo Aiano (28th), Sarah Walker (31st)

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

Fr Quarmby returned from the Lourdes Pilgrimage in time for 10am Mass on Saturday, 26th of this month. He will be our celebrant for 10am Mass on Mon /Tues / Thurs / Fri / Sat (28th Aug – 2nd Sept). Fr Peter Ryan will be principal celebrant for the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 30th Aug.

We look forward to the visit of Fr Charlie on Sunday 3rd September when he will celebrate Mass with us at 6pm.

The Parish Pub Lunch will happen this week on Tuesday 29th August from 12md at The Foresters. Don't forget! See you there.

Basics Bank. The Harvest season will soon be upon us and Basics Bank nowadays struggles very hard to keep up a food supply that matches local needs. Yes: I did say LOCAL needs! That might be hard for many of us to believe, in this comfortable part of the country. But it is certainly not comfortable for everyone living around here. So if, like so many of us, you are one of those with all sorts of good intentions that all too easily get forgotten, now is our chance. We have a special food collection for Harvest Time! From now on, for a few weeks, there will be a large cardboard box waiting for us to fill, at the back of the church. Both in the church porch and the parish room notice board there are lists provided that tell us what is so badly needed. So please, if we all contributed something from that list, our brothers, sisters and children who rely upon Basics Bank, will all have a good harvest collection from St Anne's.

Welcome forms: bright orange! A small number of new forms are on the long table at the back of the church. They are essentially for New Parishioners! Please take one home, complete it and then return it to a parishioner. She/he will pass it to the right person.

Flower Arranging Group. We do need to build up our group of flower arrangers! Anna Mellor has found a way to build our self-confidence for this form of art. Starting from Thursday 14th September, we have the opportunity to attend some flower arranging classes. Each session will cost £8, place: Methodist church hall. Time: 9.30 – 11.30am. The course can last for 8 weeks. If you would like to give the course a try, ring Anna on 624587. You have two weeks in which to think about it.

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!

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: Michael Duffy (26th), Emily Byrne (28th), Thomas Melluish, Eileen Box (31st), Winifred 'Wyn' Ethel Calvert (1st)

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 recently. 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.

ST BARBE MUSEUM is seeking gallery stewards for Sundays from 1.30 - 4 pm. There is no upper age limit and as long as volunteers are interested in the arts or local history, are mobile enough to walk around the gallery pretty often and are sociable and happy to engage with the public, it is an interesting role working as part of a small team. If anyone is interested, they can pick up details and an application form from St Barbe, or email Sheila Ward, Volunteer Co-ordinator: volunteers@stbarbe-museum.org.uk

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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 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.

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.