

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

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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: 7th - 15th October

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	7 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Paul Milbourn RIP	DMA
SUN	8 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	8 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	8 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of Harper Lily Bates	N/A	DMA
SUN	8 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	In Thanksgi ving for 50yrs of Marriage	DMA
MON	9 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
TUE	10 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	11 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	11 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	For Those Who Are Unwell	DMA
WED	11 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	as per Celebrant	DQ
THU	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Brendan & Marie Flynn 50th Anniv	DMA
FRI	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Anne McGarty RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	14 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Monie Vallis RIP	DMA
SUN	15 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

Oct 7/8 - CAFOD Harvest Collection;

Oct 14/15 - SVP Appeal & Collection; Oct 21/22 - Foreign Missions Collection; Nov 4/5 Bamenda Collection

IS THE KINGDOM BEING TAKEN FROM US?

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus says to the religious leaders: "The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you and given to those who will produce its fruit".

It is important that we regularly ask that question of the Lord in our prayer: Are we losing the kingdom, are we losing our souls?

Forget about heaven and hell for a moment. It is about what is happening now in our hearts, minds, emotions, bodies, relationships and lives. Seeing things only in terms of "when I die" can be a subtle way to avoid the here and now issues.

History gives us many examples of people, communities, regions, countries "losing it". Losing openness, tolerance, love, compassion, joy, variety, acceptance, values, meaning and whatever else makes the heart sing. A parish community can have its priests, its liturgies, its groups and still be cold and unwelcoming, judgemental and narrow-minded. It can have too little of the Spirit who comes from God and too much of the spirit of the world (fear, lethargy, discouragement, greed, factions, prejudices etc).

The soul is a very delicate thing. It can expand out to the whole universe and in its appreciation and acceptance embrace everything, even the mystery of God. The soul thrives on love, truth, compassion and freedom.

It responds to beauty and to disfigurement, to joy and to pain. It relishes spontaneity, diversity and harmony. With faith it can flourish on challenge and overcome adversity. Above all the soul can be refreshed and renewed by another or by the Other.

But the soul can also shrink and wither. It can lose the joy. It can become locked into anxiety, bitterness, security and comfort. The soul can become fearful and self-preoccupied. Remember I am not talking so much about sin, although that may be part of the picture but about life, energy, creativity, appreciation, joy, openness or rather the lack of these experiences. We can be going to the sacraments but our souls can still be starving because we are not really letting Christ into the whole of our lives. One moment with the Lord will have little impact if we spend hours & hours consuming only the trivial and superficial.

Bad leadership can also stifle the soul. Rigid, authoritarian and regimental leadership negates confidence, creativity and self-worth. We may not belong to ourselves. If we are living only in the expectations of others. If they are the mirrors which reflect back to us our reality then we won't know who we really are. We won't realise that we are mirrored by Christ as children of God. We need to ask ourselves who am I when I am not a husband, wife, father, mother, wage earner, single person, etc? Do I know myself as one uniquely loved and called by the Other who is the real food of our souls? (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Parker (9th), Mary "Molly" Kathleen Woodford (11th), Ethelfrida Davies (13th), Marjorie Leila Brown (14th)

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

Remembrance Sunday: The Royal British Legion Milford Branch want us to be involved in their annual services on 12th November, at Keyhaven at 2pm and/or All Saints' at 3pm. Would anyone like to join with another, or by themselves, on behalf of St Francis Church, subscribe to a wreath which cost anything from £12 upwards and have the option of laying them on the day? Please speak to Anthony after Mass today or 645521.

CHORAL CONCERT CHARITY, FRIDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 7.30pm at St Francis of Assisi Church, Park Lane Milford-on-Sea, SO41 OPT. Tickets £10 – refreshments included. Proceeds in aid of refugees and International charity projects. Tickets on the door and from the Community Centre.

AND IF YOU LOVE CONCERTS SOME MORE!!: then on Sat 21 October 7pm : All Saints' Church invites us to attend the concert by Zozulenska, the Ukrainian Ensemble performing on behalf of "Hope Now", a Christian charity working in the areas of Health, Orphans, Prisons, Education, Evangelisation, and Elderly. Admission is free, though donations would be welcomed.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Winifred Foster (11th)

Please do pray for: Kieran Holland, Anna Hubbard, Eileen Dunn, Bliss Morris and Jo Chatterton.

Mass with Father Quarmy's Masses will be (almost) back to normal: 10am on Monday, Tuesday and the Parish Mass on Wednesday, **8am on Thursday**, back to 10am on Friday and Saturday.

Congratulations to Bill and Helen as they enjoy the celebration of their Golden Wedding. May the Lord continue to give them a long, healthy and happy life together. Make your message personal by joining Bill and Helen in the Parish Room after Mass. May God bless you both!

The 100 Club. This item was accidentally omitted last week, but Paul Shearer, number 26, won the club prize for September, the valuable prize of £100. Lucky Paul! Have you not yet joined this club? You can easily put that right by presenting yourselves to Anne Woolhouse, Bill Pignatelli or Cedric Lark. Anyone will point you in the right direction if you don't yet know these parishioners.

CAFOD: There is a second collection today for this active and very over-worked missionary charity. Even if you didn't remember the family fast day on Friday, please be very generous with your donation at the end of Mass, using and completing the information needed on the CAFOD envelopes if you are a tax payer. Thank you in advance!

Maybe Lost? A bright pink soft case has been found amongst the choir music, containing a pair of black-rimmed glasses. They may be sorely missed, as they have fairly strong lenses. They can be collected from the presbytery after Mass. There is also a lonely red anorak lying in the presbytery that has not been claimed for several weeks now.

Don't forget to read the section on your news sheet called 'All Parishes'. That is there for all of us!

A CONCERT given by Bournemouth Male Voice Choir & The Friday Girls, on Saturday 14th October, 7.00pm at St. Saviours' church, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SP. Free entry with retiring donations: Street Pastors & Barnabas Fund & Church Funds.

Be Prepared! Please mark your diaries so that you are free to come to the **Parish Annual General Meeting**, which this year, is to be held after Mass, on Sunday 12th November.

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!

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Christina Beevers (7th), Catherine Conroy (8th), Paul Robert Duffy (9th), Josephine Liegeois (10th)

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

CANCELLATION OF MEETING: Unfortunately, it has been necessary to cancel the **CWL meeting** scheduled for 10th October.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB We are taking names for our next outing to The New Forest and Beaulieu on Monday 16th October. For information or transport please call Fran 678525. Free admission - everyone most welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 100 CLUB WINNERS:- Mike Reynolds £36, Anne Thomas £27, Eileen Griffiths £18, Jerry Heneghan £14, Patrick Swinden £9. Prizes can be collected from the Sacristy. Our final draw of the year, including star prize, will be in December. Thanks to all members for their contribution to parish funds.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped, attended and contributed to our **Macmillan Cancer Support** coffee/lunch in Joseph's Place on Saturday. We were able to donate £235 on behalf of the parish.

All Parishes

CAFOD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

MASS COUNT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES IN OCTOBER, PLEASE

CAFOD Harvest Collection: Our contributions go to help people like Eldemira, a farmer in El Salvador as she works to provide for her family. With your help CAFOD has given her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please help us to give this support to other farmers by picking up a fast day envelope and giving whatever you can. Many thanks.

The 'Domestic Church' or **How can we live out our faith in our busy and chaotic home lives?** Workshop and discussion led by Lucy and Paul Docherty. Saturday 14th of October, 1600-1745, Mass at 6pm. St Peter's RC Church, Winchester.

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Service of Thanksgiving for our Healthcare: in the Out Patients department, Lymington Hospital, Sunday, 22nd October at 3pm. Led by Hospital Chaplain, Linda Lee.

OLD ONE POUND COINS: After Oct 15th they are no longer legal tender. If you have charity boxes like the Red Mission box you may need to change the old coins. They should be kept separate from the new one-pound coins.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton in conjunction with St Vitus Cathedral in Rijeka, Croatia, have arranged this 10-day programme led by Mgr Matija Maticic, Rector of St Vitus Cathedral and Fr George Ngwa, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes. The cost will be circa £1,750 based on current exchange rates (both countries quote rates in US\$). Included are 4* hotels on a half board basis, flight from Heathrow, relevant entry fees for places of worship, air-conditioned coach throughout the journey and local guides in both countries. Gratuities and exit fees for Israel & Jordan are not included. Please see itinerary for full details. To book a place, or for further information, please contact Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office on 01425 614968, Email: ololnewmilton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Katherine Dempster, Our Lady of Lourdes Safeguarding rep on 01425 611643. Email: katherine.dempster@btinternet.com