

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 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 - 11am after Mass on next Saturday
23rd Dec
or by request anytime

Masses & Services for the Week: 16th December - 25th December

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	16 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	17 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	17 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	Mary Aylward RIP	DMA
SUN	17 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	Joseph C. & Vera E. Marshall RIP F/M	DMA
MON	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (V)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	19 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (V)	Ruth, John & Rosalind Adams RIP Annivs	DMA
WED	20 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day (V)	Chris Nagle & Marjorie Donovan RIP Annivs	DMA
WED	20 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day (V)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	20 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (V)	N/A	
WED	20 th	2.00pm	Carol Concert	Our Lady	Our Lady & St Joseph School Carol Concert	N/A	
WED	20 th	4.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St Anne		N/A	DMA
THU	21 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (V)	Helen May Burne RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
THU	21 st	11.30am	Wedding Service	St Anne	James Ratcliffe & Rachael Kavanagh	N/A	DMA
FRI	22 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (V)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (V)	For expectant mothers and fathers	DMA
SAT	23 rd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4th Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	Normina Marshall RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	24 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4th Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	24 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	4th Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	as per celebrant	DQ
SUN	24 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4th Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	24 th	5.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Christmas Night Mass (Children)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	24 th	7.30pm	Carols	Our Lady	Christmas Carols	N/A	
SUN	24 th	8.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Christmas Night Mass	People of the Parish	DMA
MON	25 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Christmas Day Mass	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	25 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Christmas Day Mass	People of the Parish	DMA
MON	25 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Christmas Day Mass	as per celebrant	DQ

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION: This year the crib offerings will go to "Friends of the Holy Land" who support over 2,000 needy Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel & Jordan.

NOT HAVING MORE BUT BEING MORE

Most of us, maybe, are consumer addicts. We take for granted the ideal of having greater consumption, higher material standards of living, and ever more luxurious and expensive possessions.

The whole world economy is now virtually geared for this. It is the cultural deity which must be served and serviced at all costs. The celebration of Christmas has for many of us just become a heightened "feeding frenzy" of consumerism. The secularisation of this season is virtually complete leaving us with just a residue of lip service paid to events and narratives with which we now have only a tenuous connection. No wonder that some have called for a complete separation of the commercial from the Christian celebration.

In the meantime, we try to redeem the situation by generosity, care, compassion, reconnecting with distant friends and relations.

We try not to over indulge, without becoming killjoys. We pray for patience to welcome & live peacefully with folk who are, albeit temporarily, sharing our space, upsetting our routines, not enjoying the same TV programmes and not agreeing either with our religious or political beliefs.

Perhaps the whole experience only stimulates our desire - for deeper reflection, for more sincere and honest relationships with God and others, for a healthier body and soul, for a world no longer suffering oppression, poverty, and conflict, for a simpler, less pressured lifestyle.

Perhaps, we realise more deeply that possessions, in so far as we crave them and depend on them, can actually diminish us. If we are not careful they can disempower us. We can fail to see the beauty and power of our own, God given, being and our amazing potential for life, love and giftedness. And when our being draws on the Divine source in Christ, its potential is boundless & glorious (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Blanche Gertrude Grantham-Hill (18th), Irene "Mac" Hutchinson (20th), Anne Marie Bares (22nd), Robert Joseph Lynch (23rd)

Sick & Housebound: Sarah Bell, Audrey Heneghan, Margaret Langford, Hannah McArthur, Sean McVeigh & Hilary Sendall.

MASS: back to usual today, with hymn singing and music. Thanks to all our committee members for their presentations & service of the parish.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Joseph Marshall (18th), Molly O'Riordan (21st), Sheelagh Munford (22nd)

We need to keep up our prayers for: Kieran Holland, Anna Hubbard and Eileen Dunn. Also, remember to watch out for others who may need us.

Fr Quarmby: will be here to celebrate Mass each morning this week at 10am on Monday, 7.30am on Tuesday, 11.00am on Thursday and 10.00am on Fri & Sat. Please note the different times.

Red Boxes. If your box is still at home, please bring it into the church as soon as possible, or take it to Bill Pignatelli's home when you can, or someone will happily take it for you. Thank you.

Ministers of the Word. I am acutely aware that there has not been an in-service training day for us all this year and I apologise for this. However, there is a small mistake being made by some that I would like to gently correct: the Lectionaries were not reprinted when the Liturgy was last changed. So, after every Reading one sees: 'This is the Word of the Lord'. Not surprisingly therefore, that is what some of you are still saying. In fact, don't be afraid of a distinct pause when your Reading is completed. **Then** you proclaim: "The Word of the Lord". No 'This is'! See you in the New Year and I'll try for an outside speaker. P.

Basics Bank: The big red Christmas box leaves the church today. Here's hoping that all of us remembered to feed the box in time! If not, put something helpful in the basket in the porch.

WEDDING & CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Please be aware that the church will be fully decorated, including Christmas tree and crib the weekend of 23/24 December (4th Sunday of Advent). As you know there is a wedding on the 21st and it is likely that some of the flower placements (eg the font and possibly the altar) will have to remain in situ until Christmas Day - and of course beyond.

NEXT SUNDAY (24th) & CHRISTMAS DAY 925th) MASS at St Anne's is at 10am. Be forewarned!

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!

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FUTURE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS UNDER THREAT: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. **Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which will effectively preclude new Catholic schools.**

CAROL SERVICE: Sunday 17th December at 3pm with the Sisters of St Dominic's Priory Sway followed by tea and mince pies.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Hazel Barrett (16th), Andre Mathey (17th), John Hooker, Marie O'Reirden (18th), John Bishorek, Albert Andrews (19th), Philip Jones, Charles Phillips, Herbert 'Bertie' Nutt (20th), Harold Barrett, Alice Ann Dobson (21st), William Custis (22nd)

Sick and Housebound: Marcia Greenwood, Terry Iles, Mai Wilson, Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate.

MARY AYLWARD RIP: You'll be sad to hear that Mary has died aged 96yrs. In the last months of her life she was being cared for in a nursing home in Totton. Mary was in Lymington for many, many years and was a faithful member of this church. Her funeral Service will take place at Romsey Crematorium on Friday, January 5th at 3.25pm. This will be followed at a later date by a Memorial Mass in OLSJ.

OLSJ SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT: Wednesday 20th December 2pm at OLSJ church Lymington. All are welcome.

100 CLUB DRAW: will be held on Sunday after Mass in Joseph's Place. The draw will be for five cash prizes plus the star prize of £70. Membership for 2018 is still only £15 per number, for entry in 4 draws every year. Subscriptions for 2018 are now being received and Fran and Eileen will be on hand on Sunday to accept cheques or cash for renewal of membership or those wishing to join. We will have joining forms available. Cheques should be made payable to PRCDTR OUR LADY 100 CLUB. Please call 678525 or email fran.walker@talktalk.net for information or forms.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH on CHRISTMAS DAY in St Thomas's Church Hall: This event is organised under the Banner of "Christians together" as we have many Volunteers from all Denominations in Lymington. On **Sunday 17th December** we would be grateful for any suitable gifts (or an appropriate donation) for the Christmas Tree, wrapped and labelled for a Lady or Gentleman (value about £2.00 to £4.00) for our guests to take home. We thank you. Mike and Ann Reynolds 01590 679084. **We will have room for late guests.**

MISSIO CALENDARS: are available at the back of church. Please help yourself to a free calendar and keep up to date with the wonderful work of the Missions throughout the world.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! With Christmas approaching why not give someone a book as a present or even one for yourself to while away a cold and grey afternoon. We have a good selection of books available in Joseph's Place to borrow or to buy for a small donation - all proceeds to Parish funds. Come and have a browse!

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THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS: These are for your Parish Priest & help to make up his ordinary income for the year. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

TOGETHER IN HARMONY: A new community music group, for people with dementia and their carers. Beginning 24th January 2018, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays every month, 10.00-11.30 a.m. Boldre Memorial Hall SO41 5QT £5 per couple. For further information contact Frances Attwood n 01590 718749 or 07500 117814

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: Everyone, Christian or not, is invited to the next Avon Stour Pastoral Area Welcome to Worship event: When?

Wednesday 10th January 2018, 7-8.30pm (followed by refreshments) .Where? Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Douglas Rd, Southbourne BH6 3ER. What? : Contemporary worship music, scripture reading, a short talk and a range of silent ways to respond in prayer/reflection. There is also the opportunity to receive personal prayer through our growing team of prayer ministers.