

# 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

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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 Saturday morning or by request anytime

## Masses & Services for the Week: 6<sup>th</sup> January - 14<sup>th</sup> January

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	The Epiphany of the Lord	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	The Epiphany of the Lord	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Epiphany of the Lord	Marcia Greenwood RIP	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of baby Emilia McGinnes	N/A	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	The Epiphany of the Lord	Tess Pearson & cousins Mollie & Rosie	DMA
MON	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Baptism of the Lord, Feast ( W )	N/A	
TUE	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
WED	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	Patrick "Paddy" Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	N/A	
THU	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	Flora Weld RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
FRI	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	Rebecca Hogarth (Birthday)	DMA
SAT	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	For Peace in the world	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish	DMA

**CRIB COLLECTION - LAST WEEKEND.**

**NEXT WEEKEND: The "White flower Appeal" a**

**voluntary collection for the SPUC, Society for the Protection of the Unborn child.**

### WHAT ARE WE OFFERING THE WORLD?

Traditionally the Epiphany is the manifestation, the revelation of Christ to the pagan world. If Christianity is to play its part in making known the Christ to the world it must be continually renewed and enlightened by the same Christ. Individually and collectively we are "earthen vessels" that hold a treasure. Our ignorance, prejudices & vested interests can distort the good news. Sometimes this distortion is such that, albeit, unwittingly, we communicate, or are perceived to communicate bad news instead. When it comes to offering Christ's life to the world we are "wounded healers". This only becomes an obstacle when we refuse to recognise & acknowledge the "wound" or the "shadow".

The most fundamental obstacle to the "good news" is the failure to exorcise the demonic image of God as an eternal torturer. The threat of eternal damnation became an all too easy weapon of abuse, control and domination. Coupled with countless examples of barbarity over the centuries it is a miracle that the emphatic Scriptural affirmation "God is love" retained any credibility at all. For Christianity to be good news for the whole world the dark shadow of fear and threat must be dispelled. All we need is a realistic recognition of consequences.

Secondly, Christianity must bring out from its storehouse of wisdom the healing and unifying dynamism of the Word. Now is the opportune time to proclaim that: "God is in all, through all and with all", that: "in God we live and move and have our being", that God's purpose is to "reconcile and unite all things, in heaven and on earth". This is particularly relevant to the relationship between faith & science.

Thirdly, Christianity must present itself not as the promoter of one religion in competition with others, but as the guardian and seed bed of a "new humanity". Everything that causes hostility must be "abolished". Humanity doesn't exist for religion, religion exists, should exist, for humanity. The simple, yet all encompassing axiom, too often obscured by human rules & taboos, that can give light to everyone is: "No one has ever seen God, as long as we love one another, God will live in us and his love will be complete in us".

Fourthly, Christianity must be healed of, and recover from, its gender and sexual neurosis which blighted the most basic human relationships with fear, shame & guilt. The wholesome and divinely transformative potential of ordinary human relationships must be clearly celebrated and communicated. Jesus offers friendship as the ultimate goal of all relationships, both human & divine.

Fifthly, there needs to be a healthy relativisation of all identities, forms and structures. When these are allowed to be absolutes, then the tyranny of earthly "gods" & "idols" ensues. Here we need to proclaim: "there is no male or female, no slave or free, no Jew or Greek, you are all one in Christ Jesus". This is not a denial of diversity but a recognition that the diversity is held and is secondary to an all-encompassing unity. Respecting diversity and transcending diversity are both necessary for future global harmony. (DMA)

## *St Francis, Milford-on-Sea*

**Anniversaries this week:** Eileen Greenfield Thirsk (7th), Madeleine Gertrude Chaplin (8th), Catherine Frances Webdale (11th), Stanley Henry Barlow, Joan Helen Hennes (12th), Vincent Joddrell, Michael Joseph Connaughton (13th)

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

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:** Please see the item below for all the Churches.

**QUIET EVENING** on Thursday 11th January 2018. In **All Saints' Church** at 7.30pm. Following a brief introduction, we will spend an hour or so in informal silence. Refreshments will be available throughout. There will be places to sit and reflect, prayer stations to engage with and creative activities to explore. We will finish by 9.30pm.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Peter Bishop (7th), Mary Hurt, James Emery (9th), Laura Bartram, Patrick Whelan (10th), Helen Parsons (11th), Percy Charles (13th)

**The New Year is a great time** for renewing our prayer life, especially remembering, for instance, Kieran Holland who was such a gentle person in our parish for so long. Now we can speed him on his way to the Lord, and remember his **Requiem Mass on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.**

**Anna Hubbard and Eileen Dunn** also need our prayers at this time, but so does Theresa Baker, whose replacement knee became infected and there has been a reaction to penicillin. So Theresa, we're thinking and praying for you!

**Fr. Quarmby** will celebrate Mass at 10am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 7.30am on Tuesday and 11am on Thursday.

**The 100 club:** Kevin Reardon was lucky again this month, able to enjoy £100 with the help of no. 25. Well done Kevin! You see it is worth joining this club, and if you so wish, don't hesitate to speak to Anne Woolhouse, Bill Pignatelli or Cedric Lark and they will arrange your membership with you.

**Giving our thanks.** Last week, the Jesse Tree was mentioned and none of the people concerned were there to read it! But things were still missed that all contributed to making our church beautiful for Christmas. Once again, the Shearer family took on the Crib. It was all just beautiful again. We are very grateful for the time the four of you gave to it. Our thanks too to Dawn who once more provided us with the splendid tree, which, you may be pleased to know was decorated by our very recent bride and bridegroom of the 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. hence the little hearts, which you probably noticed!

**CAFOD Rohingya Crisis Appeal:** Theresa and Annabelle raised £120 for this appeal from their sale of Christmas table decorations and wall hangings. Well done, both of you.

**Brockenhurst Christian Aid** Team invite you to a Winter Warmer Lunch on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. at St Saviour's church hall. No charge for the lunch, but donations appreciated for Christian Aid.

**What metaphors or symbols or images of God do women resonate with?** The PPC have agreed to an exploration of a display on the 'Feminine Aspects of Prayer'. The word 'feminine' does not exclude the male section of our parish community, for both men and women have a 'feminine' experience of God. The suggestion is that we might create a series of prayer stations in the church that would open up a deeper understanding of the feminine aspects of our prayer lives. Anyone who is interested in expressing ways of relating to God through creative, but simple art, or in daily activities, or would simply like to join us in a group discussion - please gather with us after Mass on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in St Anne's parish rooms. Mary Dunn will bring some ideas to start the discussion.

**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](mailto:greenoaks@waitrose.com) before Thursday lunch time. Thank you!**

## *All Parishes*

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2018:** Next weekend, 13 / 14 January 2018, there will be a special collection for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Stella Smith (6th), Peggy Packwood, Joseph Myers (7th), Millicent Ada Devine (8th), Albertina Moles, Sergio Parmesan (9th), Anne Frogley, Harold 'Roy' Cozens (10th), Catherine 'Kit' Webdale (11th), Charles Ireland (12th)

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

**MARCIA GREENWOOD RIP:** Marcia's Requiem Mass will be at Holy Redeemer Church, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1EB on Fri 12th Jan at 9.30am. There will also be a **Memorial Service at OLSJ, Lymington on Wednesday, 24th Jan at 11am**, with a gathering afterwards in Joseph's Place. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**CWL:** The next meeting of the CWL will be on Tuesday, 9th January at 2.15 in Joseph's Place. Look forward to seeing you all.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** meets on Monday 8th January from 2-4pm in Joseph's Place. Program includes the quiz, raffle, afternoon tea. Neville will outline his future plans for the club. Everyone welcome to join the discussion. For information or transport please call Neville on 688337.

**PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE:** Don't forget to pick up your free copy of Portsmouth People, where on **page 18** there is an article entitled: "**Your Local SVP Lymington Conference**".

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – (18<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Jan):** The Lymington annual joint service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on Sunday 28th January 2018. All the church congregations will join at St Thomas Church at 10.30am. The service will be led by the Baptists with other churches' involvement, and the Salvation Army band will take part. Please do feel free to show our support and solidarity with our fellow Christians.

**PARISH LUNCH 2018:** Gerry Heneghan and Mike Reynolds are planning a Parish Lunch to take place in the **first week of February**. It will be in a local restaurant & hopefully those who would not otherwise venture out at night will be encouraged to come along. More details to follow soon.

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**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA TEAM MEETING:** for Lymington, Milford on sea and Brockenhurst. This will take place on **Thursday 11th January 7pm in Joseph's place**. We shall be putting together a new rota and discussing how the project is going. If you would like to join the team please come along to this meeting. The day allocated to us for the Apostleship of the sea at Holbury is Wednesday 6pm-10pm- sometimes we finish earlier. We try to allocate each team one Wednesday a month. (Fr David). The **seafarers** are always grateful for **warm clothing**. If you have any outdoor clothing you no longer use please contact the parish office. (So far the seafarers have all been men.)

**PRAYER EVENTS AT WISDOM HOUSE, ROMSEY:** A couple of up and coming events you may be interested in are Creative Mindfulness on Saturday the 20th of January and Praying with the Word of God, a Lenten reflective day on Saturday, February the 17th.

**Creative Mindfulness** is a day of mindfulness meditation with simple creative activities that are suitable for everyone.

**Praying with the Word of God.** This is a space to allow the Word of God to speak to you personally through some familiar and not so familiar passages of scripture in reflective silence. If you would like to know more, or to book please telephone **01794 830206** or email: [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk) or visit [www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk](http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk)

**WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?** Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for **CAFOD**? CAFOD, The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for volunteers to help them in their work. They are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, in your Parish, or raising issues with your MP.. To find out more about our work please come to one of our Lent Fast Day briefings on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan from 10am to 12pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Fordingbridge, or 30<sup>th</sup> Jan from 7:15pm to 9:15pm at Sacred Heart Church Fareham, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb from 10:30am to 1pm at St Bede's Church Basingstoke, or 8<sup>th</sup> Feb from 7:15pm to 9pm at English Martyrs Church Reading. For more information and to book your place please call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)