

# 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: 13<sup>th</sup> January - 21<sup>st</sup> January*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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	The Malloy Family	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	Angela Campbell & family (Intentions)	DMA
MON	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	Hal & Eileen Box RIP F/M	DMA
WED	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Anthony of Egypt, Mem, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	17 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Mass	St Anne	Requiem Mass	Kieran Holland RIP	DMA
WED	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	St Anthony of Egypt, Mem, ( W )	N/A	
THU	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	Christian Unity	DMA
FRI	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	Ernest Ash RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, ( G )	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year	Christian Unity	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish	DMA

**THIS WEEKEND: The "White flower Appeal" a voluntary collection for the SPUC, Society for the Protection of the Unborn child.**

### THE INVITATION

If we have experienced something of God's love (which was celebrated at our Baptism) we will also experience an attraction. This will be to compassion, goodness, virtue, holiness or some other quality of God. Inevitably we will be attracted to Jesus who embodied all these godly qualities. This attraction draws us and is, itself, a kind of invitation. The invitation is to "come and see" where Jesus lives. This is not just about a house in Capernaum, it is about the whole mystery of God. Jesus, the Christ, as the Divine Word of God lives with the Father before all time. And this Divine creative Word or Energy is in me, in my sisters and brothers, in the poor and suffering, in the word, in the Eucharist, in all creation. Jesus, as eternal Word made flesh, is the personal, discernible, knowable face of God present in humanity.

The invitation is then, to journey in this relationship with God made visible in Jesus. The Scripture readings for this Sunday highlight three key elements of that journey. These are **prayer** (listening to & communicating with God); **life-style** (how we relate to others) and **service** (how we help others).

Samuel (1st reading) shows some of those attitudes that help prayer. Are we ready to respond to God? Do we cherish the "word" God gives us in prayer? Prayer has to be real, rooted in everyday life yet open to the great mystery which permeates everything.

We should express to God how we really feel, think and what we have done and are doing. This honesty is absolutely vital for us. God knows everything already. Our greatest temptation in prayer is to hide our dark side from ourselves and then imagine we are hiding it from God. God has great blessings for us of grace and transformation but we can't receive them if we don't acknowledge that we need them. Scripture will help unmask the areas we'd rather not see. Persevering in this embarrassing struggle with God is the discipline of prayer.

The most important area where we need help and change is in our relationships with others. Excessive dependence, exploitation, abuse, and ill-treatment of others, (sexually, physically, verbally, emotionally or economically), as an individual or member of a group, need to be changed. The change for the better has to start from within and always come from God, even though God's presence may not be explicitly acknowledged.

God is not going to leave us idle. There are a multitude of good works to be done. This good news must have begun to happen in us already. I have to receive good news from God myself in order to be good news for others. The good work is first of all, believing & being & from this it is doing. For the doing we need to discern the right path for us. This brings us back to prayer, to God's word & to the help, support & guidance of others who can be trusted. (DMA)

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Laura Sarah O'Sullivan, Lincoln MacDonald Chatee, Paul Alexander Langford (15th), Regina Barbara Frank (16th), Thomas Francis Dodd (19th)

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

**ALL KEYHOLDERS:** will everyone who has a key to St Francis Church please identify yourselves to Liz Price before the end of January. It is a Diocesan requirement that we keep an up-to-date register of keyholders. If you no longer need your key please return it to Liz.

**ACCIDENT BOOK:** a reminder that if there is any accident or injury sustained while on the premises (inside or outside) the details of the incident need to be recorded in the church's accident book. This is kept in the sacristy.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Catherine Bannen (17th), Denise Brand, Leonard Darlison, Joyce Runyard (18th), Augustus Plumbly, Desmond Goldsmith, Maurice McNally, Denis Fairhurst (19th), Basil O'Donnell (20th)

**There will be a second collection today** for the protection of the Unborn Child – the White Flower Appeal.

**Please continue your prayers** for Eileen Dunn and Anna Hubbard. Also, a reminder to let Fr David or a Lay Minister know if someone living near you needs our help in any way.

**Kieran Holland's Requiem**, just to remind you, is at 12 noon on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January. It will be good to welcome Kieran's sons, Edward and Kevin and their families who will have travelled some distance to be with us. Of course, there will not be a 10am Mass that morning.

**Fr. Quarmby will celebrate Mass** this week on Monday, Friday and Saturday at 10am, on Tuesday at 8am and Thursday at 11am.

**Christian Aid Lunch, the "Winter Warmer."** We are invited to be in St Saviour's Church Hall at 12.45pm, for lunch at 1pm on Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> (this week!) There is no fixed charge for this friendly event, but a donation of your own choosing towards Christian Aid will be appreciated. (remember: Christian Aid and CAFOD work very closely together.)

**Portsmouth People.** As seems sadly usual, Portsmouth People is languishing on the table at the back of the church! Why not take one home and try it? If we have any ideas for the magazine, we could always send in our suggestions.

**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!**

## *All Parishes*

**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 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 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)

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Flora Isdell (13th), Elizabeth McCartan, Hermione Alcock, Sonny Andrews (14th), Kathleen Bryan (15th), Charles Brown (16th), Agnes Read (17th), Denis Hayward, Teresa Joyce 'Quinn' Harverson, Joan Audrey Hayward

**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:** There will 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.

**FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION:** This year's programme will start at the end of January 2018. If you think your child is ready (year 3) for this next step on their spiritual journey, please complete the application form (which can be found at the back of the Church) and return it to Cathy Pickles.

**SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:** After 20 years in the role, Cathy Pickles is now retiring, and we are looking for a replacement. Full training will be given by the Diocese. If you are interested in helping the parish in this important ministry, please contact Cathy Pickles or Fr David.

**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.

**PARISH LUNCH:** this will be on Monday, 12th Feb at South Lawns Hotel, Milford-on-Sea, 12 for 12.30pm. Forms will be available from next week. The invitation is extended also to parishioners from Brockenhurst & Milford

**MIKE AND ANN** wish to thank all the helpers and to those of you who gave donations and presents towards the ecumenical Christmas Day Lunch. Your time and generosity are very much appreciated. May God bless you all.

**100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018 ARE NOW DUE.** Officers of the Club will be at the back of the church after the Saturday and Sunday Masses to receive cash and/or cheques. Cost is still £15 per number and cheques are payable to 'PRCDTR OUR LADY 100 CLUB'. All numbers are entered into four cash draws per year with star prizes at Easter and Christmas. There are still numbers available for new members.

Renewing members need only put cash/cheque in an envelope with their name and 100 Club clearly marked. These can also be left at the Presbytery. For information or joining form, please call 678525 or email [fran.walker@talktalk.net](mailto:fran.walker@talktalk.net). Thank you to all members for your valuable contribution to parish funds.

**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**".

## *All Parishes*

Our **CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** at Pennington would like help with the following:

-Our **Gardening Club** would really appreciate any donations of guttering and downpipes for the wildlife area. -We are also hoping to start a computer '**Coding Club**'. If anyone has any knowledge of coding and is keen to show the children how to get started, then please let us know. If you can help with any of the above, please contact the school: 01590 672711 or email: [adminoffice@ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk)