

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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School: Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. **Head of School:** Nanette Allies

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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:

**After the Saturday
Morning Mass
From 10am - 10.30am**

Masses & Services for the Week: 10th March - 18th March

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	10 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Mary Corcoran RIP	PWR
SUN	11 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
SUN	11 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Bourde Family Intentions	DMA
MON	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	Rosita Evans RIP	DMA
WED	14 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	N/A	
WED	14 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	14 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day (P)	June Mary Groves RIP	DMA
THU	15 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	John & Ruth Adams RIP	DMA
FRI	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
FRI	16 th	11.30am	Requiem Mass	St Anne	Requiem Mass	Eileen Dunn RIP	DMA
SAT	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Patrick, Feast, (W)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	17 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Jimmy & Kathleen Swinden RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	18 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	18 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA

THIS WEEKEND - MAR 10TH/11TH : Obligatory Collection - The Clergy Assistance Fund.

COVERING ALL THE ANGLES

Is condemnation language working for us today? I think not. Surely anyone who "refuses to believe" is one of those for whom Jesus prays: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". To our modern minds loving and condemning seem incompatible. It might be more helpful to think of consequences. Refusing love has consequences but God's love is never limited by our actions. God remains sovereignly free to love and to bless. Where sin abounds, grace abounds even more!

The "Good News of the Kingdom" in its simplest expression is that, in Christ, the shadows of guilt and shame and the threats of Divine punishment and condemnation are consigned to history. God's Spirit of life and love now sets us free to concentrate on doing good, growing in the knowledge and love of God and of the whole of humanity. We are no longer to be paralysed by fear and anxiety nor constantly pre-occupied with the false notion that we have to repeatedly win back, earn or deserve God's favour. The forgiveness of God is a pure gift of love given when we were "dead in our sins". The freedom given us by God's unconditional love means we have the spiritual energy to deal with sin (all harmful, evil, destructive behaviour, both individual & collective) in a new way. This is the calm recognition of the reality of sin and an unshakeable determination to address and deal with its causes, consequences and cures. For people this is an impossible task to complete but, with God's help, not impossible to begin. We leave the fulfilment to God!

The coming of the Kingdom is not the completion but is the living in the NOW of the unconditional love of God that surrounds every moment and every situation in hope and mercy. The Kingdom is then trust in the love and mercy, doing the good and struggling against the evil.

We cannot complete the task ourselves because we would uproot both the wheat and the weeds together, our recognition of what constitutes evil is only partial and spiritually immature. We strain out gnats and swallow camels. "Do not judge and you will not be judged, do not condemn and you will not be condemned, forgive and you will be forgiven, give and gifts will be given to you" - words of our Divine Teacher.

Dealing with sin in a new way means first understanding the true nature of sin - as Jesus says in John's Gospel - "how wrong the world is about sin, about judgement and about who is in the right". The world so often blames the victim; if the people are poor it's their own fault. If they seek justice they are rebels and terrorists.

Dealing with sin in a new way means recognising complexity at all levels, social, cultural, genetic, economic, and religious and that the wavelength of consequences is long and persistent, rippling down the generations. The healing of wounds in the individual and collective memory requires patient, thorough and persistent remedies. Diseased plants must be treated and new, healthy stock must be planted.

This is why new growth has to be tended and pruned and the old roots have to be nourished as well. There are huge challenges of discernment as we seek to discover what is the loving response, what is the wise course of action in relation to new and complex issues such as economic globalisation, environmental responsibility, cultural and religious diversity, relationships, gender, sexuality, bio-ethics etc.

We have to work to cover all the angles. If we celebrate new freedoms we must not neglect foundational responsibilities. Supporting and strengthening the traditional family does not mean one has to be unjust to those for whom this model cannot work. St Paul tells us the Spirit works in all sorts of different ways in all sorts of different people. The motivation we need to struggle for a good cause shapes how we see the world. Very understandably we can usually only see things from our point of view.

Only God can cover all the angles, only the Spirit can lead us into the ever wider unfolding of God's creation. Only the Divine artist sees the whole picture. Relating to others without judgement or condemnation gives respect to God who is "in all, and through all and with all". (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Pamela Rosemary Greenwood (12th), Isobel Maud Baker (13th), Joseph John McGowan (14th), Clarence Patrick Nello Thompson (15th), Reginald Walter Driscoll (17th)

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

JUNE MARY GROVES RIP: for the last couple of years June was being cared for in a nursing home in Barton. The Funeral Service is due to take place on Wednesday, 14th March at 3.45pm at Bournemouth Crematorium. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Anne Lupton, William Fitzgerald-Graham (12th), Barbara Lloyd (13th), Monica Jackson (14th), Elizabeth Anne Olney, Mary Simmons (15th)

Sick and housebound: Please keep Josie Greenhalgh & Anna Hubbard in your prayers

Eileen Dunn RIP: Eileen's Requiem Mass will take place at St Anne's on Friday 16th March at 11.30 am. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sean and Mary and their family.

Sacrament of Confirmation Francois Bourde will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at this evening's Mass. Our prayers are with him and his family for abundant blessings.

FR QUARMBY'S MASSES THIS WEEK: Mon. 10am, Tues 8am, Wed 10am, Thurs 10am, Fri 11.30am, Sat 10am.

Stations of the Cross will continue to take place on Friday at 10.0 am up to Holy Week. The Requiem Mass for Eileen Dunn will follow on at 11.30am.

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross will be at St Anne's on the Wednesday of Holy Week at 7 pm led by Deacon Hilary. Refreshments will be offered by our Social Committee after the Stations.

Timetable for all the Easter services is on the notice board in the porch and in the Presbytery

The Confessional in our church: Fr Quarmby has requested that he be able to use the old Confessional for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So it will be re-decorated and will be available for him to use, within the next two weeks, should anyone request the Sacrament from him. It is located on the right side of the sanctuary facing the altar, to the right of the statue of St Anne.

Cleaning the Parish Rooms: We still need two people to sign up to the rota for cleaning the Parish rooms this quarter. This involves one hour of your time every three to four months. The list can be found on the noticeboard in the porch. Why not give it a go, just once!

Warm bedding and clothing: There is a list of charities working with the homeless on the noticeboard in the Presbytery. Warm items of clothing and bedding will be gratefully received by any one of them.

Any items for the newsletter to anna@boylemellor.co.uk to arrive by Thursday lunchtime

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Society of St Gregory: Liturgy In-Service Day. This year the day will focus on planning and preparing the Liturgy, exploring what is needed to highlight the Readings of the day. The Talks and Workshops will be very practical and last year the day was found to be really informative. If you want to gain a better understanding about the formation of Liturgy today then come along for this one day, 10am – 4pm on Saturday 28th April at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. If you wish to know more, apply for more details to Paddy Lark, greenoaks@waitrose.com.

DATE FOR THE DIARY - PRAYER IN THE FEMININE VOICE: 5th to 7th May 2018 at St Anne's Brockenhurst from 10am to 4pm. Both men and women can experience their relationship with God in a "feminine" way. A small number of parishioners at St Anne's will have prepared Prayer Stations that express their prayer. All welcome. women can experience their relationship with God in a "feminine" way. A small number of parishioners at St Anne's will have prepared Prayer Stations that express their prayer. All welcome.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Roy Green, Colin Moon (10th), Fr Michael Nugent, Arthur Peart (11th), Robert Conway, Fr Andrew Laverty, Raffaele Franzese (12th), George Price, Kathleen Ashworth (13th), Helena Jenvey (14th), Constance Martell, Joyce Ambrose, Mary Symons (15th)

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be followed after the 9.30am Mass on each Friday during Lent

LENT COURSE: Cathy Pickles will be running a Lent Course called 'Beloved Disciples' - an inspiring (and often funny!) DVD course for the over sixties. The course will continue on Thursday, **March 15th at 2.30pm** with refreshments in Joseph's Place.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 13th March at 2.15pm. There is no speaker.

MISSIO Red Box Collection: We will be having a collection point for MISSIO red boxes at the back of the church at Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses next weekend (17th & 18th March). If you have a red box and are able to bring it along, it would be much appreciated. Please ensure that your box has your name on it before handing in, so that we can identify your donation. Any queries, please contact Jenny on 01590 610413.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: This will resume on **Monday 9th April; same time, same place.**

FIRE WARDENS: Thank you to all those Fire Wardens who are ready to respond should a fire occur in church. **We urgently need more Fire Wardens at 6pm Mass at OLMSJ Lymington.** At the moment we only have 2 wardens. Should there be a fire in church your lives will be in danger unless we can find more Fire Wardens. Please help.

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Our Catholic Primary School in Pennington is looking for volunteers to read with the children. If you are interested please contact the Head of school, Nanette Allies- Tel 01590 672711

URGENT: HEALTH & SAFETY: FIRST AID: If you want to be trained in First Aid to assist anyone who is unwell during church services please **contact Fr David a.s.a.p via email**, as a 1 day course is being arranged.

If you are a doctor or nurse -if the need arises, would you be willing to administer First Aid in church? if so, please let Fr David know a.s.a.p. via email.

If you are first aid trained and your certificate is still valid, please let Fr David know a.s.a.p. via email. Thank you to all those who have responded to this appeal already.

YAMAHA KEYBOARD & STOOL: it is a nearly full size piano/organ keyboard in very good, working condition. It has a silver & oak style finish. Free to appreciative person. Transport can be arranged. Contact Fr David by email or phone message.

Exploring Mark - The Gospel of St Mark: Mark is the shortest of the four gospels but often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail. The Catholic Church of England and Wales has posted a series of short films on its website, called 'Exploring Mark'. The films aim to bring us a little closer to Mark the Evangelist and his account of Jesus, his life and His ministry. The commentary is provided by the excellent Nicholas King SJ - an eminent author and Bible scholar. Watch online at www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/Featured/Lent/Exploring-Mark-The-Jesus-of-St-Mark-s-Gospel.