

# 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:

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

### *Masses & Services for the Week: 17<sup>th</sup> March - 25<sup>th</sup> March*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	Jimmy & Kathleen Swinden RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Joseph, Solemnity ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	For Proclaimers of the Word	DMA
WED	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	N/A	
WED	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	For Ministers of Holy Communion	DMA
WED	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	Jane Fletcher (Intentions)	DMA
FRI	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	For Sacristans & Altar Servers	DMA
SAT	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	<b>Palm Sunday ( R )</b>	For Welcomers & Helpers	DMA
SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	<b>Palm Sunday ( R )</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	<b>Palm Sunday ( R )</b>	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	<b>Palm Sunday ( R )</b>	Florence Esme Morrison RIP F/M	DMA

### **Good Friday - Obligatory Collection for Holy Places; Easter Sunday - Easter Offering for your Parish Priest**

#### WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?

We are used to hearing phrases like: Jesus died to save us; Jesus died for our sins etc. Yet it is difficult to understand why this had to be so and how Jesus' death actually saves us.

Like everything we have to be cautious and humble before the Divine mystery of God's love. However we can receive with confidence whatever light God gives us through Scripture and the Church.

First of all we need to recognise the different levels involved. At a physical, biological level Jesus probably died from blood loss, shock and congestion of the lungs. He suffered judicial murder because of the hatred and jealousy of the religious authorities and the moral weakness of the Roman governor, Pilate. Jesus became a victim of their malice because his fearless proclamation of the Reign of God brought him into direct conflict with them. It was a collision of opposites. Jesus did not run away from this conflict because he had an overriding conviction that he had to speak and do the truth of God's love regardless of the consequences. To take any other course would be to violate the relationship of love, faith and trust that existed between him and his Father.

It is clear that Jesus had a pretty good idea of the probable outcome of his conflict with the authorities. It is also reasonable to assume that Jesus himself had already begun to interpret the *rejection, suffering and death* in terms of the great spiritual lessons, events and teachings of the past – Passover meal, sufferings of the prophets and the teaching of the prophets – especially Isaiah and the so-called "Suffering Servant" passages. His faith was that somehow his Father would use his death to bring salvation to the human race. Even though in the garden it was the last thing he wanted he was able to trust to the Father's purpose (*Not my will, but yours be done*).

But this still doesn't answer our question –How does Jesus' death save us? Jesus deals with sin and forgiveness at the same time. Sin is exposed for what it is – the hatred and evil that leads us to make victims and kill the rejected ones.

This sin is the dark origin of human groups. All groups form by distinguishing between those who are in and those who are out. It begins with rejection, it becomes persecution (suffering) and it ends in elimination, i.e. death. Jesus reveals this "scapegoating" as the fundamental evil and that God is there with the victim. We see this dark dynamic at work all the time on the world stage & among all kinds of competing groups.

Yet because Jesus accepts death in love and refuses to hit back, refuses to take revenge, his death becomes the expression of God's inexhaustible forgiveness and love. The judgement of sin calls us to change our behaviour. The expression of unquenchable, loving forgiveness is the assurance of mercy and reconciliation. This is received by trust and faith in thanksgiving.

John's Gospel gives us the mature reflection on this mystery. Jesus's death was not a price that had to be paid to God or to the devil. It was not an appeasement of God's anger. It was purely an expression of love: *no greater love has anyone than to lay down their life for their friends. God so loved the world!* This is how we are saved. Of course, death is the only way back to God and God is the source of new life and resurrection. Faith and trust in God is the personal openness, the personal connection that enables us to receive the gift of new life and resurrection. In this context both Jesus and all of us have to die. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Edward Anthony Ferrari (18th), Mary Bridget Joyner (19th), James O'Hara (22nd), Anne Wilkins (23rd)

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

**ST FRANCIS PPC:** will be meeting, next Friday, 23rd March at 7pm in the church office room. The Pastoral Council works with Fr David on behalf of the parish to support the Liturgical, Sacramental and Pastoral life of the parish. Minutes of meetings are available in the Assisi Room & on the website. Any concerns, suggestions & offers of help can be made to Anthony Kirke, our chair person.

**Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>:** There will be **Stations of the Cross** at St. Francis Church at **11.00am**. This will leave enough time for parishioners to join the Ecumenical Service on the Village Green at midday.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Mary Morse (20th), Violet Patience (23rd)

**Sick and housebound:** Please keep Anna Hubbard in your prayers.

**Fr Quarmby's Masses:** 10am Mon; 8am Tues; 10am Thurs; NO Mass on Fri: Stations of the Cross at 10am; 10am Sat.

**Stations of the Cross:** will continue to take place on Friday at 10am up to Holy Week. There will be NO Mass after the Stations this week.

**Ecumenical Stations of the Cross:** will be at St Anne's on the Wednesday of Holy Week at 7pm 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.

**CAFOD:** Our Parish response to the Family Fast Day appeal this year raised an excellent £502. The government match funding doubles this value. Michael Janssens would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their generosity.

**The Rwanda Quiz Night** A message from Clarisse, Freddie, Jules and Malo. 'The evening was a great success, a lot of fun and raised £2335. A fantastic result! Thank you so much to everyone at St Anne's for your support through attending the quiz, buying raffle tickets and giving us words of encouragement. It means a lot to us.'

**Prayer in the Feminine Voice 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2018:** This is a Parish event and we would very much welcome some practical help and support with putting it on in two ways: firstly, with setting up, including the moving of pews, on the morning of 4th May; secondly, we will need to have someone attending the church throughout the three day event (10 am to 4 pm each day) and are hoping to put together a rota for one or two hours at a time. If you can spare any time at all to help with either of these tasks we would be hugely grateful. Please contact one of the contributors: Mary Dunn, Sarah, Theresa, Geraldine, Marilyn or Annabelle.

**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](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive by Thursday lunchtime**

## All Parishes

**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 28<sup>th</sup> April at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. If you wish to know more, apply for more details to Paddy Lark, [greenoaks@waitrose.com](mailto: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:** Ellen Leech, Bernard Finn, Frank O'Connell (17th), Margaret Clements (18th), Agnes Panniah (19th), Kathleen Harper (20th), Charles Waring (22nd), Archbishop John Henry King (23rd)

**Sick and Housebound:** Ciaran Chrisp, Terry Iles, Mai Wilson, 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 22nd at 2.30pm** with refreshments in Joseph's Place.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> April; same time, same place.**

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**TENEBRAE SERVICE: GOOD FRIDAY AT 8pm in Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington** – "A time for shadows before the glorious light of Resurrection morning". An atmospheric and moving journey with Jesus from darkness towards the light. You may want to bring a torch or smart phone.

**Mrs Allies, Head teacher of Our Lady & St Joseph Primary school,** would like to thank those parishioners who have answered the appeal for volunteers to read with the children. She will be contacting you to arrange your initial visit to the school. In the meantime, if there are any other volunteers who would like to read with the children please contact her on 01590 672711

**FIRST AID TRAINING – PROVISIONAL DATE:** We are hoping to have the First Aid training on Sat, 21<sup>st</sup> April. We will confirm this as soon as possible.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** The Diocesan Safeguarding Office will be conducting two refresher courses in our Parish on the following dates:

Thursday 19th April from 7pm-9pm on Child Protection  
Thursday 26th April from 7pm-9pm on Vulnerable Adults  
Please let Cathy Pickles know which of the courses you will be able to attend.

Parishioners from Brockenhurst & Milford are also welcome to attend.

**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](http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/Featured/Lent/Exploring-Mark-The-Jesus-of-St-Mark-s-Gospel).

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

*Unless otherwise stated all the following services take place at Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	7pm – 8pm	Confessions
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 11am	Confessions
		7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
		3.00pm	Commemoration of the Passion
		8.00pm	Tenebrae Service
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	Confessions	10am - 11am
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Blessing of Easter Foods (Polish)
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Easter Mass at St Francis, Milford
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Easter Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Easter Mass at OLSJ, Lymington