

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
Park Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PT

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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:

Saturday morning
after Mass from
10-10.30am

Masses & Services for Easter Week: 31st March - 8th April

| DAY | DATE | TIME | SERVICE | CHURCH | LITURGY | INTENTION | P |
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| SAT | 31 st | 8.00pm | Easter Vigil Mass | Our Lady | 1st Mass of Easter (W) | People of the Parishes | DMA |
| SUN | 1 st | 9.00am | Mass | St Francis | Easter Sunday (W) | People of the Parishes | DMA |
| SUN | 1 st | 10.00am | Mass | St Anne | Easter Sunday (W) | as per celebrant | DQ |
| SUN | 1 st | 10.30am | Mass | Our Lady | Easter Sunday (W) | People of the Parishes | DMA |
| MON | 2 nd | 9.30am | Word & H C | Our Lady | Octave of Easter (W) | N/A | |
| TUE | 3 rd | 9.30am | Mass | Our Lady | Octave of Easter (W) | Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M | DMA |
| WED | 4 th | 9.30am | Word & H C | Our Lady | Octave of Easter (W) | N/A | |
| WED | 4 th | 10.00am | Mass | St Anne | Octave of Easter (W) | The Baker Family F/M | DMA |
| WED | 4 th | 10.00am | Word & H C | St Francis | Octave of Easter (W) | N/A | |
| THU | 5 th | 9.30am | Mass | Our Lady | Octave of Easter (W) | Hanora Teresa Dunne RIP F/M | DMA |
| FRI | 6 th | 9.30am | Mass | Our Lady | Octave of Easter (W) | Harry Newenham RIP F/M | DMA |
| SAT | 7 th | 9.30am | Mass | Our Lady | Octave of Easter (W) | For those who are unwell | DMA |
| SAT | 7 th | 6.00pm | Mass | Our Lady | 2 nd Sunday of Easter (W) | People of the Parishes | DMA |
| SUN | 8 th | 9.00am | Mass | St Francis | 2 nd Sunday of Easter (W) | Michael Halle RIP Anniv | DMA |
| SUN | 8 th | 10.30am | Mass | Our Lady | 2 nd Sunday of Easter (W) | Mary Margaret Ash RIP Anniv F/M | DMA |
| SUN | 8 th | 12.30pm | Baptism | Our Lady | baby Isabelle Violet Crisp | N/A | DMA |
| SUN | 8 th | 6.00pm | Mass | St Anne | 2 nd Sunday of Easter (W) | Canon John Hally RIP F/M | DMA |

Easter Sunday - Easter Offering: As is traditional the collection at Easter is for your parish priest and forms a part of his ordinary income for the year. Fr David will be very grateful for whatever you can give at this time and wishes everyone a very happy Eastertide.

DAILY RESURRECTION

What the resurrection of Jesus promises is that things can always be new again. It's never too late to start over. Nothing is irrevocable. No betrayal is final. No sin is unforgivable. Every form of death can be overcome. There isn't any loss that can't be redeemed. Every day is virgin. There is really no such thing as old age.

In the resurrection we are assured that there are no doors that are eternally closed, every time we close a door or one is closed on us, God opens another for us. The resurrection assures us that God never gives up on us, even if we give up on ourselves, that God writes straight with the crooked lines of our lives, that we can forever re-virginize, regain lost innocence, become post-sophisticated, and move beyond bitterness. In a scheme of things where Jesus breathes out forgiveness on those who betray him and God raises dead bodies from the dead, we can begin to believe that in the end all will be well and every manner of being will be well and everything, including our own lives, will eventually end sunny side up.

However, the challenge of living this out is not just that of believing that Jesus rose physically from the grave,

but also, and perhaps even more importantly, to believe that – no matter our age, mistakes, betrayals, wounds, and deaths – we can begin each day afresh, virgin, innocent again, a child, a moral infant, stunned at the newness of it all. No matter what we've done, our future is forever pregnant with wonderful new possibility. Resurrection is not just a question of one day, after death, rising from the dead, but it is also about daily rising from the many mini-graves within which we so often find ourselves.

How does belief in the resurrection help us rise from these mini-graves? By keeping us open to surprise, newness, and freshness in our lives. Not an easy thing to do. We are human and we cannot avoid falling – into depression, bitterness, sin, betrayal, cynicism, and the tiredness that comes with age. Like Jesus, we too will have our crucifixions. More than one grave awaits us. Yet our faith in the resurrection invites us precisely to live beyond these. As John Shea once so aptly put it: What the resurrection teaches us is not how to live – but how to live again, and again, and again!

by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI (April 23rd 2000); for a source of very helpful reflections visit: www.ronrolheiser.com

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Raymond John Salt (1st)

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

THANKS: to all who have helped beautifully decorate our church with flowers the Easter; and to all who organised or took part in the Holy Week services.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: will be meeting this coming week on Friday, 6th April at 2pm.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Cordelia McFadden, Clement Brand (1st), Joseph Weeks, Maria Pinn (2nd), Maria Anna Foley, Christian Manley (3rd), Anthony Thorpe (4th), Michael Lane (6th)

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Fr Quarmby's Masses for this week: Mon – 10am; Tues – 8am; Wed to Sat - 10am

The Confessional in our church: is now available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from Fr Quarmby, by arrangement with him. It is located to the right of the statue of St Anne.

100 Club: Kevin Reardon won the £100 March draw. Congratulations Kevin!

New Welcome forms: are at the back of the church. If you are a new parishioner within the last 6 months, then please help yourself to one of these bright orange forms. Having read all about us, please complete the form and hand it to a sidesperson, or anyone you know and they will give it to Paddy Lark, who will enter your name on our Register. Thank you very much.

A Liturgy Study day: takes place on April 28th. There is a notice on the board in the porch for anyone who may be interested. Please contact Paddy and she will give you more details.

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

All Parishes

SPECIAL THANKS: To all those from all our parishes who have helped us to celebrate our faith during Lent, Holy Week and Easter: choir, organists, liturgists, sacristans, altar servers, ministers of Holy Communion, readers, those who pray, flower arrangers (& tomb builders!), cleaners & helpers.

EASTER OFFERING: The collection on the Easter Weekend is for your Parish Priest and forms part of his annual income. Whatever you wish to give will be greatly appreciated. Fr David wishes everyone, parishioners and visitors a very happy Eastertide.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Tiffany Read (31st), Charles Cull (3rd), Joan Hoyle, John Bodell (4th), Bishop Anthony Emery (5th), John Horan, Brian Webb (6th)

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

Friendship Club: This will resume on Monday 9th April; same time, same place. In addition, we have a speaker to give an illustrated talk about North Wales in Summer. Bookings will be made for our next outing on Monday 16th April. This time to Exbury Gardens to see their Spring specials and play trains! Make a note in your diaries, too, for another trip round Southampton Water on the 'Alison McGregor' on Monday 21st May. If transport is needed at any time ring Neville on 01590 688337

100 Club 2018 - the list of members for the current year is now on the noticeboard in Joseph's Place. The first draw of the year will take place on Sunday 8th April and will include 5 cash prizes plus the star prize of £70. Many thanks to member for their subscriptions which support our Parish funds. Numbers are still available at £15 each - please call 678525 or email fran.walker@talktalk.net for details.

Many thanks to everyone who helped and contributed to the fund-raising coffee/lunches Saturday 24th March when £144.72 was raised for the **Minstead Trust** on behalf of the parish.

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THE STAFF AND CHILDREN FROM OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH PRIMARY SCHOOL, would like to wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

FIRST AID TRAINING – DATE NOW CONFIRMED: it will be the First Aid training on Sat, 21st April, 9am-4pm, and will take place in the Maryland Room, at St Francis of Assisi church, Milford-on-Sea

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.

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: PARISH SUMMER LUNCH, MONDAY, 14 MAY 2018, 12 NOON FOR 12.30PM at Brockenhurst College. More details to follow after Easter. This is being organised from the Lymington parish but everybody from St Anne's & St Francis will be most welcome to enjoy what will be a very fine meal.