

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

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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:

No Confessions
On Sat 14th April

Masses & Services for the Week: 7th April - 15th April

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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)	as per celebrant	PWR
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
MON	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	10 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Easter	Mary Margaret Ash RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
WED	11 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	St Stanislaus, Mem, (R)	N/A	
WED	11 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Stanislaus, Mem, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	11 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Stanislaus, Mem, (R)	For our Confirmation Candidates	DMA
THU	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Easter	Dorothy Howland RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Easter	Joseph & Flora WeId RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	14 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Easter	N/A	
SAT	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Easter (W)	Maude & Jozef Fojt RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	15 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 rd Sunday of Easter (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Easter (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of baby Max Di Maria	N/A	DMA
SUN	15 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 rd Sunday of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR

A Big Thank You from Fr David to our Parish communities for the very generous Easter offering, kind wishes & prayers and Easter gifts.

The next collection is on April 21st/22nd Diocesan (obligatory) Clergy Training Fund

CARING ABOUT FAITH

In today's Gospel the disciples are gathered in a locked room. The recent violence has made them security conscious. For all their defensiveness, however, they cannot keep out the pressing love of the risen Jesus. He appears in their midst; his greeting is peace; their response is joy. For John, Easter Sunday is Pentecost, and the gift of the spirit is the breath of the risen Christ.

Thomas is part of the group, but he is also a distinct independent self. He cannot be loyal to the group while being disloyal to his own inner self. That would render his loyalty worthless. For Thomas honesty is more important than loyalty. It is not enough for him to shelter in a faith that he cannot credit for himself. He may want to believe, yearn to accept as true what the others say, but his wish cannot struggle into faith. The insistent honesty of Thomas is what makes him doubt. For Thomas it is important what he is asked to believe in, more important than belonging to the company of believers. The story of Thomas leads to the beatitude aimed at the generations of people who will not see the risen Lord: "Happy are those who

have not seen and yet believe." It is not that we are asked to do what the apostle Thomas could not do – believe in Jesus simply on the testimony of others. Thomas was not gifted by the spirit, and no one can believe in Jesus without the Spirit of God. As we heard in today's reading from the first letter of John: the principal witness to the risen Jesus is the Spirit – "since the Spirit is truth." We can only pray "My Lord and my God" because we allow the Spirit of God to pray in us. In the grace of the Spirit we can proclaim Jesus our Lord.

If faith is one of the principal gifts of the Spirit, it is also a form of life that has to be nurtured, helped to grow, loved into maturity. It is not a precious stone that has to be locked in a vault – that kind of security consciousness is indistinguishable from death. Faith can die from a lifetime's neglect. We need to pray about our faith, think about our faith, live the life of our faith. That does not mean that we will never have our doubts; but if like Thomas we care about what we believe in, that care in time will bring us into the presence of the living Lord. (From: *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Mother Mary Albert, Karl Heinrich Jansen (9th), Anthony John Haywood (10th), William Murray (11th), Clement William Caffyn (12th), Philip Henry Caswell (13th), Barry Arthur Macklin (14th)

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

AUDREY HENEGHAN RIP. A New Milton parishioner lately Audrey was being cared for at St George's. She was very active in her parish for many years. Her body will be received at Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton on Tuesday, 17th April at 4pm and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 18th April at 10am. 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: Dorothy Howland, Joanne Ward (9th), John Christy (13th), May Bogont (14th)

Sick and housebound: Please keep Anna Hubbard and Iain Dowie in your prayers

FR DAVID QUARMBY: will be supplying on Sundays at Waterside Parish until 13th May. His weekday Mass times at St. Anne's for this coming week will be: 10am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; & 8am Tuesday and Friday.

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

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new tax year have been made available at the back of the church. If you have not yet picked them up please take them on Sunday. Even if you donate by direct debit or standing order the envelopes are useful for special collections including Easter and Christmas Offerings. If you want any further information, please have a word with Bill Pignatelli.

Prayer in the Feminine Voice: a number of prayer stations, prepared by parishioners, will be on display in our church over the weekend 5th to 7th May. All are welcome. Please see details on the noticeboard in the porch and in the presbytery. If you are able to spare an hour or two over that weekend to welcome visitors to our church we would be hugely grateful. Please contact one of the contributors: Mary Dunn, Sarah, Theresa, Geraldine, Marilyn or Annabelle

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.

New Forest Orchestra will be giving a concert at St Saviour's Church on Saturday, 21st April at 7.30 pm. Details on the porch noticeboard.

Dawn Chorus an early morning walk in the New Forest to hear the dawn chorus followed by breakfast will take place on Saturday, 12th May in aid of Christian Aid. Details in the porch.

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

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Share the Journey - a conference on refugees: Responding to Pope Francis's and Caritas Internationalis call to "Share the Journey", CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth are co-sponsoring a conference on refugees on the 12th May in St Edward the Confessor Church in Chandlers Ford. The conference will also be entitled "Share the Journey" so come along and see what we can practically do as a diocese to assist refugees including coming together as parishes to sponsor and house refugee families. More information and registration at <https://goo.gl/22tgLY> or contact kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Bernard Turnbull, Lilian Cole, Martin Gourlay (7th), George Mould (8th), Peter Brennan (10th), Gladys Bremner (11th), Catherine Mary Hurton (12th), Gertrude McCabe (13th)

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

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.

KNIT & STITCH: will meet next Friday 20th April in the Hospitality Centre from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

PARISH SUMMER LUNCH: 14th May 2018, 12 noon for 12.30pm at Brockenhurst College. £18.00 per person for three courses, tea/coffee & petit fours, and gratuities. Bar available at your own cost. Menus available at the back of the church. Please make your choices on the reverse and return to the Parish Office with your cheque made payable to PRCDTR Lymington Our Lady. Family and friends are welcome to attend. 40 places available so first come first served. The bus parking at the rear entrance is available to us but please enter via the main entrance and bear to the right. Parishioners from St Francis & St Anne's are most welcome.

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CAR DAMAGED – GOOD FRIDAY: A parishioner's car, a new, red hatchback, parked in the Lymington church car park, was damaged on Good Friday. If anyone has any information please speak to Fr David.

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. All those who have been DBS checked must attend training at least once every 2 years.

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.

A PAIR OF MADRID TWO SEATER SOFAS: free to anyone needing them. Both have loose covers which are washable and can be put back damp when required. Colour of covers cream with relief pattern. (So does not show wrinkles). Can also be used as child's bed without the cushions or for occasional overnight guests. Tel. 01590 612588