

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:

Saturdays at Our Lady & St Joseph
10-10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 14th April - 22nd April

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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)	Brian Edward Griffiths RIP Anniv	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
MON	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	James Cafferkey RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	18 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	N/A	
WED	18 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	For world peace	DMA
WED	18 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	19 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	N/A	
THU	19 th	9.30am	Requiem Mass	St Francis	Requiem Mass for Sam Randle RIP	Sam Randle RIP	DMA
THU	19 th	12 noon	Funeral Service	Our Lady	For the late Margaret Light RIP	N/A	DMA
FRI	20 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	21 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Easter	Kathleen Josephine England RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	21 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	22 nd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 th Sunday of Easter (W)	Patrick Joseph Lang RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	22 nd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Easter (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	22 nd	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of baby Olivia Gradka	N/A	DMA
SUN	22 nd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 th Sunday of Easter (W)	Richard & Elizabeth Hunt RIP F/M	DMA

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

A TOUGH ADMISSION & UNDESERVED BLESSINGS:

We must have some sympathy with the religious authorities who had Jesus executed. They had been on the receiving end of the harshest words that Jesus ever spoke. They had been determined to do away with him. They had him arrested, tortured and cruelly put to death. Peter reminds them of all the grizzly details and of their responsibility, proverbially rubbing their noses in it! Yet amazingly Peter also describes some mitigating circumstances: *neither you, nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing*. Even more astonishing Peter calls them to accept forgiveness and promises that God will send them this Christ, whom they had just killed, as their Lord and Saviour! Peter is calling for the most radical, heart tearing, gut wrenching conversion that could possibly be imagined!

We can, perhaps, understand a little of how the people and leaders must have felt. Often in Lenten pious literature and prayers we are reminded that our sins made Jesus suffer. There is a sense in which that is true, but we must not take it in such a way as to negate the saving work that Jesus did on our behalf. The Father wants, and Jesus wants to save us from our sins, from fear, anxiety, guilt and discouragement. Our focus must be on the Lord and we should allow ourselves to feel gratitude, love and joy for the love Jesus revealed on the cross.

For these reasons I concluded long ago that one of the traditional expressions of contrition is not as helpful as it should be. *O my God, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins because they deserve Thy dreadful punishments, because they have crucified my loving Saviour, Jesus Christ, and most of all because they offend Thine*

infinite goodness etc. This presents a very severe portrait of God and one that Jesus himself did not offer. It concentrates on all the negative effects of sin and increases feelings of guilt and anxiety at a time when a person needs to be encouraged to have trust and confidence in God. It has all the hallmarks of the heresy of Jansenism, which had such a chilling impact on the Church of Northern Europe in the 18th-19th centuries. We are still living with the ghosts of Jansenism today and people's experience of God is still blighted by its chill.

The Gospel presents us with an altogether different picture of the Risen Jesus. Jesus is bursting full of joy and loving energy. He is the same Lord and Saviour who died on the cross, but he has a new body which is in complete harmony with the Spirit (St Paul calls it a "spiritual body"; "The first man, Adam, became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit" 1 Cor 15:45). It transcends space and time and is personally present to everyone in the universal presence of the Christ (cfr. Eph 1:23). It is not limited in the way our present bodies are. This universal presence of Christ is mysteriously manifest in creation, in you and me, in everyone & everything, in the sacrament that is the Church, and in the sacraments that celebrate the Divine life in the Church. Jesus' risen body is a sign that God's love triumphs over our sin and death. It shows that the Father can be trusted to the utmost as Jesus did when he accepted the Father's will in the Garden. In this Easter let us receive the blessing of Jesus, trust in his wonderful love and allow the Spirit more deeply into our lives. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: John Joseph Seery (16th), James Boyd Smith (18th), Patrick Joseph Lang (19th), of the Chamberlain family (20th), Leonard Shaw, Phyllis Mary Meldon, John Adair Langford (21st)

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

Sam Randle RIP: – Sadly, Sam died in hospital last Saturday (7th April). His Requiem Mass will be this Thursday, 19th April at 9.30am in St Francis Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kath & the family. May Sam rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

“Prayer in the Feminine Voice” Saturday 5th May to Monday 7th May, St Anne’s Brockenhurst. Please see notice in Church. If you are interested in going, please contact Judith Kirke, (01590 645521) who is hoping to arrange “car sharing”. It sounds as if it could be a very interesting display.

HOPE 2018- Invitation: Hope in our Village: HOPE 2018 is a project whose aim is to reach out across and within our communities to deepen our faith and raise awareness of Jesus wherever we can. The Christian churches of Milford are working together and have drawn up a comprehensive list of events in which we are all encouraged to participate. There is a strong United Churches tradition already in Milford and we are confident that HOPE 2018 will provide further encouragement to all of us to reach out to our neighbours and friends: inviting them to our HOPE events and telling them the Good News about Jesus. Our most recent activity was the United Worship which unfortunately was disrupted by the torrential rain and so was unable to take place on the Village Green as planned. The service was transferred to All Saints and the church was filled with people of all denominations praising God together. Details of future events can be found in the Little Assisi Room.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Ronaldo Scrope (16th), Iris McClone (17th), Robert Sparrow, Sheila Groombridge (18th), Jean Rixon, Susan Kathleen King (19th)

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

Fr Quarmby’s Masses this week: Mon-10am; Tues-8am; Wed-10am; Fri-10am. There will be NO Mass on Thurs or Sat.

The Rosary continues to be said every Wednesday morning at 9.30 am before Mass. Do join us if you can.

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

Small Recycling Bins have been placed in the sacristy and the flower room. Please use these for paper and any other recyclable materials and when full they can be emptied into the main recycling bag in the kitchen.

Parking Please be aware that when parking inside the church grounds, the area near and to the left of the garage is very soft and unsuitable for parking.

Prayer in the Feminine Voice: an exhibition 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

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 morning.

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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.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: John Ghost, David Ronan (15th), Jemima Secchi, Marion Nicholson (17th), Declan Good, Brian Edward Griffiths (19th)

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

The CWL will be holding their annual **Charity Cake Sale** on the weekend of 21/22nd April. Do come and buy a cake, mostly homemade and delicious.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB. Another successful meeting on April 9th. Now looking forward to Exbury Gardens on Monday 16th. Entry to the gardens, ‘Meet & Greet’ talk by a guide plus steam train ride round gardens - £8 per person. Some places available; contact Neville on 01590 688337.

PARISH SUMMER LUNCH: Tickets are selling fast! Only 8 places left.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 100 CLUB WINNERS:- Star Prize £70 Liz Finn, £38 Kay Malpiedi, £28 Cathy Pickles, £19 Neil Jenkins, £14 Anne Reynolds, £9 Tom Rayner. Numbers are still available at £15 each. Please call 678525 or email fran.walker@talktalk.net for details or joining form. Thanks to all subscribers for their contribution to parish funds.

LYMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT: 7pm, Saturday, 12 May 2018 at St Thomas’ Church, Lymington. *Mozart Requiem / Pergolesi Magnificat / Caldara Stabat Mater.* Michael Goldthorpe, Musical Director, Timothy Rice, Organist, The Lymington Classical Players; soloists from the London Conservatoire. Tickets available from Maxwell Hamilton, Lymington; Milford Community Centre; New Forest Stationers, New Milton and on the door subject to availability. Tickets £15 and £12.50 (gallery restricted view). Children free when accompanied by an adult. Admission includes a glass of wine or a soft drink; www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk

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THIS WEEK: There is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip and also an Easter gift available as you leave the church.

WANTED: Your local SVP Conference is looking for a **Communications Officer.** Initially the task is to help roll-out the Society’s National Awareness Campaign in September. Thereafter, the brief is to help “spread the SVP word” to the local community at large on the work that we are doing to support the lonely and disadvantaged and to connect with other local Charities and Agencies, with a similar mission.

Enthusiasm and a talent for organising others would give the successful applicant a head-start, as would some experience with Microsoft Outlook/Word and a knowledge of Social Media. All out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed. For more information please contact Patrick on L. 670547.

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HEALTH & SAFETY: The Diocese require us to complete **risk assessments** for any event where parishioners or visitors attend at any of our church properties or outside our church properties. This is a Health & Safety requirement and the sole purpose is to keep you safe. If your event is already at an established building, such as a visit to a museum or the summer meal at Brockenhurst college for example, that establishment should have completed its own risk assessment. Therefore, *before you advertise any event* please contact the parish office to check if a risk assessment needs to be undertaken. In the words of Bishop Philip: *We have a legal, moral and ethical duty to look after people’s safety, welfare and health so that the chance of someone suffering an injury or (work-related) ill health is minimised. The Diocese has to abide by and to meet the requirements specified in both civil legislation and in canon law. Indeed, under canon law, the Parish Priest is entrusted with the care of souls within his parish and this includes all visitors to the parish too. It is thus his duty to ensure that all health and safety matters have been considered and that identified risks have been mitigated. In advance, I thank you for your attention to the matters here. I pray that the Lord will bless us all with good health and that our parishes and communities will be places of safety. In Corde Iesu. Bishop of Portsmouth*