

# 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

## Parish Contacts:

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**Website:** www.nfwp.org.uk; **Parish Blog:** www.lymrcchurch.blogspot.com. **Registered Charity No:** 246871/2

**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: 21<sup>st</sup> April - 29<sup>th</sup> April

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	Patrick Joseph Lang RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of baby Olivia Gradka	N/A	DMA
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	Richard & Elizabeth Hunt RIP F/M	DMA
MON	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St George, Solemnity, ( R )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Charles Joseph Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	St Mark, Feast, ( R )	N/A	
WED	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Mark, Feast, ( R )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Mark, Feast, ( R )	Sam Randle RIP	DMA
THU	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	N/A	
FRI	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Mary Flood RIP	DMA
FRI	27 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Funeral Service	Our Lady	Mary Flood RIP	N/A	
SAT	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	Una Mary Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	Fr Gerald Lynham OSB RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	29 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Confirmation	Cathedral	Confirmation Mass - Portsmouth Cathedral	For our Confirmation candidates	DMA
SUN	29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	as per celebrant	DQ

## COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, April 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan (obligatory) Clergy Training Fund

### Jesus the Good Shepherd

The wandering figure of the good shepherd, anxiously tending his sheep to the point where he is willing to surrender his life for them, is the image Jesus uses about himself in today's Gospel. That mixture of tenderness and toughness, care and self-sacrifice, is one that summarizes his own practice of leadership. It is not a leadership of detachment and defensiveness; rather it is a leadership of physical involvement and self-sacrificial love. In the good shepherd's foolish extravagant love, his own life matters less than that of his sheep.

The good shepherd is not an image of religious authority that is eternally pleased with its own importance, blind to the useless pain it causes in those it leads. The authority of the shepherd costs the shepherd, not the sheep. The image of the shepherd cannot be separated from how the shepherd actually cares for his own sheep. His concern is not untroubled, his courage is not bloodless, his love is not detached. When we see how Jesus actually behaves as a leader, we see his tenderness and courage.

Jesus tackles his opponents, face to face. He confronts those who steal the dignity of the little ones. He names the wolves in sheep's clothing. He is willing to leave his enemies looking sheepish. He warns his followers about the rough terrain ahead. He goes there before them. He is defensive when people attack his own followers. He is realistic about people's wayward ways. He endures isolation and insult. He faces his own fear but stays loyal. He risks being slaughtered himself. He does lay down

his life for his sheep. In his life and in his death Jesus sought out the lost and the least and the last. When he wanted to speak of a tender God he told the people about a shepherd who, when he loses one of his sheep, leaves the other sheep and goes off in search of the lost one. The shepherd refuses to accept the loss of one sheep as "just one of those things". He searches for the lost sheep until he finds it, and then taking it on his shoulders he returns to share his joy with all his neighbours.

That is Jesus' image of pastoral care, a search that continues until a find can be made. We know, of course, that a search is not automatic after a loss. Many losses are not even registered. Where there is no love, there is no loss. Some people are regarded as "no great loss". Other people are encouraged to "get lost". But all of us hope that when we are lost someone, somewhere, will be looking for us, like the good shepherd. The good shepherd challenges our own way of leaving people for lost: "I have come to seek out and save the lost." Probably all of us know two or three people who have wandered away from the Church, who have lost their sense of belonging, who feel they have no community to belong to. How will they know they are welcome back if no one tells them? How will they be helped back if no one offers to make the journey with them? (from *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Heinz Johann Mair (26th)

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

**"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.

**Blessing for the Sick:** Anyone is welcome to ask Father David for a personal blessing/anointing when they are unwell or expect to be undergoing medical treatment. Great comfort and strength, as well as the forgiveness of sins, is conferred by this Sacrament.

**Wednesday 16 May:** St Francis hosts the 10am Unity Week ecumenical service, lasting about 25 minutes. Refreshments are offered to our guests afterwards: **please** see Elisabeth or Helen if you feel you can help with these; also, pretty table cloths and flowers to brighten the Maryland Room. Thank you.

**Thursday 31 May:** Corpus Christi flower festival in Arundel Cathedral. Local firm **C & C Travel** is advertising this coach trip for £15. Ring Corinne on: 02380 845083 to book.

**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:** Basil Thatcher (22nd), Ellie May Honniball, Gary Plumbly (24th), William Walsh (25th), Charles Nunes (26th), Patricia Maher (27th), Edmund Depre (28th)

**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; Thurs-9am; Fri-10am; Sat-10am.

**VISIT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH:** On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 50 very young school children accompanied by 9 staff & helpers will be visiting St Anne's Church from 10am until 1.30pm. St Anne's parishioners have kindly offered to provide light refreshments.

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** From 12<sup>th</sup> May, Fr Quarmby will be available for Reconciliation for one hour shortly following Mass on Saturday mornings. Please check the newsletter for Saturday Mass times as these may vary.

**Cleaner available:** One of our parishioners is looking for regular local cleaning work. If this is of interest to you please call Sally on 07548926852.

**Henrietta Reynolds** is appealing for plastic plant pots that are minimum 8 inches in diameter and a similar height. She needs these for potting-on plants for our summer fete. Please see Henrietta or leave pots under the bench in the church porch.

**Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive by Thursday morning.**

## All Parishes

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** The Diocesan Safeguarding Office will be conducting the second refresher course in our Parish on the following date:

**Thursday 26th April from 7pm-9pm on Vulnerable Adults**

Please let Cathy Pickles know if 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:** Bridie Jarratt, Kathleen Josephine England (21st), Gerald Carroll, Daniel Broomfield, John McGuirk, Marjorie Filbee (22nd), Susan Mary Holmes-Siedle (24th), William Conroy, Paul John Stephenson, Peter Foot (25th), Ellie Webb (26th), Matthew McCarthy, Emily Jones (27th)

**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** THIS weekend of 21/22nd April. Do come and buy a cake, mostly homemade and delicious.

**PARISH SUMMER LUNCH:** ALL SOLD OUT NOW

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** We had an enjoyable visit to Exbury Gardens on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Lovely sunshine to sit outside for afternoon tea but not yet enough to have the flora in its prime. Our next meeting at Josephs Place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. A week late due to the Bank Holiday on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Bookings being taken for 'Alison McGregor' on 21<sup>st</sup> May and Bucklers Hard on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Do support us. Neville on 01590 688337.

**SCHOOL VISIT – THURSDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY:** Class 3 from Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School will be visiting the church. There will be a short liturgy at 9.30am to celebrate the month of May in honour of Our Lady

**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 Conservatoires. 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](http://www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk)

## All Parishes

**ROSARY ON THE COAST - WILL YOU BE JOINING IN PRAYER**

**ON 29TH APRIL?** This is a national venture of prayer for Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles, covering over 200 locations around the country. Our nearest location is **LYMINGTON TOWN QUAY** by the car park. The Dominican Sisters from Sway will be leading the Rosary from: 3pm. See the Diocesan ENews for more details or visit [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk).

**PRAYER IN THE FEMININE VOICE** an exhibition of prayer stations, prepared by parishioners, will be on display in St Anne's, Brockenhurst, over the weekend, 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome. Please see details on the noticeboard.

**OPEN DAY – ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY:** Bank Holiday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 2pm. Food, Stalls, Games, Activities. Come with your family & friends to meet the Sisters. St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms Rd, Lymington, SO41 8NH.

**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.

**IMPORTANT - CALLING ALL READERS:** If you are a reader or would like to be a reader, this is for you. Even for those who have been reading a while there is always something to learn and share with others. Please support this.

**Diocesan Day for Readers-16<sup>th</sup> June 2018.** St Bede's Catholic Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire. RG24 9DX. The Day will start with Mass at 9.30 am, and will end at 3.00 pm. It is offered for everyone who is involved in reading at Mass, as an opportunity to meet, share, be formed, and pray together. The day will include:

**Practical formation** for reading at Mass, what we need to know and be aware of when reading in public, during Mass

**Liturgical formation**, to understand the proclamation of the Word of God as a Liturgical action of the Church

**Theological formation**, to better understand the texts that we are to proclaim.

A buffet Lunch will be provided, thanks to the generous support of the Bible Society.

You can register via Portsmouth Diocese enews or contact the parish office if you haven't got access to e news.