

# 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; 28th April - 6th May

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	Fr Gerald Lynham OSB RIP Anniv	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 )	Una Mary Weld RIP F/M	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
MON	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Joseph the Worker, Mem, ( W )	Jim Holder RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	St Athanasius, Mem, ( W )	N/A	
WED	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Athanasius, Mem, ( W )	Jay Dosanjh & family (recovery)	DMA
WED	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Athanasius, Mem, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Ss Philip & James, Apostles, Feast, ( R )	Elizabeth White RIP	DMA
FRI	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The English Martyrs (1535-1680), Feast, ( R )	Clare Barry-Ball RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter ( W )	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
SAT	5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	William John Lamb RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	Sam Randle RIP	DMA
SUN	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	6 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Baptism	St Anne	Baptism of baby Thomas Christopher Hardy	N/A	DMA
SUN	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ( W )	Luke Kelly RIP Anniv	DMA

## NEXT COLLECTION , May 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> National (obligatory) Catholic Communications Network

### REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

Direct confrontation often causes more harm than good. Saul was aggressively hunting down the followers of Jesus. That aggressive energy was still driving him when, only days after his dramatic conversion, he begins challenging his former co-religionists with his new-found faith "Jesus is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20). Today's reading describes him "preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord". Having raised a proverbial hornet's nest Paul and his companions began to suffer the unintended consequences of his zeal. His minders took the wise and prudent decision to quietly spirit him away. Today's extract finishes with: "The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit". **How** we say something has a greater effect than what we say. Are we trying to share a truth or insight we have come to realise or are we just trying to prove ourselves "right" and the other person "wrong"? Before we presume to confront or challenge or dialogue it would be good to become aware of the energies that are driving us. Are they angry and aggressive or peaceful and benevolent?

We are often prone to anxiety. And God can sometimes be sensed, experienced or thought of as One who is overwhelming and all-demanding. In contrast we experience ourselves as weak and sinful and never good or holy enough. If we are not careful our negative imaginings and anxieties can run away with us. In our second reading today, John recognises the vulnerability of our consciences which can "raise accusations against us". We need to "quieten our consciences"

to preserve the peace Christ gives us and even our mental health! The way to do this is to honestly assess the reality of our practical compassion and love. Are we really trying to love and care for one another according to our capacity and means? If yes, we can be at peace. If no, we need to repent.

"I am the Vine and you are the branches". The life, beauty and goodness of God is manifest in everything. We human beings can begin to appreciate these qualities in the experience of our relationships. It is in our relationships that God's life, beauty and goodness are freely given and received as love. The fullness of God's self-giving can only be received in relationships of love and freedom. *One has to be in it to win it*, as the popular saying goes! One has to be in the relationship to receive the blessings of the relationship. "Remain in me", Jesus says, "as I remain in you". We are part of the Divine mystery. As Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:13: *we may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful for he cannot disown his own self*. And it is only in this Divine relationship that we can "bear fruit". This is because the fruit is none other than the personal goodness of God given to us and flowing through us as pure gift. As Paul wrote in Galatians 5:22: *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*. By keeping the great commandment, *love on another as I have loved you*, we will bear much fruit. (DMA).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Bernard Leo Harrington, Mildred Elizabeth Kilvert (29th), Maud Elizabeth McNeill (1st), Alfred Bernard Little (3rd), Alma O'Sullivan, Vera Irene White (4th)

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

**FROM DEBORAH MINNOCK:** My father's (Michael John Turner) funeral will take place at Bournemouth crematorium on Wednesday 2nd May at 2.45pm. I would be very grateful for prayers that day.

**"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". Please note There will be no access to the church between 12.45pm & 1.45pm on Sunday 6th May due to a Baptism.

**Wednesday 16 May:** St Francis hosts the 10am **Unity Week Ecumenical Service**, lasting about 25 minutes. **Welcomers** are needed please; and **refreshments** offered to our guests afterwards: please see Elisabeth or Helen if you feel you can help with any of **these vital tasks**. Thank you.

**CHRISTIAN AID** will be supported by the May First Friday Lunch at the Community Centre on **4th May**, £6. It is suggested you arrive just before 1:00pm to get a tasty lunch. The experienced speaker is Brian Ribsdale. Raffle and plant sale. Christian Aid mission is "We believe in life before death" e.g. currently in Sudan with the local Council of Churches.

**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.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Peter Lupton, Margaret Wilkins, Rosaino Scrope (29th), Olive Milton, Ray Ryan (30th), Sister Dominic, Luke Kelly (1st), Capt William Lamb (2nd), John Joseph Boocock; Lance Reginald Day (5th)

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

**IAIN DOWIE RIP:** a dear friend of Deacon Hilary, died at Forest Oaks on Sunday, 22nd April. We keep Iain & Hilary in our prayers. May Iain rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

**THANKS:** to Edelweis, Helen, Josie, Andrea & Susan who hosted the visit of 50 children & 9 staff & helpers from OLSJ primary School. Helen gave a "masterclass" telling the children all about St Anne's. And Linda introduced them to Jesus, smiling, laughing and loving. The Headteacher thanks everyone & said it was a most enjoyable visit.

**FR QUARMBY'S MASSES:** For the week commencing 29th April:- Weekday Masses at St. Anne's – 10am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 8am on Tuesday. No Mass nor Confessions here this Saturday. N.B. Monday 7th May Mass will be 9.30am.

**THE ROSARY:** is said on Wednesday at 9.30 am before Mass. As you know, the month of May is a special time for honouring Our Lady.

**CHARITY LUNCH:** Henrietta Reynolds will be putting on a charity lunch at her home on Thursday, 7th June. Tickets cost £15 each and spaces are limited to 30. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the list on the notice board in the porch.

**SUMMER FETE:** A reminder that our annual summer fete will be taking place on Saturday, 9th June between 12 noon and 3.0 pm. We need help from as many of you as possible to make this the successful Parish event it has been in previous years. Do please keep an eye on the notice boards in the church porch and Presbytery to see where you can help and how to contribute – and sign up!

**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. There will be some disruption at Mass on Sunday 6th May due to the installations and the moving of some of the pews but we will do all we can to keep this to a minimum. Please note There will be no access to the church between 12.45pm & 1.45pm on Sunday 6th May due to a Baptism.

**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.

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

## All Parishes

**PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE: SATURDAY 5TH MAY.** This is a free local event! . Come and spend time with Jesus, friends, inspiring speakers and interactive workshops. Develop your faith. Develop your relationship with Jesus. The conference will be supported by Fr Stephen Wang a philosopher, theologian and popular author, Pippa Baker an evangelist, Focus a worldwide renowned organisation for evangelisation, Y2K who will lead our worship with inspirational music and Bishop Philip Egan. Book your ticket now by either booking through eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/portsmouth-diocesan-eucharistic-conference-tickets-44506853196?aff=es2>, emailing [congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or phoning 07780221686.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** John Walsh (28th), Michael John Heneghan (29th), Michael Booth (30th), Thomas Scanlon, Diana Begg, Margaret Topp (1st), Peter Goffart, Mary Ann Gillespie (2nd), Leigh Horton, John Elmer Stevens (3rd), Cliff Borrell, John Szwaczka (4th)

**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

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** Our next meeting at Josephs Place on Monday 14th May. A week late due to the Bank Holiday on the 7th. Bookings being taken for 'Alison McGregor' on 21st May and Bucklers Hard on 18th June. Do support us. Neville on 01590 688337.

**CANCELLATION:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Rosary Liturgy planned by Our Lady & St Joseph school here at OLMSJ church for Thursday 3rd May has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date. Therefore, Mass will be as usual at 9.30am on Thursday 3rd May.

**HELP NEEDED:** Senior citizen requires help decorating small flat. The person can afford to give a reasonable remuneration. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**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)

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**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).

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**OPEN DAY – ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY:** Bank Holiday, 7th 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.

**THANK YOU:** from Mrs Allies, Headteacher Our Lady & St Joseph school, to all those parishioners who have volunteered to help children read. We have had a marvellous response. Thank you.

**HEALTH & SAFETY:** Thank you to all our Fire Wardens who were quick to respond to the fire alarm last Sunday. The Diocese asks us to have a fire drill at least once a year. The Fire Wardens are easily identifiable as they wear yellow Hi-Viz jackets. The lead Fire Warden wears an orange Hi Viz jacket. It is his/her job to allocate areas of the building to each Fire Warden, to check the building is empty after the evacuation and to contact/liaise with the fire brigade &/or police. Their job is to get you out of the building to the muster point as quickly and safely as possible. Please follow their instructions as it could save your life one day. The Diocese says: *The purpose of a fire drill is to ensure the efficient and safe exit of the building in case of emergency. Proper drills ensure an orderly exit under control and prevent panic. They must be taken seriously. The law defines that the Responsible Person (in this case the parish priest) must carry out a risk assessment with particular attention to any hazards to the safety of persons. The Responsible person has the legal responsibility for planning and implementing fire precautions implemented by the risk assessment. This should include evacuation planning and other measures. Some of this work can be delegated to one or more competent persons.'*

**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-16th 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. 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.