

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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:

Saturdays at Our Lady & St Joseph
10-10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 5th May - 13th May

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	5 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of Easter (W)	William John Lamb RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	6 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	6 th Sunday of Easter (W)	Sam Randle RIP	DMA
SUN	6 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	6 th	1.00pm	Baptism	St Anne	Baptism of baby Thomas Christopher Hardy	N/A	DMA
SUN	6 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	6 th Sunday of Easter (W)	Luke Kelly RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	7 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	9 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	N/A	
WED	9 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	9 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	Lily Pearce RIP F/M	DMA
WED	9 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity (W)	Josephine Pope RIP F/M	DMA
THU	10 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity (W)	as per celebrant	SB
THU	10 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity (W)	Tessa Joan Nally RIP F/M	DMA
THU	10 th	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity (W)	as per celebrant	SB
FRI	11 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
SAT	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
SAT	12 th	11.00am	Reconciliation	Our Lady	Reconciliation - 1 st Holy Communion Children	N/A	SB
SAT	12 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	7 th Sunday of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	SB
SUN	13 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	7 th Sunday of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	SB
SUN	13 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	7 th Sunday of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	SB
SUN	13 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	7 th Sunday of Easter (W)	as per celebrant	PWR

NEXT COLLECTION , May 12th/13th National (obligatory) Catholic Communications Network

GOD'S LOVE IMAGED THROUGH THE FEMININE & MASCULINE:

The treasures of wisdom in Christ are, as St Paul wrote, "infinitely rich". That is why, like St Peter, we are always **coming to realise new dimensions of truth** or recovering lost pearls of God's wisdom. God & God-is-love are the greatest truths. So how we imagine God-is-love or present God-is-love to others is crucially important, not only for ourselves but also for the work of sharing the Good News with others. We have to receive the Good News before we can share the Good News. We must know, both conceptually and emotionally (mind & heart knowledge), that it is "not our love for God" that has priority but "God's love for us".

We are in danger of diminishing or even distorting God's love if we present it only in terms of our own limited understanding, feelings or experience. God's love can only be revealed by the whole creation. For us humans that means all of humanity, male and female and anyone who doesn't fit neatly into those gender categories. The relational God of creation ("Let us make...Gen. 1:26) is imaged in male & female & the whole of humanity. It is not a coincidence that in the two millennia of Christianity, experienced generally through the mediation of patriarchal institutional structures, Mary the Mother of the Lord and wife of Joseph has had such an important role. Mary bore and gave us not just the Christ child but also the maternal face and heart of God. When Jesus's humanity got obscured by his Divinity it was Mary who communicated the tenderness, gentleness and indulgence of God. She anchored the Word in the flesh. When St Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787, founder of the Redemptorists) declared that "Mary represented the hand of God's mercy and Jesus represented the hand of God's justice", he was voicing the common theological presumptions of his time. In retrospect, thanks to Vatican II and our greater familiarity with the Scriptures, we can see that these presumptions were warped.

The limitations, distortions and impoverishments that inevitably result from a heavily patriarchal institution and culture mean that the situation is essentially unhealthy. Patriarchy is inherently pathological. Unfortunately, virtually everything we do and say in our Church is affected by it.

Our current English translation of the Liturgy is one of the most blatant examples, notwithstanding many important theological and spiritual gems. Already patriarchal in its Latin form it has been given an added twist by a very small, exclusively male, celibate, clerical and generally European group with an explicit brief to avoid inclusive language and cultural intelligibility and keep slavishly to a Latinised form of English.

Phrases like the following reflect perhaps the human experience of a distant, insecure relationship between a son & his father: (the Father) who "summons" his children (EP 3), the ubiquitous use of "Almighty" (although it must be admitted this is preferable to "All powerful"), hoping God will look upon "these offerings, with a serene and kindly countenance", those who were "pleasing to you at their passing from this life". We also have the presentation of an unhealthy dualistic conflict between body and soul, inherited not from Christ but from strands of pagan philosophy. This ignores the words of Scripture in Colossians 2:23: "human commands and teachings - (that) have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-imposed piety, humility and severe treatment of the body, but they are of no value in checking self-indulgence". Then there is the paradoxical "dance" between what we "merit" by our efforts and the undeserved grace we hope to receive. And this is just the tip of the iceberg when one considers how female representation and input in the whole area of marital relationships, child-bearing and nurturing has been excluded. So, to fully experience "God's love for us" as distinct from "our love for God" we need the witness of the whole of humanity, feminine and masculine and indeed of the whole of creation. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Arthur Joseph Bishop (6th), Peter Igoe (7th), Andy Gage (10th)

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

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 UNITY WEEK: Please note that St Francis will be hosting a Unity Service on Wed 16th May at 10am instead of Mass. Other Unity services in the area are as follows: Mon 14th May 7.30 pm - Methodist Church; Tues 15th 10 am at All Saints'; Wed 16th 10 am at St Francis; Thurs 17th 10 am at Milford Baptist Church; Fri 18th 10 am at St Mary's, Everton.

QUALIFIED CARER AVAILABLE: Barbara Mills is a qualified carer & spent her career as a qualified nurse. Barbara is available for overnight sleep ins or companionship within the Milford/New Milton/Lymington/Brockenhurst area. For more information phone Barbara on 01590 642320.

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: Frederick Matthews (8th), Frank Cassidy (11th)

Sick and housebound: Please keep Anna Hubbard in your prayers

FR QUARMBY'S MASSES: For the week commencing 6th May:- Weekday Masses at St. Anne's - Mon 9.30am, Tues 8am, Wed 10am, Fri 8am and Sat 10am.

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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.

A CHARITY LUNCH is being put on at the home of Henrietta Reynolds on Thursday, 7th June. Tickets cost £15 each and places are limited to 30. Funds raised will go to Fr Charlie's Africa Mission and to Fr Des at St Joseph's Ashurst towards his work with those in need in Southampton. 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 **Sat 9th June between 12 noon and 3 pm**. Helpers are needed for the stalls and catering. Please also start bringing in old and new jewellery, toiletries and gift items in good condition. Do please look at the notice boards in the porch and the Presbytery to see how you can help and contribute - and sign up! **ALSO BOTTLES** urgently needed for the **TOMBOLA**. Please give them to Cedric or Paddy.

CAFOD: A local walk of about 2 miles will take place on **Saturday 23rd June starting at 10.30am** in support of CAFOD'S *Share the Journey* campaign to raise awareness of the plight of refugees. Pope Francis has launched this campaign. It is an opportunity to show solidarity with our global neighbours who are fleeing their homes. Please add your name to the sheet on the notice board if you can come.

100 CLUB: The winner of the £40 April draw was Ian Holden number 11 - congratulations Ian! It is now time to collect the subscriptions for the next 12 months of the 100 Club. The cost is £24. We are very low on members, so we would appreciate some new people and perhaps families taking on an extra subscription otherwise we may have to consider reducing the prize money a little. Cheques payable to PRCDTR or cash in an envelope with name and tel number should be handed to Anne Woolhouse or Ian Holden.

Brockenhurst Choir A choral concert will take place on Saturday 12th May at St Ambrose Church, Westbourne. Please see details on the notice board.

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

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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, 10am-4pm, in St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU. Bring packed lunch.** 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: Edith Mould, Jim Holder (6th), Bruna Baker (7th)

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

CONGRATULATIONS: to Joshua Balais, Christopher Carr, Daisy Collison, Sophie Hillman and Vicky Pent on receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday in Portsmouth Cathedral. We will have an opportunity to celebrate more fully with them at the feast of Pentecost. And a special **THANKYOU** to Cathy Pickles, our Lead Catechist for guiding our young people on their sacramental journey; also to Lisa for admin support.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: Our next meeting at St Joseph's Place on Monday 14th May. (We 'skip' Bank Holiday Monday). Monday 21st May another trip on Southampton Water on the 'Alison McGregor'. A popular outing but limited to 12 passengers so 'first come, first served'. Unfortunately, the proposed trip to Bucklers Hard on Monday 18th June has had to be cancelled due to lack of minibus driver and Marshal on the day. Contact Neville 01590 688337.

LYMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT: 7pm, Saturday, 12 May 2018 at St Thomas' Church, Lymington. 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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PRAYER IN THE FEMININE VOICE an exhibition of beautiful & engaging prayer stations, prepared by parishioners, will be on display in St Anne's, Brockenhurst, over the weekend, 5th to 7th May, from 10am until 4pm. All are welcome. *Please note: There will be no access to the church between 12.45pm & 1.45pm on Sunday 6th May due to a Baptism.*

(For Milford parishioners only: - If you are interested in going, please contact Judith Kirke, (01590 645521) who is hoping to arrange "car sharing").

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.

CHORAL CONCERT: with Brockenhurst Choral choir & Total Voice Chamber Choir on Sat 12th May at 7.30pm at St Ambrose Church, 72 West Cliff Rd, Westbourne, Bournemouth, BH4 8BE. Tickets £10 on the door. For more information: www.westbourne-orchestra.co.uk/whats-on.

THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) will take effect in the UK in May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. Parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. The law is complex, but there are a number of underlying principles, including that **personal data** - i.e. information relating to a living individual, who can be identified directly from that data or indirectly by reference to other data held **must be:**

1. processed lawfully, fairly and transparently- 'processed' is anything done with/to personal data, including storing it.
 2. only used for a specific processing purpose that the data subject (that's you) has been made aware of.
 3. collected on a data subject (that's you) should be "adequate, relevant and limited." i.e. only the minimum amount of data should be kept for specific processing.
 4. accurate and where necessary kept up to date.
 5. stored for no longer than is necessary, and that storage is safe and secure.
- The **data controller** (the PP as an agent of the Diocese) is the person who determines the how and what of data processing in a parish.

GDPR builds on existing Data Protection legislation and on the good practices we are all already applying in our parish- we take care of people's data and aim to be good stewards of it, although there are some changes under the new law that we all need to make on how we do things. **So far:** The Diocese has requested we complete a *Data Protection Audit* of our three churches and this has been completed and sent to the Diocese. Fr David and Linda Guilding have attended the first Diocesan training session on GDPR. We now await the next stage of the process from the Diocese which will release more information. This should be available over the coming weeks. Watch this space!