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

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St Anne Rhinefield Rd, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SR

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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).

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays at Our Lady & St Joseph 10-10.30am

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.

Masses & Services for the Week: 21 <sup>st</sup> July - 29 <sup>th</sup> July							
DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	Р
SAT	$21^{\text{st}}$	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	$16^{th}$ Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	$22^{\text{nd}}$	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	$16^{th}$ Sunday of the Year B ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	$22^{\text{nd}}$	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	$16^{th}$ Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	$22^{\text{nd}}$	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	$16^{th}$ Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	$23^{\text{rd}}$	9.30a m	Mass	Our Lady	St Bridget of Sweden, Feast (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	$24^{\text{th}}$	9.30a m	Mass	Our Lady	16 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	Esther M. Walsh RIP Anniv "Peggy" F/M	DMA
WED	$25^{\text{th}}$	9.30a m	Word & H C	Our Lady	St James, Feast (R)	N/A	
WED	$25^{\text{th}}$	10.00a m	Mass	St Anne	St James, Feast (R)	People of the Parish	DMA
WED	$25^{\text{th}}$	10.00a m	Mass	St Francis	St James, Feast (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	$26^{\text{th}}$	9.30a m	Mass	Our Lady	Ss Joachim & Anne, Mem (W)	For Peace in the Middle East	DMA
FRI	$27^{\text{th}}$	9.30a m	Mass	Our Lady	$16^{th}$ Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	For those leaving school or college	DMA
SAT	$28^{\text{th}}$	9.30a m	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday (W)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	$28^{\text{th}}$	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	$17^{th}$ Sunday of the Year B ( G )	Mary Margaret Ash RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	$29^{\text{th}}$	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	$17^{th}$ Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	$29^{\text{th}}$	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	$17^{th}$ Sunday of the Year B ( G )	Sheila Glennon RIP	DMA
SUN	$29^{\text{th}}$	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	$17^{th}$ Sunday of the Year B ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR

#### NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Sept 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> - SVP Appeal; Sept 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Home Missions

**DESTROYING HOSTILITY IN HIS OWN PERSON:** A few centuries ago Christians were tearing themselves apart because of religious divisions. The mind-set or consciousness that reacts by fear, hostility, rejection and violence is never far from the surface even in our own "civilised" societies. The Middle East continues to tear itself apart over religious, ethnic and tribal divisions. Different branches of Islam are fighting each other just as Christians were fighting each other in the past. The situation gives still more credence to the view that this kind of religion really does produce nothing but oppression and conflict.

A new start is needed, a new consciousness has to arise, humanity has to move on or else we will destroy ourselves and the whole planet with us.

But isn't this "new start" and "new humanity" precisely what Jesus has done? Our second reading could not put it more clearly. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own body the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Humanity in himself.

After this religion can never be used as an excuse for or source of violence and hatred between peoples. Yet when we examine history it's almost as if nothing happened at all. Is it because Christianity developed into just another competitive, even hostile religion like any other?

Rather than becoming a rival religion should Christianity have developed as a reconciling agent uniting all things in heaven and on earth and bringing everything together under Christ? Christ who stands not as another "name" or another competing deity but as the historical symbol of the Divine presence in everything and everyone.

But this is something that many so-called Christians cannot understand. Powerful Christian lobbies in America view the return of the Jewish people to Israel as the fulfilment of prophecy and an expression of God's will. They are prepared to give the state of Israel uncritical support no matter what it does. From their point of view the end justifies the means. So they encourage Israel to continue in the same belligerent, hostile manner caused by the very rules and decrees of the Law that Jesus himself abolished. They make the cross of Christ meaningless. Such a distortion of all that Jesus stands for just adds further weight to the secularists' argument that this kind of religion is nothing but a threat to the human race. Paul suggests that Jesus would be in total agreement with that. He acknowledges that the Law was a cause of hostility.

Hostile religion begins with the security of the tribe but it ends with the bitterness of conflict. It's the wide easy path to destruction. The hard narrow way of the cross means hostility has to be overcome within the person so that peace can be made outside. If we cannot transform our pain through love we will always transmit it in hate and anger. The way of peace is a hard road and few find it or are willing to pay the price for it. (DMA)

# **St Francis, Milford-on-Sea** Anniversaries this week: Leonard Harding, Margaret Anne Croll (27<sup>th</sup>)

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

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA: Many thanks to everyone who came to support our Strawberry Cream Tea last week, Thanks to Ann Marie and Andrew who generously offered us their beautiful garden and gave us all such a warm welcome. Thanks to the many volunteers who worked so hard in so many many ways to provide us with delicious food, strawberries, scones, cakes and Pimms and thanks to the Good Lord for the lovely warm weather and good company. Despite the conflicting calls of Wimbledon and the World Cup, we had a wonderful turnout and, together with the Raffle, we managed to raise the princely sum of £555 for our African Charities. So thanks you everyone and bless you for your generosity!

MISSING CAKE TIN: Unfortunately after the event it was discovered that a special cake tin had gone missing. It is a proper tin one and part of a set, marked with the name Mary Higgins. If you bought a cake on Saturday and inadvertently took it home in this tin we would be very grateful if it could be returned to St. Francis church so that it can be reunited with the rest of the set. Alternatively you can contact Di on 01590 643994 and I will arrange to collect it. Thank you.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July: Annual Service "Songs of Praise" 5:30pm at Keyhaven Quay. All the community together, plus Salvation Army band. Bring something to sit on if you wish.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Stephan Kizny (25<sup>th</sup>), Mary Taylor (27<sup>th</sup>), David Groombridge (28<sup>th</sup>)

Sick and housebound: Please keep Anna Hubbard in your prayers. Please also pray for Fr Jamie McGrath and Henrietta Reynolds who are both recovering from surgery.

Count Ireneuss Wladyslaw Michael Michalowski (known as Nicky) RIP: Nicky has died aged 93 years. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Anne's on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am and will be followed by burial in Brockenhurst Cemetery in the existing grave of his late wife, the Countess Patricia Michalowski who died in June 1999. We pray for his bereaved family and the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Fr Quarmby's Masses: Fr Quarmby returns from his holiday this Sunday. Please keep an eye on the porch noticeboard where times of his masses this week will be posted.

Urgent Basics Bank Appeal The shelves at the Basics Bank in Lymington are almost empty and provision for those in need of support is being met through limited reserve funds. The Basics Bank has brought forward its annual Christmas time appeal to take place over the next few weeks during this time of greater need. There is a box at the back of the church and your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Most needed items are tinned potatoes, tinned meat and tins of custard and rice pudding. Please see the noticeboard in the porch for a full list of items that will be gratefully received.

Welcome home: Clarisse, Jules, Malo and Freddie!

The Rosary continues to be said at 9.30 am on Wednesdays before Mass.

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

### All Parishes

Ecumenical Project for the Homeless: Sue Forward is putting together a team in order to identify and assess the needs of the homeless in the New Forest area. If you are interested and would like to help in any way, please contact Sue on 07548380004 or email at sue.forward@mypostoffice.co.uk before the end of July.

# Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington Anniversaries this week: Teresa Mary Pauline Rumsey, Deirdre Ann

Hooker (22<sup>nd</sup>), Esther Margaret 'Peggy' Walsh (23<sup>rd</sup>), Patrick Kavanagh, Mary West, Kathleen Cook (27<sup>th</sup>)

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

KATE DICKSEE RIP: We received the sad news last week that Kate Dicksee has died. At this point we still do not have any details regarding the funeral. We will keep Kate & her family in our prayers. May Kate rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**THE BIG PICTURE:** This exciting new 12week program will start in early September. To find out more please go to http://www.thebigpicturecourse.org/ to watch the trailer. If you are interested in the course charting our salvation history, through bible study, then please indicate on the list at the back of the church your preference for attending. Weekly sessions will be held on the day/time deemed most popular.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August another outing on m.v. 'Alison McGregor' to see the big ships in Southampton Water. Contact Neville 01590 688337 for all events.

## All Parishes

As Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School breaks up for the summer we wish staff and pupils

a relaxing & refreshing holiday. Stay safe and we will see you in September. God bless all of you.

SAINT PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA REFLECTION DAY: Fr Des Connolly SMM invites you to join Padre Pio Prayer Groups and other devotees to celebrate his Padre Pio's birthday/Feast day on Sunday 23rd September 2018 in this his 50th Anniversary of his death. The Day will be held in Saint Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7DU. The day will begin at 10.00am for 10.30am until 4.00pm and will include Mass. A donation of £22.50 per person would be very much appreciated. Please bring a packed lunch.

NEW FOREST CATENIAN MEETING: Our next Circle meeting will be at 19.00 on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at the Crown Manor Hotel, Lyndhurst followed by dinner at 20.00. Those of our Ladies wishing to meet and dine will do so at Prezzo opposite the Crown in Lyndhurst from 19.00.

EVENTS AT WISDOM CENTRE, ROMSEY: Our Quiet days for the rest of the year are as follows:

Saturday 11th August Ignatian Spirituality: A Journey of Quiet Contemplation in the Ignatian Tradition.

Saturday15th September A Map of the Soul: Jung and Prayer. Saturday 13th October Prayer: Heart Speaks to Heart. Saturday17th November Advent: Make your Own Advent Wreath. Saturday 24th November Celtic Advent - A Winter Quiet Day All days run from 10am - 4pm with tea and coffee from 9.30am. Suggested offering £29 which includes all refreshments and lunch. More information on their website: http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

#### SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE EVENT – SEPTEMBER

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>: The Southampton Celebrate Website is now up & running at: www.celebrateconference.org/southampton Full details are on the website where it is also possible to download a booking form and a poster advertising the event. We have been fully booked for the past few years, so early booking is advisable.