

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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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).

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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: 11th August - 19th August

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	12 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	19 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	12 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	12 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	19 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	14 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Maximilian Kolbe, Mem (R)	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
TUE	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	The Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary	People of the Parishes	DMA
WED	15 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	The Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary	Those who are unwell	DMA
WED	15 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	The Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	15 th	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	The Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary	For those on holiday	DMA
THU	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	For the Homeless	DMA
FRI	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Intentions of Pope Francis	DMA
SAT	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	For Charity Wing Walkers	DMA
SAT	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	20 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	19 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	20 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	For Parish Families	DMA
SUN	19 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	20 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	20 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA

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

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY OF LIFE:

Jesus Christ is our food for the journey of life. And it is important to understand this in the widest possible sense.

Jesus is the Eternal Word of God incarnate in human nature, the self expression of the Divine in humanity. Where can we see the image of God in humanity? We see it above all in Jesus who is completely from the Father.

So in the power of the Spirit we are called to learn from him who is humble and gentle of heart. So we gradually come to imitate him in our relationship with the Father and with our sisters and brothers. "To hear the teaching of the Father and learn from it is to come to me", Jesus says. This is putting into practice his invitation to "Follow me".

We have already received our life, our being, our flesh from the eternal, creative Word of God. And now, because of Jesus, we see that the Divinity is given in the flesh, in the Body & Blood, in the materiality of the same Jesus. Though having the "form of God" the eternal Word empties himself to be "in human form" (Philippians 2:6ff NRSV). The Divine "lives" in the limitations of the flesh, of the material world "even to accepting death, death on a cross". In the Resurrection the eternal Word returns to the Father taking the whole of creation back into the glory of God. So the whole universe is filled with the Divine Presence, God is "all in all" (Eph. 1:21; 4:10 & 1 Cor 15:28).

It is in this context that the Christ, the Eternal Word takes "the form of bread" ("*Each loving soul by thee is fed, with thine own self, in form of bread (& wine)*") from the hymn *O bread of heaven* by St Alphonsus Liguori).

The Eternal Word is lovingly giving life and being to all. Until we are awakened by the gift of faith we are spiritually asleep or dead ("Leave the dead to bury their dead" Matt. 8:22). In that sense the "*fathers (who) ate the manna in the desertare dead*", they did not have the full, conscious awareness of the Divine life in them.

The Eternal Word first takes on "the flesh" and by assuming human nature he gives divinity, divine life to all of humanity and suffuses all materiality with the presence of God. Then the Divine Word reveals the supreme love of God in the sacrifice of the cross. And the triumph of that love is received and acknowledged by the Father in the Resurrection. The great Passover (Paschal) Mystery, the Word passing from this world back to the Father is celebrated in the Eucharist. The Eucharist reveals to human consciousness this "mystery hidden for generations and centuries....The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory" (Col 1:26-27).

The Eucharist enables us to celebrate personally & communally the mystery of Christ among us and Christ in all creation. We cannot recognise the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of the Christ in the consecrated bread and wine and **not recognise at the same time** the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of the Christ in the brother or sister. As St Paul says they are the Body & Blood of Christ and the Divine love "fills the whole of creation" (Eph. 1:23) and though "we may be unfaithful, he (Christ) is always faithful **for he cannot disown his own self**" (2 Tim 2:13).

We are awakened from the dead by this wonderful love and nurtured, guided and enriched by it. In the words of James Finley: "*If we are absolutely grounded in the absolute love of God that protects us from nothing even as it sustains us in all things, then we can face all things with courage and tenderness and touch the hurting places in others and in ourselves with love.*" (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Mary King, Rosemary Howard (14th), Stephen Sheridan, Audrey Streatfield (15th), Philip Miles McSwiney, Dorothy Valentine Culmer (16th)

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

Calling all Quizzers - Reserve the date! Friday September 14th in All Saints Church Hall 7pm. A big quiz night is being organised for St Francis Parishioners plus as many friends and family as we can accommodate – Spread the word! **Lymington and Brockenhurst all welcome.** All proceeds will go to our African Charities. Roger Maughan will give an update in the next few weeks about the wonderful fundraising results achieved over the last few years. Tickets for our **Quiz** are on sale from the end of Mass today. Ticket Price is £6.00. We hope to be able to make a big contribution to our Africa Charities from the proceeds. We hope you will support us, and remember your friends and families are all welcome.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Winifred Lumley (17th)

Sick and housebound: Please keep Anna Hubbard and Deacon Hilary in your prayers.

Fr Quarmby's Masses: for the coming week – Mon -10am; Tues – 8am; Wed, Thurs & Fri – 10am; NO MASS ON SATURDAY.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: Wednesday 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will take place at St Anne's as usual at 10.0 am. Holy Hour with **Exposition and Benediction** will follow at 11.0 am. Please see the Newsletter for times of Masses at Lymington and Milford.

HOUSE MASS: This year's House Mass will take place on Friday, 17th August at Henrietta's house at 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Wine and cheese will be provided by the Social Committee following Mass.

SACRISTAN ROTA: Message from Bill Pignatelli: one of the Sacristans has requested that the monthly rota be sent to her by email rather than a hard copy. If you would prefer an email version would you please let me know and let me have your email address. If I do not hear from you I will continue to provide you with a hard copy as usual, wpignatelli@gmail.com.

BASICS BANK URGENT APPEAL: Thank you for your kind offerings to the Basics Bank urgent appeal. The bin placed at the back of the church for this appeal will be emptied for the last time on Wednesday 15th August. You can still leave your donations in the basket in the church porch as usual. A full list of items needed is on the noticeboard above the basket. Please note that the Basics Bank cannot accept items of clothing.

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

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SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE EVENT – SEPTEMBER 29th/30th: 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES: – St Francis in Milford is having a fun **QUIZ** on Friday, September 14th, at 7.00pm, tickets are £6.00 and available on a first come, first served basis. We'd love to see Parishioners and their families from both Lymington and Brockenhurst joining us. If you would like to reserve tickets for the night, please call Kathryn Fox on 01425 619313. Thank you.

Day for Altar Servers Saturday, 13th October, in Christ the King Church, Reading.

Young People (16yrs – 35 yrs): Youth Gathering – Sunday, 25th November, 5pm – 9pm, at Portsmouth Cathedral

Science or Religion – a Symposium, guest speaker Dr Brian Cox, lots of interesting workshops. 3rd Nov at Winchester

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Julia Otton, Violet Loader (14th), Samantha Isabelle Cashen (15th), Adeline Cull (16th), Margaret Trodd, Eileen Stephanie Starks, John Francis Dunne (17th).

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The Binoy family who are holidaying in India. Suja's father, PP Abraham has died (in India) has died. Also, some of you will remember Dr Peter Horsfall who lived in Kenya. Nick Chater informs us that Peter has died after a long illness. May God comfort the families and may Abraham & Peter rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL): There will be no normal meeting of the CWL on Tuesday 14th August instead we shall be visiting Tools for Self Reliance at Cadnam at 10.30 and afterwards go for lunch at the Cadnam Garden centre which is a few minutes away. Will those wishing to go meet in the church carpark at 10am. Please bring any haberdashery or small tools you wish to donate.

GUESS WHO'S DOING A WINGWALK? Our lovely Norah Holder, 80 years young and proud grandmother will be singing her heart out to the hymn of "Nearer to my God am I" while flying over Oxford and standing on the wing of an aircraft. She will be raising funds for **Oakhaven Hospice** on Saturday 18th August. Please sponsor Norah by visiting her justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Norah-Holder> or use the sign up sheet at the back of church.

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.

KNIT & STITCH will meet next Friday 17th August in the Hospitality Centre from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

ART EXHIBITION – PAUL DUFFY ROOM: from 16th August until 28th August the Paul Duffy Room will be used exclusively for an Art Exhibition. The Exhibition will be open from 10am -4.30pm from Sat 25th August until Tues 28th August, excluding Wed 22nd Aug when it will be closed. During the whole period (16th – 28th) the Paul Duffy Room will be locked & only opened for the exhibition times. The Julie Griffiths room will be available as usual.

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A MESSAGE FROM FR PETER RYAN: There is an organisation in the Catholic Church in England and Wales well known by its initials -**Mmac** - which stands for the **Movement for Married Clergy**. It was established in the mid 1970's and its purpose is to further the discussion of, and to promote the cause for, the acceptance of Married Priests within the Catholic Church in England and Wales in order that we might meet the needs of the Church in our time. The Eucharist is at the heart of the Christian Mission, and **Mmac** asks that those who are called to be priests should have the choice of leading either a married or celibate life. The time has surely come to revoke a discipline that has become a hindrance to vocations and an unfair limitation of individual freedom.

For many centuries there have been both married and unmarried Priests in the Eastern Churches belonging to the Catholic Church (& in the Catholic Church until about the 12th century). Through the action of Pope Benedict XVIth in 2011, when he introduced the Anglican Ordinariate in England and Wales, we Catholics in these two countries have had the experience of being served by both married and celibate Priests. Indeed, we have had that experience in this parish during the ministry of Monsignor Edwin Barnes, a Catholic priest who was formerly an Anglican Bishop. **Mmac** would like to see this experience extended beyond the boundaries of the Ordinariate.

Fr David and I have both been members of **Mmac** for many years and would like to extend an invitation to parishioners of the three parishes to join with us in this valuable organisation. If you should decide to join, you can obtain an application for membership form from the Fr David or myself.