

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: 29th September - 7th October

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	29 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	26 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	30 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	26 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	Bill & Marie Jowett - Wedding Anniv	DMA
SUN	30 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	26 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	Fr Don Clements 50th Anniv	DMA
SUN	30 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	baby George Henry Vasco Puckering	N/A	DMA
SUN	30 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	26 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	1 st	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Mem, (W)	N/A	
TUE	2 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Holy Guardian Angels, Mem, (W)	James Barry-Ball RIP F/M	DMA
WED	3 rd	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	26 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	N/A	
WED	3 rd	10.00am	W & C	St Francis	26 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	N/A	
WED	3 rd	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	26 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	DQ
THU	4 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St Francis of Assisi, Mem, (W)	N/A	
THU	4 th	10.00am	W & C	St Francis	St Francis of Assisi, Patronal Feast, (W)	N/A	
FRI	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	26 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
SAT	6 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	26 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	6 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	7 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	27 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	For the work of CAFOD	DMA
SUN	7 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	7 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	27 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	Marie McKnight (Reception)	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Oct 6th/7th CAFOD; Oct 20th/21st Foreign Missions; Nov 3rd/4th Bamenda

THE SPIRIT IS WAITING TO BE RECEIVED

Moses said in frustration: "If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets and the Lord gave his spirit to them all!" The reluctance, the holding back is not on God's side. We are all called to be prophets, God does give the Spirit to everyone. That is something of the meaning of the celebration of Baptism. The problem is on our side, we are not ready. Studies in early human development and in the growth of the brain and nervous systems have shown us how this openness to the transcendent, to the Spirit, or lack of it, is related to our whole human development from our genetic inheritance right up to the here and now.

For us to be fully open to the Spirit requires connectedness, positive relationship with all others and all creation, and spiritual awareness - delicacies and sensitivities of the heart and soul. We have to be free from fear, shame, doubt, anger and aggression. The brain (actually four brains, marking stages of an evolutionary progression) nature has given us has, potentially, everything we need to mediate the gifts of God. How we nurture new human life, from the genetic input, to the social environment, to the actual gestation and parenting of the child determines just how much of this potential is allowed to unfold. The presence of fear and anxiety from the womb to the first three years can shift the emphasis of brain growth away from the higher emotional, intellectual

and spiritual brain areas and towards the lower, reptilian brain which is all about survival. This process also affects body growth: to fight for survival doesn't require a bigger brain but a bigger body is very useful. One can see how a society can begin (genetically) to spiral into ever greater violence if peace is not built up.

This closing down of the human potential for love, compassion, truth, empathy and joy is caused by the way most cultures and societies birth and nurture their young. Modern cultures have crudely disregarded the natural dynamics that thousands of years of evolution have developed. Fear and violence in culture and nurture has constantly triggered a reciprocal reaction in brain development and genetic conditioning. The young infant is all wired up for rich connections with the higher brain. Fear based and shame-based nurturing, lack of intimate and joyful human interaction, restrictions on play-learning all contribute to a loss of these connections as growth shifts back to ensure basic survival.

The brain continues to develop until the late teens and similar dynamics can occur later on too. Association with Spirit-filled people, building up a faith relationship with God, contemplative prayer and growth in love of all are ways to actively recover the openness to God that nature (God) has already given us. If we really trusted the God of creation and worked in harmony with nature human beings would become less beastly and more beatific. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Daphne Rose Igoe (30th), Kathleen Teresa Baker (1st), Ethel Maud Jackson, Robert Francis Norman Lester (3rd), Arthur Rowland Bryant (4th)

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

Sunday 30th Sept: Usual 5th Sunday Ecumenical Service, 6pm in the Community Centre, Sea Road.

PRAYING IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY: Milford Churches together are praying over 28-30th September for the local community and individuals in it. If they can pray for you or a friend, please write your request on one of the yellow prayer slips at back of church and hand to Helen, Elisabeth or Anthony.

AUTUMN STUDY GROUPS: Two identical Ecumenical study courses will be held in October/November. They will each be 5 sessions: At the Methodist Church, Mondays 7:30 - 9pm starting 1st Oct. The second at St Mary's Everton, alternate Thursdays 11:30am followed by soup lunch starting 27th Sep. These groups are usually thought-provoking and interesting. please do try them out! Please sign the list at back, or if you can't decide, just turn up.

HARVEST TIME: Many churches in the UK devote one Sunday in the autumn to a Harvest Festival. Around that occasion we, at New Forest Basics Bank, your local food bank, are very dependent on schools and churches collecting non-perishable food items to restock our shelves for the approaching winter. I ask you, please, to join the other churches in the area and buy some items for us and either put them in the crate in Waitrose or in the crate in your church. A list of what we need is on the leaflet at the back of church. Thank you very much.

NEWCOMERS SUPPER: we would welcome donations of puddings for Saturday 13th October, Rosalie will be at the back of church to receive offers of help.

FUND-RAISING CONCERT: 'An Evening With Total Voice' at St Francis of Assisi on Friday, 19th October, 2018 at 7.30pm. In aid of the church's African Charities and Local Women's Refuge. Once again we owe our thanks to our splendid local choir **Total Voice** for supporting this cause. Please support it too, as always. Tickets £10 to incl. refreshments. Available from Milford-on-Sea Community Centre Box Office or from Rita Ford after Mass on Sunday at St Francis, at OLSJ Lymington and at St Anne Brockenhurst.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Flo Akoylls (30th), Margaret O'Donnell, Evelyn Wardale (3rd), Max Mueller (4th), Ellen Skillen (5th)

Sick and Housebound Please keep Deacon Hilary & Anna Hubbard in your prayers.

FR QUARMBY'S MASSES: for the coming week: 8am Tuesday; 10am Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; NO MASS THIS THURSDAY.

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH: on Sunday, 7th October at the 6pm Mass Marie McKnight will be received into the Church & Marie together with her fiancé Marko will be celebrating their Wedding with Nuptial Mass on Sat 13th Oct. at 2pm. Please support them if you can as not many of Marko's family can make it from Slovakia and we'll need help with the responses and the singing.

Fr Charlie has notified us that he has moved from Sitima Parish to the Namiasi Pastoral Centre in another diocese located by the side of Lake Malawi. He will keep us updated on his work there.

Behind the Headlines: The Untold Stories of Overseas Aid. This is a photography and inter-active exhibition taking place in Brockenhurst Village Hall on Friday 12th (launch 6.30-9 pm) and Saturday 13th October (all day) which aims to highlight some of the successes and positive change achieved by individuals and communities through the support of UK overseas aid. The exhibition is put on by New Forest Cares About UK Aid in partnership with a group of leading international aid charities including CAFOD and Christian Aid. All are welcome. Details on the notice board in the porch.

New Forest Basics Bank Please see on the notice board the latest report from the NFBB, following their AGM in July, which updates us on their much-needed services in our local area and how we can support them.

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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Eva Walsh, Elizabeth Salmon, Daniel Reginald Murphy (29th), William Young (30th), Brynley Jones, Elizabeth Ellen Hutchins, Sheila Angela Theresa Cozens (1st), Ruth Gallagher, Joseph Dyer (3rd), Rosina Dorothy Morton Hughes, Mary 'Molly' Holliday, Elizabeth 'Betty' Iles (4th), John McGovern, Frederick Warrilow, Caroline Sherley-Price, Sheron Ann Whitlock, Shannon Marie Barnett (5th).

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

FROM EILEEN RAYNER: I would like to thank all members of the Parish very much indeed for the support they gave me when I was presented with the Bene Merenti medal last Sunday and I was particularly grateful to Pat for the delicious cake. It was a very special day which I and my family will always remember.

100 CLUB: the draw will take place after Sunday Mass in Joseph's Place this week.

All Parishes

MASS COUNTS: This year the count will be taken on the following weekends: 29/30 Sept; 6/7 Oct & 13/14 Oct.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast day 5th October: On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. The collection will be taken next weekend. Many thanks for your generous support.

UPDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS: In the light of recent changes to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May this year, I have been advised by the Diocese to 'Spring clean' parish registers. **Therefore, during Mass over the weekend the 13th & 14th October, I shall be asking you in all three parishes to fill in a form with your contact details.** The reason we are doing this is because we need your express permission to hold data about you. If you do not fill in the form your contact details will not be on the parish register. If you know you will be away the weekend of 13th & 14th October please make sure you collect a form and fill it in a.s.a.p.

From Headteacher, Mrs Allies, Our Lady & St Joseph School: Thank you to all the parents and members of the church community who have offered to pop in and hear readers / test tricky words. We have had a fantastic response and your help is greatly appreciated. Another thank you to all the parents who have helped the children to get off to a great start this term by supporting them at home with their homework, and reading. Your support makes a huge difference to the children. Their brilliant attitude to learning is noticeable. Thank you too to those parents who have been in helping with our DT cooking afternoons and the dad who painted our corridor for us. It all helps so much! **If you have a skill you would like to share with us please let us know - gardeners, painters etc. always welcome!**

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS: If you would like to find out how your daughter (or son in the Sixth Form) could join St Anne's, there are open events on October 10th for Years 4, 5 and 6 for entry into Year 7, and October 17th for Years 9, 10 and 11 for entry into the Sixth Form. Families with daughters in other year groups are also welcome as limited places are available in some year groups. For further details, please take a leaflet from reception or visit St Anne's website at www.st-annes.co.uk

YOUTH SUNDAY: 25th Nov from 5pm until 9pm at St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3HQ; for 16-35yr olds only; cost: - £5.50 - £6.50. A gathering for young adults and students from across the Diocese to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Theme of the talks: "Witnessing to non-Catholics" & sustaining your faith through the university to workplace transition, and what it's like stepping out of a close-knit Cathsoc into the secular city culture. Holy Hour and Confessions will begin at 5pm in the Cathedral. 6pm Mass will be followed by food, a welcome address from Bishop Philip and the two talks. We look forward to seeing you!

SCIENCE-&-RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM. A big diocesan Symposium is taking place on Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10 am - 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>