

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: 6th October - 14th October

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	6 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	Patricia Edwards (Intentions)	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)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	7 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	27 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	Marie McKnight (Reception)	DMA
MON	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
WED	10 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	27 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	N/A	
WED	10 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	27 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Jackie Solano RIP	DMA
WED	10 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	27 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	11 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	12 th	11.00am	Funeral Service	St Anne	Michel Raoul Laloi RIP	N/A	DMA
SAT	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday (W)	Bridie O'Connor (Intentions)	DMA
SAT	13 th	2.00pm	Nuptial Mass	St Anne	Nuptial Mass & Wedding Ceremony	Marko & Marie Samel (Intentions)	DMA
SAT	13 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	28 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	14 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	28 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	14 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	28 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	Richard Filbee RIP	DMA
SUN	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	28 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA

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

THE HAPPINESS GOD WANTS FOR US

In Jesus' time and place divorce was easily available, only that is, for the man. It was also given a cloak of religious acceptability by Moses' concession to what Jesus refers to as their "hardness of heart". Generally, divorce was bad news for the woman who had virtually no rights under the law. She could face destitution and social rejection and would not have any rights over her children either. In Rome, where Mark's community probably was, the law allowed for women to divorce their husbands too. We see here how Mark is interpreting the teaching of Jesus for a different situation.

Jesus himself gets away from all the legalism and goes back to the ideal that God intended. God made man and woman to be together and to find help and happiness together. God doesn't want the man-woman relationship to break down or be broken. God wants the true happiness of all and certainly cannot be invoked to justify any injustice or ill-treatment of others. This is basically what was happening in Jesus' time – the practice of divorce was saying in effect "God says its OK". Jesus says: "Its not OK! Don't bring God into this to justify your selfishness and cruel treatment of others!

Jesus doesn't talk directly about coping with a marriage breakdown that has actually happened. What Jesus does elsewhere is to call everyone to forgiveness. Wounds and hurts are to be surrounded by the healing grace of forgiveness, patience, prayer and compassion. If possible, reconciliation is to be sought and prayed for. At the very least we are called not to add to the sum of human misery.

If the hurt turns to bitterness and hatred then we have lost our peace of mind and strayed from the way of love. Peace and forgiveness does not condone a wrong situation it makes the process of healing and reconciliation possible.

What of our situation today? God is the same, yesterday, today and forever. God stills wants people to find happiness through a love that is faithful, lasting and forgiving. Couples who want their relationship to work out now realize that they have to take responsibility for it. They are taking time to listen to each other and to share their thoughts, feelings, hopes and fears. They are sharing more equally the responsibilities of home making and child-rearing. They make time for their relationship and try to keep it alive, joyful and spontaneous. They are grateful for the support of family and friends if they are fortunate enough to live nearby. If they find there are problems that are not easily resolved by this means, they are humble and sensible enough to seek help from voluntary or professional agencies. If the couple shares faith in God then they can be more open to God's help. God can renew the gift of love and make forgiveness possible.

We cannot guarantee anything to ourselves or to anyone else. We can only do our best, trust in God, and if there have been failures, trust that God will bring good out of them if we are willing to see it and receive it – which is welcoming the kingdom of God like a child. (DMA).

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Parker (9th), Mary "Molly" Kathleen Woodford (11th), Ethelfrida Davies (13th)

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

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: Honoria Christina Beevers (7th), Winifred Foster (11th)

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

FR QUARMBY'S MASSES: for the coming week: 8.00am - Tuesday and Friday; 10 am - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

WEDDING REHEARSAL: This Thursday, 11th Oct. at 11.00am

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH: this 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM: will take place following Mass on Sunday, 4th November. All are warmly welcomed.

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.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES: The Untold Stories of Overseas Aid A FREE photographic exhibition taking place in Brockenhurst Village Hall on Friday 12th (launch 6.30-9 pm) and Saturday 13th October (all day) hosted by a group of local people who care about Overseas aid together with representatives from aid organisations including CAFOD, Oxfam, Christian Aid, Water Aid and VSO. Come along and discover incredible stories of change through photos, virtual reality headsets and conversations. For more details go to <https://bit.ly/2BA5Ofy> or see notice in church porch.

100 CLUB: The September draw was won by Anne Wright with no. 47.

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

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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>

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Christina Beevers (7th), Catherine Conroy (8th), Paul Robert Duffy (9th), Josephine Catherine Patricia Liegeois (10th), Margaret Jones (11th)

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.

CWL: The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday, 9th October at 2.15 in Joseph's Place.

RAMONA Heath-Saunders wishes to thank everyone who sent cards, best wishes and most of all prayers during her recent indisposition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 100 CLUB WINNERS: who are as follows: - Brian Nyland £38, Martha Medina £29, Wendy Gallagher £19, Maureen Norris £14, Anthony Cunningham £10. Thank you to everyone who subscribes to the 100 Club which is a valuable addition to parish finances.

MACMILLAN FUND RAISING: Huge thank you to everyone who helped the Parish raise £332.27 last Saturday at our Macmillan Coffee morning.

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

CAFOD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: 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 this 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.

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.uk.com

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!