

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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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: 3rd November - 11th November

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	3 rd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	31 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	Michael Lynch RIP	DMA
SUN	4 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	31 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	31 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	4 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	31 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	Michael Reardon RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	31 st Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	6 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	31 st Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	7 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	31 st Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Margaret Murphy & Kathleem Tridgel RIP	DMA
WED	7 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	31 st Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	7 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	31 st Week in Ordinary Time (G)	N/A	
THU	8 th	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	31 st Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Jimmy Monaghan RIP	DMA
FRI	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Ded. Latern Basilica, Feast, (W)	Weld Family Living and Dead F/M	DMA
SAT	10 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Leo the Great, Mem, (W)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	10 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Remembrance / Holy Souls Sunday (P)	For all the faithful departed	DMA
SUN	11 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Remembrance / Holy Souls Sunday (P)	For peace in the world	DMA
SUN	11 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Remembrance / Holy Souls Sunday (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Remembrance / Holy Souls Sunday (P)	as per celebrant	PWR

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Nov 3rd/4th Bamenda - Information leaflets are available

The Most Essential Thing:

The most powerful, most needed, and most essential teaching is always Love. Love is our foundation and our destiny. It is where we come from and where we're headed. As St. Paul famously says, "So faith, hope, and love remain, but the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13).

My hope, whenever I speak or write, is to help clear away the impediments to receiving, allowing, trusting, and participating in a foundational Love. God's love is planted inside each of us as the Holy Spirit who, according to Jesus, "will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26).

Love is who you are. When you don't live according to love, you are outside of being. You're basically not real or true to yourself. When you love, you are acting according to your deepest being, your deepest truth. You are operating according to your dignity. For a simple description of the kind of love I am talking about, let's just use the word *outflowing*. This will become clearer as we proceed.

All I can do is remind you of what you already know deep within your True Self and invite you to live connected to this Source. John the Evangelist writes, "God is love, and whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in them" (1 John 4:16). The Judeo-Christian creation story says that we were created in the very "image and likeness" of God—who sets the highest bar for this kind of outflowing love (Genesis 1:26-27). Out of the Trinity's generative and infinitely flowing relationship, all of creation takes form, mirroring its Creator in its deepest identity.

We have heard this phrase so often that we don't get the existential shock of what "*created in the image and likeness of God*" is saying about us. If this is true, then our family of origin is divine. It is saying that we were created by a loving God to also *be love* in the world. Our core is original blessing, not original sin. Our starting point is "very good" (Genesis 1:31). If the beginning is right, the rest is made considerably easier, because we know and can trust the clear direction of our life's tangent.

We must all overcome the illusion of separateness. It is the primary task of religion to communicate not worthiness but union, to reconnect people to their original identity "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). The Bible calls the state of separateness "sin." God's job description is to draw us back into primal and intimate relationship. "My dear people, we are already children of God; what we will be in the future has not yet been fully revealed, and all I do know is that we shall be like God" (1 John 3:2).

Henceforth, all our moral behaviour is simply "the imitation of God." First observe what God is doing all the time and everywhere, and then do the same thing (Ephesians 5:1). And what does God do? God does what God is: Love. God does not love you *if and when you change*. God loves you *so that you can change!*

(Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Daily Reflection, Sunday, October 28, 2018)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Hilda Musson (4th), James Madden (6th), Mary Bridget Wright, Rose Alice Parsons (8th), John Banks (9th)

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

DAY OF REFLECTION on Saturday, 17th November, 10.30am to 2pm, with a short break for lunch (bring your own) in the Maryland Room. Dr Fiona Randall (retired palliative care consultant) will present a talk entitled **Life Beginning at the End** on the legal and ethical context of end of life care, followed by reflection and discussion chaired by Fr David. Dr Fiona has suggested an article to read that would be helpful preparation. Copies of this and the timetable are available at the back of church. If further copies are needed please speak to Fr David.

Di & Nick Mussert's 50th Wedding anniversary blessing will be during Mass on Sunday, 18th Nov.

Finance Committee Report: at the end of Mass on Sunday, Nov. 18th

Parish Pastoral Council, AGM report to the parish on Sunday, 25th Nov at the end of Mass.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Juanita Scrope, Margaret Cayford (7th), Charles Mylus, Reginald Nunes, Leonard Norris (8th), Helen Thompson (10th)

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

Fr Quarmby's Masses for this coming week: Monday 10am; Tuesday – NO MASS here; Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 10am; FRIDAY – 8am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: A silent hour of Exposition will take place before Mass on Sunday, 11th November between 4.30 and 5.30 pm.

Parish Pastoral Council AGM: will take place following Mass today, Sunday 4th November. All are welcome. The PPC report will be given by our chair person, Henry Mellor during Mass after a brief homily.

Celebrating the Canonisation of Oscar Romero See details under All Parishes. If you are interested in attending this Thanksgiving Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral on 24th November with others from our parish, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board or contact Annabelle on 624587. If there are sufficient numbers we can arrange transport (mini bus or car share).

Centenary of the end of WW1 Together with other churches and organisations in the village, St Anne's will mark the centenary of the end of the Great War in November 1918 by displaying poppies in the church throughout the month of November.

Brockcare: - Brockenhurst Parish Church (St Saviour's) warmly invite you to take part in any of their activities designed to offer friendship and hospitality. Please see notice on the board in the porch.

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

All Parishes

DID YOU KNOW - the Catholic churches in the New Forest have a website? Why not have a look and find out what's happening in your area. www.nfwp.org.uk.

LYMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY: welcomes you to a **CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 7pm, 1st December 2018** at St Thomas' Church, Lymington. *Gounod Messe Solennelle Ste Cécile (St Cecilia Mass) and music by Berlioz, Fauré, Franck. Lymington Choral Society conducted by Michael Goldthorpe presents a seasonal programme of French Romantic Music for choir and orchestra. Soloists from The Royal College of Music, London:* Charlotte Bowden (Soprano), Richard Pinkstone (Tenor), James Atkinson (Baritone) with Timothy Rice (Organ), Lymington Classical Players, leader Marjory King. Local school children and the audience are invited to participate in some French carols. Tickets: £12.50 (restricted view) £15 includes a glass of wine or soft drink; accompanied children free. Available on the door, from Maxwell Hamilton, Milford Community Centre, New Milton Stationers or phone 01590 679161. www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Patricia Wilkins, Niamh Fitzgerald-Graham, Dorothy Manghan (4th), John Bickers, Maud Southam, Leopoldine Foot (5th), Velma Neal, Eileen Mary Jenkins (7th), Albert Melliush, Mary McPherson (8th), Mary Wyatt (9th)

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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrance. The book will be placed on the Altar during each Mass in November.

Remembrance Sunday 11th November: Prior to the 10.30am service there will be recorded poetry and music from WW1. I ask that you use that time to listen to the poetry and use it as a time of quiet reflection about those who gave up their lives so we may be free. There also will be a 2 minutes silence during the service at 11am. (see also the All Parishes notice about the special readings for this Mass)

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next meeting of the CWL will be at 2.15 on the 13th November in Joseph's Place, Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph. Sr Rosaleen will be giving us a talk on Advent at approximately 3pm.

ADVENT TALK: Sr Rosaleen from St Dominic's priory will be giving a talk on Advent at approximately 3pm on Tuesday, 13th November in Joseph's Place. All are welcome.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped and/or contributed to the coffee/lunches on Saturday. We were able to donate £195 to Basics Bank on behalf of the people of the Parish. We will be raising funds for The Motor Neurone Association, a locally active charity, next month on Saturday 24th November. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you would like to bake a cake or give some time to helping on the day.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The next gathering is on Monday 5th November. We will be taking bookings for those wishing to go to the following concerts. Wednesday 12th December @ 2pm. Jubilee Singers at New Milton Community Centre tickets £6.00 each. Sunday 19th January @ 3pm Bournemouth Concert Brass New Year Viennese Concert tickets £6.00 each. We have a limited number of tickets provisionally booked for both concerts so we will need you to pay for your tickets on 5th November

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Dates for the Diary: Youth Mass: on Sunday, 25th Nov the 10.30am Mass will be a celebration of our young people.

Parish AGM will be held on Sunday, 20th January 2019 in church, immediately after the 10.30am Mass. It will include reports from the PPC & Finance Committees.

All Parishes

Remembrance Sunday: 10th/11th November, all Masses will be jointly commemorating Remembrance Sunday & All Souls. The readings to be used (Is 25:6-9; Psalm 26; Romans 5:5-11; Matthew 11:25-30) will be those of All Souls and special Mass sheets will be provided.

CATENIAN BURSARIES FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS aged 16 to 24: The Catenian Association, which is very active in this Diocese New Forest, offers Bursaries to young Catholics within this age range for projects associated with their Christian faith; within this Diocese £30,000 has recently been so offered. Projects include assisting with the disabled young people's Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes, with the diocesan summer pilgrimage, and other initiatives to help those in need, at home and abroad. If you are contemplating a summer holiday project, or taking a gap year, do not hesitate to approach them if you have some faith-based initiative in mind. Go to www.thecatenians.com/bursary/ and you will find more information and details of how to apply.

CELEBRATING THE CANONISATION OF OSCAR ROMERO: You are invited to a Thanksgiving Mass for the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero. This Mass will take place at the Cathedral on Saturday 24 November 2018 at 2.00pm and will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan.

Catholic Legacy Week: Please consider your parish church & community when making your will. Every little helps to keep our churches well maintained.