

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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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: 10th November - 18th November

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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
MON	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Josaphat, Mem, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	32 nd Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Harry Newenham RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
WED	14 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	32 nd Week in Ordinary Time (G)	N/A	
WED	14 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	32 nd Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Patience Nicholson RIP F/M	DMA
WED	14 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	32 nd Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	15 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	32 nd Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Jean Kavanagh RIP Anniv	DMA
FRI	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Edmund of Abingdon, Sol, (W)	Dec'd Clergy of the Province	DMA
SAT	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	32 nd Week in Ordinary Time (G)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	17 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	33 rd Sunday of the Year B (G)	Maude & Jozef Fojt RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	18 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	33 rd Sunday of the Year B (G)	Di & Nick Mussert 50th Wedding Anniv	DMA
SUN	18 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	33 rd Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	33 rd Sunday of the Year B (G)	Mary Adair RIP F/M	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 24th/25th December - Christmas Offering; 1st January - SPUC White Flower Appeal

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN : What do we do, as Christians, on Remembrance Day & All Souls Day? We may remember those who are no longer with us on this side of life, people we knew & loved and miss; we may remember those who died in war. We may honour extraordinary courage and self-sacrifice and mourn tragic sequences of events, cruel and merciless carnage or a staggering blindness that led to folly on a monumental scale. Whatever the experience of our remembering & our mourning, it will doubtless move us deeply whether we are alone, or with others, being silent or joining together in words & music, shedding tears without or within.

The follower of Jesus can never see war as anything but a fruit of failure and tragedy. As a well-known song puts it: the military solution always leads to something worse. War is never a good thing. In some extreme situations it may be a necessary evil. War invariably creates as many problems as it tries to solve, often it creates more. We can never celebrate it or glory in it. It always represents a failure of the ideal, which is peaceful coexistence. Both innocent and guilty are swept up in its turmoil and become victims. Bodies are broken, scarred and maimed, souls are numbed and traumatised and spirits soar either to heights of self-sacrifice and courage or sink to depths of dark, demonic brutality. This means that mourning invites us to take a prophetic stance against the cultural and economic dynamics that rely on and exploit war. It calls us to challenge politics of hate and oppression. It calls us to expose the lie that creates an enemy "over there" in order to absolve us from facing our own darkness & problems "over here".

So we mourn and we pray for all the departed and especially for those who lost their lives as a result of war. We are united with the whole of humanity in creation, in sin and death, and united with humanity in redemption and resurrection. Our trust & confidence is based on God's love: *When I am lifted up from the earth, says Jesus, I shall draw all people to myself* (John); *God has imprisoned all people in their disobedience only to have mercy on all people* (Romans 11).

Sin and death are God's enemies and our enemies and God wants to do away with their destructive power. God has done this by taking away the "sting" of death which is the power of sin to separate us from God. God reconciled us while we were still enemies. So the experience of death is transformed. It no longer symbolises separation from God but now, in Christ, it becomes the path to eternal life.

Prayer touches the point where all time meets eternity, meets God. This is why we have to pray according to God's possibilities not according to our own impossibilities. That is why the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. So our prayer is not our own it is the prayer of the Spirit praying within us. The Spirit yearns for the revealing of God's children. The Spirit intercedes according to the mind of God. It is an expression of the eternal desire of God to unite all things in peace (cfr Eph 1; Col 1). We can no more refuse to pray than we can refuse to let God's love flow through us. Just as we have no excuse for withholding God's love from anyone, we have no excuse for blocking the desire of God for them, which is the prayer of the Spirit. The Spirit prays that all will be alive to God (Luke 20:37) (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Lavinia Noble (13th), Dennis Hayward, Eric Rees Jones (14th), Wazyl Mandzjij (16th)

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

REMEMBRANCE: Representatives from St Francis will be attending the British Legion armistice centenary services today and laying wreaths at the war memorials at Keyhaven Calvary and in All Saints' Church on behalf of our church. You are welcome to join them at 2pm and/or 3pm respectively.

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.

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: Jean Heritage (12th), Douglas Cooper (15th), Patience Nicholson (16th), Kenneth Stanfield, William Hacking, Helen Bodkin, Jeanette Boylan (17th)

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

FR QUARMBY'S MASSES: 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. NO MASS ON TUESDAY.

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

Remembrance Sunday in Brockenhurst: As we especially call to mind this Sunday all those from our village who died in both World Wars, we remember Anthony O'Donnell who was killed in 1943 while serving in the RAF. Anthony was a member of this Parish and served on the altar with his brother, John, at the very first Mass in our church in July 1939.RIP.

Parish Pastoral Council AGM: Four new members were elected to the PPC last Sunday: Ian Holden, Madeleine Shearer, Henrietta Reynolds and Margaret Newton. Sincere thanks to those members who stood down having completed their three year term: Paul Shearer, Susan McCabe, Michael Jones and Henry Mellor. The next PPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 29 November at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.

Celebrating the Canonisation of Oscar Romero: If you are interested in attending this Thanksgiving Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral on 24th November at 2pm, with others from our parish, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board or contact Annabelle on 624587.

100 Club The winner of the £30 October draw was Bill Pignatelli, number 30. Congratulations to the Treasurer who will have to write the cheque to himself!

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

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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.

SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM: Go to the Diocesan website to here more about this very successful day. <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/symposiums/science-or-religion.php>

LYMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY: welcomes you to a **CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 7pm, 1st December 2018** at St Thomas' Church, Lymington. 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: Arthur Aylward, Gladys Doughty, Brian Frith, (11th), Joanna Finn (12th), Frank Ashworth (13th), Mary Nutt (14th), Maud Christie, Ronald Twitchett (15th), Patrick Heath-Saunders (16th)

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.

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.

ADVENT COURSE: We will be starting our Advent Course on Thursday 29th November at 7.30pm. 'Someone to Believe in' is a course based on the Christmas movie 'Miracle on 34th Street'. The aim will be to help us think more deeply during the Advent season about the coming of Jesus and what the Christmas story can teach us about our faith today.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 10.30am MASS: There will be poems and music from WW1 played before this Mass as a tribute to those who have died in all wars. Please use it as a time to be still, to pray and to reflect.

THANKS To Vicky Pent for drawing 'Arthur and Fred' our soldiers, and to Keith Stuttaford for bringing those drawings 'to life'. And thanks to Linda & Vicky for the commemorative displays.

DURING WW1 THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Services Committee did fundraising for the forces and from 1915 to 1918 ran 35 Huts in Europe and England. They were there serving tea, lunches, administrating general care to the armed forces. Their first hut was opened in Boulogne in 1915. One of the ladies from Lymington Section, Elizabeth Wilson, was only 18 when she went to France to serve as a VAD. The CWL also opened the Wayside Shrine nr Ripon in 1921. It was to serve the British and Canadian forces who were training nearby. They have an annual service there every year but this year on the 8th November, they had a Special Annual Service to celebrate the centenary and to honour the WW1 soldiers who gave their lives for us. To this day the CWL still have a services Committee helping and funding where needed."

KNIT & STITCH: will meet next Friday 16th November in the Hospitality Centre from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

MISSIO CALENDARS: are available at the back of the church. Please help yourself to a free calendar and keep up to date with the wonderful work of the Missions throughout the world.

OUR THANKS: to Dr Fiona Randall for once again presenting an excellent talk of end of life care. It was very well attended and much appreciated by all.

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.

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ST DOMINIC'S CHRISTMAS MARKET: Sat 1st Dec 12pm - 2pm - stalls, games, food, tea & cake; St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms Rd, Lymington, SO41 8NH; 01590-681874

CATHOLIC DIARIES 2019: Free diaries available from the back of the church. Please do take one.

A BIG THANK YOU from Nanette Allies, the Headteacher of Our Lady & St Joseph Primary school, to all those who bought a Rosary Ring which were made by Class 3. The money raised was £25 and will go to CAFOD.

FUNDRAISING: The school is trying to raise funds to create an outdoor Prayer area for the children. Would anyone like to donate to this project? If so, please see Fr David. **OR** if anyone has an *outdoor statue* of St Francis, St Joseph, Mary or the Holy Family which they would like to give to the school please let Fr David or Linda know.

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.