

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: 24th November - 2nd December

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	24 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Christ the King, Solemnity, (W)	Weld Family Living and Dead F/M	DMA
SUN	25 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Christ the King, Solemnity, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	25 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Christ the King, Solemnity, (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	25 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Christ the King, Solemnity, (W)	For All Benefactors of the Parish F/M	DMA
MON	26 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	34 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	27 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	34 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	Tony Warriow RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	28 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	34 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	N/A	
WED	28 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	34 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	The Baker family F/M	DMA
WED	28 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	34 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	29 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	34 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	James McGarty RIP Anniv	DMA
FRI	30 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Andrew, Feast, (R)	David Peter Stevenson (Intentions)	DMA
SAT	1 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday, Mem, (W)	Private Intention BF	DMA
SAT	1 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	1 st Sunday of Advent (P)	Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	2 nd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	1 st Sunday of Advent (P)	The Hodson Family	DMA
SUN	2 nd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	1 st Sunday of Advent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	1 st Sunday of Advent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA

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

TURNING THINGS UPSIDE DOWN

Images, experiences and symbols are all used to express the experience of God. The process usually stretches the image almost beyond recognition. Kingship is one of those images. It is something with which we are reasonably familiar with speculative articles about Prince Charles and whether he will ever be king etc. I say we are 'reasonably familiar with' because our experience of monarchy is now radically different from that of Jesus's time or our own history of a few hundred years ago.

The symbol of kingship had relevance because it was an absolute authority and because it was by right of birth, generally speaking. There is an absolute quality to the reign of God and that reign is by Divine right. No one confers sovereignty on God, it is already God's.

For the Israelite people God's reign was mediated through his representative. A key representative was the earthly king. Others were the priests and the prophets. As the Israelite people journeyed into nationhood and experienced different kinds of leaders there grew within the national consciousness a longing for the ideal king. The ideal one would be like King David, who was not morally perfect but at least he really acknowledged in practice the sovereignty of God. He also had a reasonable concern for the people, for their welfare and happiness.

In Jesus' time people were longing for a liberator but their expectations of what kind of liberation that would involve differed radically from that offered by Jesus. They wanted someone to overthrow the hated Romans. Jesus would give a whole new meaning to kingship but not one that would be popularly accepted. Jesus came to free people from hate and to connect them to God by witnessing to the truth of God – God's unconditional love.

Jesus' kingship is one of love, truth, compassion, peace and justice. Jesus came to give authority not to take it, to give life not to take it, to serve not to be served. Jesus dispenses freedom, dignity, wealth and autonomy. Jesus makes us kings, queens, priests and prophets. This is a radical dignity and responsibility that we have trouble accepting. We instinctively prefer co-dependency and we are tempted to thrust burdens of responsibility onto others.

There is a time of infancy and childhood but these must always give way to growth and maturity. Some people prefer to stay infantile; some others prefer to keep people in that state. Neither situation can remain psychologically or spiritually healthy. If the Church is to become and remain a healthy community it must promote kingship as Jesus did. There are some who are jealously keeping power, authority and decision making to themselves (clericalism). They imagine they are serving God but really it is their own fragile egos which are being served. They sometimes protest that ordinary Catholics must be protected from confusion and must not have their "simple" faith disturbed. These are lame, patronising excuses for a lack of trust in the Holy Spirit, for a lack of creative imagination and for an unwillingness to share ministry and responsibility. These short-sighted, self-serving attitudes are not undermining people's faith in God they just do nothing to help the Church be a credible and effective Servant of God's Kingdom in the world. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Eileen Taylor, Gladys Murphy, Margaret Louise Jansen, Thomas Phelan (26th), Thomas Frank Leaman Abbott (27th), John Garth Davies (30th), Frederick Fothergill Culmer (1st)

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

Parish Pastoral Council, AGM report to the parish this Sunday, 25th Nov before the end of Mass. Please take the hand-out with a summary of the report.

Our thanks to our dedicated PPC Team: Anthony, Helen, Judith, Liz, Roger W, Di, Eva, Roger M, Rita, Rosalie, Elizabeth & Clare.

OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION: At Mass last Sunday, Peter Larke, our Chair of the Finance and Property Committee presented in some detail, the Parish Financial Statement for the year ended 31st August 2018. He explained that while our total income just about covered operating costs, this was principally due to generous one-off donations of £1635. Peter made the point that this is not sustainable because we couldn't and shouldn't rely on donations to balance the books. We control costs as much as possible but we really do need to increase our regular offertory income. With Fr David's support he asked parishioners to think about when they last increased their contribution and to consider whether they could increase it. **If everyone gave just an extra £1 per week, it would raise annual income by £3500, but of course he understood that may not be possible for some.**

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Doris Christy (25th), William Clark (30th), Gladys Boocock, Jean Lilpop (1st)

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

Fr Quarmby's Masses: For the week commencing 25th November: Weekday Mass times: 10am every day except Tuesday: NO MASS ON TUESDAY.

Red Mission Boxes: Would holders of Red Mission Boxes please bring them to Mass and give them to Bill Pignatelli who will be happy to empty them and return them to be filled again! Missio have written to thank everyone in this Parish who has contributed. Last year St Anne's collected £340 in the Red Boxes in addition to other collections for Missio.

Table Top Sale Our annual pre-Christmas table top and craft sale will commence in the Parish Rooms after Mass this Sunday continuing until Sunday 2nd December. Please come and support us.

Brockenhurst Choir will perform Handel's Messiah on Sunday, 9th December at St Saviour's Church at 7.0pm. Details on the board in the porch.

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

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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: Bessie Walsh (24th), John Fiffins (26th), Philip Manghan, Anthony Warrilow (27th), Robert Keen (28th), Jean Proctor (29th), Edward Grzegorzewski (30th)

Sick and Housebound: Ramona Heath-Saunders, 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.

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.

ADVENT SERVICE - Awaiting the Dawn: A beautiful reflection of Advent in preparation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **Friday 7th December 2018 at Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph at 7.30pm.** As the Church will be lit by candle light only, you may wish to bring a small torch to follow the service.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY: This event is organised under the banner of "Christians together" so we have many Volunteers from all denominations in Lymington. On Sundays 2nd 9th 16th of December we would be grateful for any suitable gifts (or an appropriate donation) for the Christmas tree, wrapped and labelled for a Lady

or Gentleman (value about £2.00 to £4.00) for our guests to take home. We thank you. Mike and Ann Reynolds 01590 679084. **We will have room for late guests.**

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.

Dates for the Diary: 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

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

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.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS – the true spirit of Christmas Giving: Give a gift that will change a life. There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts