

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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

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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:

After Mass on Saturday morning from 10.00am - 10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 5th January - 13th January

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	5 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Epiphany of the Lord (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	6 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Epiphany of the Lord (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	6 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Epiphany of the Lord (W)	John, Thomas & Danny Harrington RIP	DMA
SUN	6 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	baby Abigail West	N/A	DMA
SUN	6 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Epiphany of the Lord (W)	Patrick "Paddy" Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	7 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	9 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (W)	N/A	
WED	9 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	9 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day (W)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
THU	10 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (W)	N/A	
FRI	11 th	9.00am	School Mass	At the School	Special Liturgy	OLSJ School Community	DMA
SAT	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (W)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	12 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	The Baptism of the Lord(W)	Flora Weld RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SUN	13 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	The Baptism of the Lord(W)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	13 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Baptism of the Lord(W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	13 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	The Baptism of the Lord(W)	Sheila Scott RIP	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 6th January - SPUC White Flower Appeal; 26th/27th Jan - For our Cathedral

Manifesting the Connection

Traditionally the Epiphany is the manifestation, the revelation of Christ to the pagan world. If Christianity is to play its part in making known the Christ to the world it must be continually renewed and enlightened by the same Christ. Individually and collectively we are "earthen vessels" that hold a treasure. Our ignorance, prejudices & vested interests can distort the good news. Sometimes this distortion is such that, albeit, unwittingly, we communicate, or are perceived to communicate bad news instead. When it comes to offering Christ's life to the world we are "wounded healers". This only becomes an obstacle when we refuse to recognise & acknowledge the "wound" or the "shadow".

The most fundamental obstacle to the "good news" is the failure to exorcise the demonic image of God as a demander of sacrificial death & an eternal torturer. The threat of eternal damnation became an all too easy weapon of abuse, control and domination. Coupled with countless examples of barbarity over the centuries it is a miracle that the emphatic Scriptural affirmation "God is love" retained any credibility at all. For Christianity to be good news for the whole world the dark shadow of fear and threat must be dispelled. All we need is a realistic recognition of consequences and the invitation to the sacrifice of love.

Secondly, Christianity must bring out from its storehouse of wisdom the healing and unifying dynamism of the Word. Now is the opportune time to proclaim that: "God is in all, through all and with all", that: "in God we live and move and have our being", that God's purpose is to "reconcile and unite all things, in heaven and on earth". This is particularly relevant to the relationship between faith & science.

Thirdly, Christianity must present itself as the promoter, not of one religion in competition with others, but as the guardian of a "new humanity" (cfr Eph. 2:15). Everything that causes hostility must be "abolished". Humanity doesn't exist for religion, religion exists, should exist, for humanity. The simple, yet all-encompassing axiom, too often obscured by human rules & taboos, that can give light to everyone is: "No one has ever seen God, as long as we love one another, God will live in us and his love will be complete in us".

Fourthly, Christianity must be healed of, and recover from, its gender and sexual neurosis which blighted the most basic human relationships with fear, shame & guilt and patriarchal domination. The wholesome and divinely transformative potential of ordinary human relationships must be clearly celebrated and communicated. Jesus offers deep, loving friendship as the ultimate goal of all relationships, both human & divine.

Fifthly, there needs to be a healthy relativisation of all identities, forms and structures. When these are allowed to be absolutes, then the tyranny of earthly "gods" & "idols" ensues. Here we need to proclaim: "there is no male or female, no slave or free, no Jew or Greek, you are all one in Christ Jesus". This is not a denial of diversity but a recognition that the diversity is held and is secondary to an all-encompassing unity. Respecting diversity and transcending diversity are both necessary for future global harmony. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Mary Charlotte Bushnell (6th), Eileen Greenfield Thirsk (7th), Madeleine Gertrude Chaplin (8th), Catherine Frances Webdale (11th), Stanley Henry Barlow, Joan Helen Hennes (12th)

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

COFFEE MORNINGS: every 1st and 3rd Sunday after 9:00 am mass at St Francis Milford on Sea. The 2019 Coffee Rota Lists are in the church front porch, helpers please take a copy, many thanks. Maggie.

NO COBWEBS ON ST FRANCIS! That's all thanks to our church cleaning teams. Please consider offering your help, by giving your name to Leah, if you feel you can join one of the teams. It involves being called on, several times during the year, on dates to suit, for dusting and vacuuming tasks. Apart from our lovely church, we also keep the Maryland Room spic-and-span for our social events. Your offer of help will be very welcome. Thank you.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Peter Bishop (7th), Mary Hurt, James Emery (9th), Laura Bartram, Patrick Whelan (10th), Helen Parsons (11th)

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

Fr Quarmby's Masses: for week commencing 7th January: 10 am every day except Tuesday when Mass will be at 8 am.

SHEILA SCOTT RIP: Jo Cole's mother, Sheila, died on 31st December after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jo and her family. May Sheila rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Thank you to Fr Quarmby: A big thank you for covering at St Anne's over the Christmas and New Year period which meant we were able to attend Mass in our own church as usual at this time and Fr David could have a well-earned break.

Sunday Coffee Rota: A new rota for this important parish activity has just been completed and most pairs concerned have already collected their copy of this. That means 12 people - 6 couples - help to keep this service alive and well! However, many on that list have been serving us with our coffee for a considerable time now. Many too are also quite 'long in the tooth' as well, so would like a break! There are people around who could well help us out with this longed-for break, if they gave it perhaps a little thought. Should you decide that you would be happy to help (once in 7 weeks) then please speak to Paddy Lark and your name(s) will be added to the next rota that will come out for March 31st. So, you won't be rushed. Think about it please! In advance, may I say "Thank you"!

New Forest Basic Bank: would like to thank everyone who gave donations over 2018 for their support and generosity. The high level of need for our services that emerged during the second half of 2018 sadly shows no sign of diminishing and your continued generosity during 2019 would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your donations in the basket in the porch.

100 Club The winner of the £80 December draw was Paul Shearer, number 26. Well done, Paul!

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

All Parishes

WISDOM HOUSE, ROMSEY – QUIET DAYS:

Thursday 17th January - Who am I Lord? You are My Beloved.

Saturday 19th January - Twelve Step Spirituality.

Saturday 16th February - A New Way of Looking at Genesis - The Cosmic Walk.

Saturday 16th March - Forty Days of Lent to the Celebration of Easter.

All our days run from 10am - 4pm with tea and coffee from 9.30am.

Suggested offering £30 which includes all refreshments and lunch.

Further details of these days can be found by visiting

www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk

You can also contact us on 01794 830206 for more details on any of the above.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Stella Smith (6th), Peggy Packwood, Joseph Myers, Ann Dolores Gower (7th), Millicent Ada Devine (8th), Albertina Moles, Sergio Parmesan (9th), Anne Frogley, Harold 'Roy' Cozens (10th), Catherine 'Kit' Webdale (11th).

Sick and Housebound: June Siddall, Mike Hedges, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Simone Cluett, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate.

TERRY ISLES RIP: The Requiem Mass for Terry will take place on Friday, 18th January at 11am in OLSJ, followed by burial at Highfield Cemetery. May Terry rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

CWL: The next meeting of the CWL will be on Tuesday 8th January at 2.15 in Joseph's Place. Happy Christmastide & New Year to all.

OLSJ - SCHOOL MASS: on Friday, 11th January at 9am, parishioners are very welcome to attend the Mass at the school. Please note the earlier time.

MIKE AND ANN wish to thank the volunteers from our parish and all of you who gave presents and donations to make the Christmas Day lunch at St Thomas's Hall a great success. God bless you all and a happy, healthy 2019.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: will be meeting next Monday Jan 7th at 2pm in Joseph's Place. In addition to the usual Quiz, Raffle and Tea there will be an illustrated talk about Scotland – technology permitting! All are welcome.

The **CWL** would like to thank those who came to our Saturday coffee mornings last year. Your support meant that we could donate the money raised to the following charities in 2018: Basic Bank £100, Night Stop £100, Women's Refuge £200, CAFOD £71.50, Tools for Self Reliance £150, Parkinsons £100, Honeypot £100, Oakehaven £100, Syrian Refugees £100, BRC Young Refugee project £100, Crisis at Christmas £56.36, Children of the Universe £100, Barnado's £50, School Prayer Garden £20, Parish Christmas Flowers £30.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped at our fund-raiser last Saturday where we raised the sum of £167.66 towards the cost of the school prayer area. The parish will match the proceeds, so we will be able to give the school a cheque for £335.32 on behalf of the parish.

100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2019 are now due. Cost per number is still £15 for the year and we do have spare numbers for anyone wishing to join the club. Cash, cheques and/or joining forms can be left in the marked envelopes at the back of the church. Please make cheques payable to PRCDTR Our Lady 100 Club. Many thanks to all our members for their contribution to parish funds. For further information, please call 678525 or email: fran.walker@talktalk.net.

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.

All Parishes

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: for the SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) White Flower appeal.

BISHOP PHILIP'S VISITATION: Just a reminder that Bishop Philip will be visiting all the parishes on the weekend of February 9th/10th.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS & OUR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: from our three parishes who support the school and enable it to fulfil its mission as a Catholic educational community.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT: The KS2 Carol concert was a great success and enjoyed by all. This was thanks to great collaboration between the school and the parish. It was a fitting end to the school year which included a good number of parish / school events and links:-The whole school Mass at OLSJ church; season of Lent activities; KS2 – Stations of the Cross; KS1 doing a day visit to St Anne's, Brockenhurst; KS1 making crosses with a prayer to be taken out to the sick & housebound in our three parishes. Class 3 making of rosary rings which were sold in aid of CAFOD at OLSJ church; how the children have improved their understanding of the Mass by participating whole heartedly in school Masses. Indeed, links are growing so well that the parishioners are in the process of raising much needed funds for an outside prayer garden at the school. Parishioners are always invited to school Masses & thanks to those who do join us there. Thanks also to the SVP for their discreet financial support.