

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:

After Mass on Saturday
morning from 10.00am -
10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 12th January - 20th January

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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
MON	14 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	15 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	16 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	16 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day (G)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
WED	16 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Anthony of Egypt, Mem, (W)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	18 th	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Our Lady	Requiem Mass	Terry Iles RIP	DMA
SAT	19 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	19 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	2 nd Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	20 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	2 nd Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	20 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	2 nd Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	20 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	2 nd Sunday of the Year (G)	Luke Kelly RIP Anniv	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 26th/27th Jan - For our Cathedral; 16th/17th March - CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

EXPERIENCING A RADICAL GIFT AND CALLING

It is a truism that as a culture we have all but lost any meaningful initiation rites to mark the decisive break between juvenile and adult status. Anthropologists have given fascinating accounts of what they could observe of these rites as they still survive in indigenous cultures. A constant theme is that almost overnight, the boys and the girls matured. In our overprotective, risk-averse society how do we prepare our young people for the demands life, especially the Christian life, will make on them? How do we model for them an adult who is mature spiritually and psychologically as well as simply physically? What is on offer to nurture mature adult spirituality for both men and women distinctively? It is obvious that in our culture, something is awry both psychologically and spiritually and the evidence of adult immaturity is everywhere to be seen.

There is no doubt that the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has helped greatly to form adult Christians who accept the summons of the gospel with energy, dedication and courage. Their stories of hearing, of being intrigued, challenged, of deciding to re-orientate their lives through baptism illustrate, I believe, a reality that can also be addressed as we celebrate this feast

Jesus was a man of his time, but totally transparent to the Father. Seemingly he was drawn by the charismatic power of John's preaching. He may, conceivably, have been one of his disciples – 'Someone is following me ...' (Mark 1:7) – and was moved to seek ritual cleansing as a sign of solidarity with his sinful, but repentant people, and also dedicate himself to .

the as yet unclear call of his vocation. His time of endurance and testing in the desert would complete his initiation process: First the surrender to the Father's call in the ritual baptizing, then to the temptations which would strengthen his resolve, finally to ministry.

But this is only one way to think about the story. The Gospel passage links with the passage from Isaiah to suggest that in Jesus we have the mysterious servant who will be endowed 'with my spirit' and who will be a power for social transformation and healing. He will surpass his mentor, John, in that his life, death and resurrection will endow the rite of baptism with an untameable power: the energy of the Holy Spirit. His baptism is the decisive break with his former, 'hidden' life, the mature decision to engage with his destiny. This waiving of his personal freedom inaugurates, so to speak, a new order. It is also the model for spiritual maturity: being radically open to the way God works in one's life.

As with the Epiphany, this feast is not just an occasion to recall. It is an invitation to a challenge: to rediscover the full meaning of our Christian initiation. It is to appreciate that we share the same Spirit; that we are not to be effete, risk-averse Christians, but committed to an ongoing transformation both of ourselves and our milieu. It is especially apposite for the majority of us who were baptised as children because it can prompt or even evoke a scrutiny of what we understand ourselves to be in virtue of our baptism.

(by Deacon Kevin McKeivitt from *Priests & People* December 2003)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Vincent Joddrell Michael Joseph Connaughton (13th), Laura Sarah O'Sullivan, Lincoln MacDonald Chatee, Paul Alexander Langford (15th), Regina Barbara Frank (16th), Thomas Francis Dodd (19th)

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.

Prayer Powerhouse: Out of sight is NOT out of mind! Please help yourself to Prayer Cards on the porch noticeboard, for any parishioner you know who cannot manage to attend our services in person. Our home-based parishioners are a powerful part of our worshipping community, and we would really appreciate their prayer support, at the same time as we pray for them. Thank you.

Parishioner Care: please be aware that there is a wheelchair in the Little Assisi Room (the small extension in the church porch by the main front door). It is ready for immediate use, for taking to the unwell person, if needs be. The First Aid Crate is also in the Little Assisi Room, containing a range of items including blanket, pillow, and drinking water.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Percy Charles (13th), Catherine Bannen (17th), Denise Brand, Leonard Darlison, Joyce Runyard (18th), Augustus Plumbly, Desmond Goldsmith, Maurice McNally, Denis Fairhurst (19th)

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

Fr Quarmby's Masses: for week commencing 13th January - Monday and Friday at 10 a.m., Tuesday at 8 a.m., (No Masses here on Thursday and Saturday as I am away 15th & 17th).

CAFOD: will be running a Lent Fast Day meeting on Saturday, 9th February between 2.30 and 4.30pm at St Theresa of the Child Jesus Church Hall in Totton. Nikki Evans, CAFOD'S Programme Officer for Bolivia, will speak about CAFOD'S work there and give an update on the Altiplano Project. All are welcome. If interested please contact Michael Janssens on 01590 682495

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity An ecumenical service, involving our local Churches Together, will be held on Sunday, 27th January at 6.30 pm at St Nicholas Chapel, Pilley. Details on the board in the porch. Unfortunately this is taking place at the same time as our own Mass but it would be wonderful if some from St Anne's were able to go along to represent our parish at this united service.

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

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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: Charles Ireland (12th), Flora Isdell (13th), Elizabeth McCartan, Hermione Nora Alcock, Sonny Andrews (14th), Kathleen Bryan (15th), Charles Edward Brown (16th), Agnes Read (17th), Denis Hayward, Juan Nunez, Teresa Joyce 'Quinn' Harverson, Joseph Kenny, Joan Audrey Hayward (18th).

Sick and Housebound: June Siddall, Mike Hedges, Ramona Heath-Saunders, 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.

Parish AGM will be held on Sunday, 20th January 2019 in church, immediately after the 10.30am Mass, which will be shortened. It will include reports from the PPC & Finance Committees. A summary of parishes finances is available this weekend in preparation.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA TEAMS: The meeting to decide the rota for the next few months is now scheduled for Thursday, 17th January at 7pm. Fr David & his team will cover this coming Wednesday at Stella Maris.

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.

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.

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BISHOP PHILIP'S VISITATION: The timetable for the Bishop's visit to the parishes of Lymington, Brockenhurst and Milford-on-Sea on the weekend of 9th/10th February is being finalised by the Bishop's Secretary, Fr. Phil Carroll. We hope to publish it next weekend together any protocols and prayer responses that may be required. Please pray that all may go smoothly as we give Bishop Philip a warm welcome.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Thank you to all the Fire Wardens, 1st Aiders & car park wardens who have undergone courses to keep the congregations at the three churches safe. You may not realise that the Fire wardens and 1st Aiders are on duty every week. The car park wardens are at OLSJ and are on duty for main events such as Christmas. The Diocese takes the Health & Safety of all parishioners very seriously, but I have to say the commitment from our volunteers is exceptional.

New year- new year resolutions! Why not volunteer to be a Fire warden or 1st Aider this year? We can always do with additional help. Training will be given. Please see Fr David if you are interested. You too could be part of that exceptional team!

CAFOD: You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Saturday 9th February from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at St Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, Commercial Road Totton SO40 3AL. Nikki Evans CAFOD'S Programme Officer for Bolivia will be talking about CAFOD projects in Bolivia and there will be an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent fast day on 15th March. Everyone is welcome so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385.