

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
132 High St, Lymington, SO41 9AQ

St Anne
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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

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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; 23rd February - 3rd March

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	23 rd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	7 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	24 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	7 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	7 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Mgr Edwin Barnes RIP	DMA
SUN	24 th	1.00pm	Baptism	St Anne	Baptism of baby Adam Pace	N/A	DMA
SUN	24 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	7 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Angela Campbell (Intentions)	DMA
MON	25 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	N/A	
TUE	26 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	For those who are unwell	DMA
WED	27 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	27 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day (G)	Intentions of Pope Francis	DMA
WED	27 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	28 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	1 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St David, Feast, (W)	John & Ruth Adams RIP	DMA
SAT	2 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	8 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Bernard Ffield (Intentions 1)	DMA
SUN	3 rd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	8 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	3 rd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	8 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	3 rd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	8 th Sunday of the Year (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 16th/17th March - CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

LIKE GOD OUR FATHER OR JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?

Think of some things that Jesus taught very clearly like: pray for your enemies and do good to those who treat you badly; do not worry about food and clothing; do not judge or condemn; always pray and do not lose heart; love one another as I have loved you; change and become like little children; seek to serve and not to be served, lose your life that you might save it, etc. etc.

Now think of those things that generally were considered important for Christians, things like: being nice to others; going to church on Sunday, believing the right things, working hard, avoiding sexual sins, doing your duty, being loyal to Queen and country, obeying the laws etc. etc.

Generally, the ideals we have and the rules we live by are the ones that fit most easily with the culture in which we live. If Jesus said something that goes against the way people generally behave then most of us don't see, forget or ignore what Jesus has said. The wild tiger of the Gospel has been tamed and neutered into a docile pussy cat. The radical even dangerous demands of the Gospel are treated as if Jesus never really said them.

This affects us all - Catholics, Orthodox, Church of England, Evangelicals and most other denominations. Catholics are publicly well known for opposition to abortion, loyalty to the Pope, devotion

to Mary, rejecting artificial birth-control. The Orthodox are well known for being ethnically based – Greek, Russian, Ukrainian etc & for their insistence on doing things and saying things as they were in the 4th Century AD. The Church of England is well known for tolerance and the accommodation of differences. Evangelical Christians are well known for their fundamentalist reading of the Bible, for lively worship and more recently for their condemnation of homosexuality. Although things have improved greatly over the past 50 years all the denominations are well known for having difficulty fully accepting each other and even greater difficulties with other world religions.

Jesus has asked us – not to imitate the common denominators of our culture, not to copy everyone else, no matter what religious label they might have, not just to be nice people who try not to upset or do deliberate hurt to others - but rather something far more difficult, indeed absolutely impossible for us on our own resources: BE DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF YOUR FATHER; BE COMPASSIONATE AS YOUR FATHERS IS COMPASSIONATE; LOVE YOUR ENEMIES; DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO TREAT YOU BADLY. God is inviting all the denominations to be famous for this. Perhaps at last we are beginning to be ready to respond to this invitation. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Thomas Lyons (26th), John Frederick Kimber (28th), Floriana Malicki (1st), Joseph Pentz (2nd)

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

Margaret Langford RIP: There will be a Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday, 7th March at 10.45am. On Friday, 8th March there will be a Memorial Mass in St Francis at 11.30am. May Margaret rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

(Women's) World Day of Prayer: In our time of equality this special day has now been reborn as the 'World Day of Prayer' in order to stress the inclusivity and welcome to everybody, irrespective of gender, race or denomination. This year the service has been put together by the people of Slovenia and at its heart is an open invitation for all to come to God's table; 'Come-everything is read'. The service here at Milford will take place at St. Mary's at Everton at 10.30 on Friday 1st. March, after which there will be a light lunch with a presentation about Slovenia. All the Christian Churches are taking part as usual and we look forward to seeing you there. Any queries- please see Di.

FOR YOUR DIARIES: Our PPC has arranged a Quiet Day for the parish in the Maryland Room on **Sat 6th April**, 10:30 to 4 approx.(with a one-hour break for lunch and a walk) no charge. A helpful addition for your Lent exercise. The day, called "Breathing In - Breathing Out," will be led by Pastor David Cole of Waymark Ministries who we had a few years ago and should be very helpful for developing our spirituality. Please try to come - you won't be disappointed! More details later.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Robert Greenhalgh (1st), Reginald Scrope, Minnie Darlison (2nd)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers Deacon Hilary, Anna Hubbard, Sean Dunn and Christina Mann.

Fr Quarmby's Masses: For the week commencing 24th Feb weekday Mass times will be:- 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting of the PPC will be held on Thursday, 28th February at 7.30 pm in the main parish room. If anyone has something they would like raised please contact Ian Holden, our new Chair, on lanandaude@icloud.com and it will be added to the agenda.

The Choir (appeal from Paddy Lark). Once upon a time, we had three full rows of singers for our Sunday liturgies. At the moment however, we are at a low ebb, especially and unusually, among the sopranos. Although people say nice things about the choir, we are conscious that it is hard to keep up with some Communion antiphons that used to be sung more easily. We are delighted that one of our young people has just offered to give us a try, which is encouraging. We, of course have to practice sometimes, but not everyone can manage this and that is not a problem. We can all only do our best. So please, ladies and gentlemen, do think about joining us.

New Altar Cloth A very big and warm thank you to one of our parishioners (who wishes to remain anonymous) who has generously donated the beautiful new altar cloth to our church.

World Day of Prayer: This is a women led global ecumenical movement which invites all Christians, regardless of gender, race or denomination, to share in a day of prayer around the world for freedom, justice and peace. Each year the service is put together by a different country; this year, it has been written by the women of Slovenia. In our local area, this united service will be celebrated at St John's Church, Boldre, on 1st March at 2 pm. All are warmly welcome to join us. Light refreshments will follow the service. Please see the notice on the board in the porch.

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

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BISHOP PHILIP'S PASTORAL LETTER: Has been issued for this weekend on the subject of the Healing Ministry in the Church. Find it on the Diocesan website or via E-News. Some copies available at church.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Cecil Nicholls, William O'Regan (23rd), Joan Evans (24th), Kenneth Webdale, Annie O'Brien, John Haverson (27th), Martine 'Tina' Mary Bernadette Booth (28th).

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

Mgr Edwin Barnes RIP – Funeral Details: Sunday 24th February at 5pm - Reception of the Body and Vigil for the Deceased, at St Osmund's, Exeter Street Salisbury SP1 2SF Monday 25th February at 2pm – Solemn Funeral Mass, at St Osmund's, Exeter Street, Salisbury SP1 2SF.

MARY STEPHENSON RIP: We were all very sad to hear that Mary had died unexpectedly as a result of a fall. A lovely lady who was loved by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with John & his family. Details of Mary's Requiem will be announced in due course. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

LENT COURSE: A four week course will start on Thursday 7th March in Joseph's Place at 7.30pm, in the Paul Duffy Room. It will be based on the film 'The Way' starring Martin Sheen. Please let Cathy Pickles know if you are able to attend.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2019: at the "Cocoa Fair?" on Sat 2nd March 10 - 12. at St Thomas' Church. FT Cake Competition (all ages), Vistas Cafe, Traidcraft Stall, a 'Fairtrade Tombola!' and, a view of Cocoa producers in Africa! Competition entry form from St Thomas' office or 01590 674458. All welcome!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (formerly Womens World Day of Prayer) will be celebrated this year at St John's Boldre on Friday, 1st March at 2pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

100 Club membership for 2019 closing soon. If you wish to join or renew your membership, we will be attending the weekend Masses to collect subscriptions of £15 per number. Envelopes and forms for payment are at the back of the church. You can also pay by online bank transfer as follows: - Bank Account Name: PRC DTR LYM 100 Club: Sort Code: 30-93-04: Account Number: 07408758: Reference: 100+your surname. Many thanks to everyone who supports the Club which generates valuable funds for the parish. For information, call 678525 or email fran.walker@talktalk.net.

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YOUTH EVENT – FLAME: We have a small number of tickets left for FLAME on March 2nd! Individuals aged 14-17 may buy tickets if they travel on the coach from Portsmouth and will be accompanied by diocesan staff. Anyone travelling from other locations must attend with an adult. Individuals/groups aged 18+ may of course buy a ticket and travel as they wish. Content for the day is world class and well-pitched; you don't have to be young to enjoy and benefit! Tickets: £23, coach from Portsmouth £16. This is an ideal opportunity for a family with teenagers or a parish who could not gather a group but had interest. Allocation is first come first served. Tom Sellars, Department for Educational Chaplaincies, 02392 893609

OLSJ SCHOOL: Full Time Year 5/6 Class Teacher Required from September 2019 (MPR or UPR). Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged. Please phone the school and ask to speak to Mrs Nanette Allies to arrange a visit. Application forms, job description and person specification are available on the school website: www.olsjschool.co.uk or you can request an application pack from the school office. Please note we do not accept CV applications. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 5th March 2019 (12 midday). Please email your application to adminoffice@olsjschool.com or send hard copies to Mrs Nanette Allies, Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Primary School, 83a Ramley Road, Pennington, Lymington, SO41 8GY. Interviews: Tuesday 12th March 2019

PRIMARY CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP – TEACHER TRAINING INFORMATION EVENTS: Would you like to train as a primary teacher with an Ofsted Outstanding Catholic partnership? Come along to find out more on Monday 4 March 2019. You can attend an afternoon taster session from 12.00-14.00 or an evening information session 17.00-19.00. We offer personalised, school-led training, rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and can arrange placements in schools across Hampshire as well as in Dorset and parts of Wiltshire. You will be taught by practising teachers and leaders in a high-quality training centre with family-friendly hours. If you have an honours degree and you're keen to teach primary children, we would like to meet you. You can learn more by calling 023 8077 9753 or at www.pcp-scitt.org.uk