

# 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**  
Park Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PT

## Parish Contacts:

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**Website:** www.nfwp.org.uk; **Parish Blog:** www.lymrcchurch.blogspot.com. **Registered Charity No:** 246871/2

**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:** Vanessa Dugdale (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: 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	Bernard Ffield (Intentions 1)	DMA
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	Tom Lyons RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Intentions of Tina Reyes-Hughes	DMA
WED	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Ash Wednesday ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Ash Wednesday ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA
WED	6 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	Ash Wednesday ( P )	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Ash Wednesday ( P )	Linda Smith RIP	DMA
THU	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Liturgy after Ash Wednesday ( P )	N/A	
THU	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Funeral Service	Bnmth Crem	Funeral Service - Margaret Langford RIP	N/A	DMA
FRI	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy after Ash Wednesday ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
FRI	8 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Memorial Mass	St Francis	Memorial Mass	Margaret Langford RIP	DMA
SAT	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy after Ash Wednesday ( P )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	Bernard Ffield (Intentions 2)	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA

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

#### WHAT WORDS REVEAL

Words can be true or false, helpful or hurtful, encouraging or discouraging, affirming or judgemental, soothing or spiteful. Our words reveal our hearts as the Scriptures confirm today. Are we generous, loving, forgiving, patient, hopeful, tolerant, peace-loving, compassionate, benevolent? Or are we mean, spiteful, angry, hostile, resentful, envious, jealous, judgemental, fearful, anxious, greedy, lustful, arrogant. Probably we can all recognise both the positive and the negative energies within us. We are a mixture of good and bad. Hopefully the good is stronger than the bad. Our words and sometimes our silences will reveal to ourselves and others what is going on inside us. We do not always want to make this kind of disclosure so there are some people we avoid or to whom we would rather not speak.

In the past if people wanted to hurt or abuse or mis-inform others they would do so by gossip or anonymous "poison-pen letters". Nowadays with the "cloak of invisibility" afforded by the internet some people are less inhibited. Vile and nasty slurs, threats and lies can be disseminated quickly and easily. Exposing the originators of this negativity is not an easy task.

But looking to remove the planks in our own eyes, what can we do for ourselves to nurture the good and disempower the bad? Firstly, we have to cultivate self-awareness in the light of Jesus Christ. We must note & reflect on our own words, those actually spoken and those only rehearsed in our hearts, bringing them before the Lord. We must let God's light search and reveal, expose and heal.

As Scripture says: everything brought out into the light will become light. The light of Christ takes away the "sting" of death, that is the guilt of sin produced by the accusations of the "Law". Bathed in the boundless love and forgiveness of God we can love ourselves in all our weakness. When we see ourselves in this way we begin to recover from that spiritual blindness which imagines God as a fearful, demanding tyrant. This blindness makes us presume to judge ourselves & then others and to try to correct the "specks" in their eyes. This distorted, negative, judgemental view of God, ourselves and others is one of the "planks" in our own spiritual eye. This is part of the "old self", the ego that has to die if the new self, the mind of Christ is to be "put on".

This new self is in fact our true self, who God made us and who we are eternally in the Christ, the Divine Word who gives life to all and who holds all things in being. The Christ is the divine connection in everything and everyone who holds together the spiritual and material, the infinite and the finite, the Divine and the created. The old self is just the unavoidable consequence of our emergence into created life, individuality and freedom within the limitations of vulnerability and mortality. Once we begin to believe and accept that we are really branches of the True Vine then the divine abundance can flow more easily through us, freeing us from fear, hopelessness and the desperation that makes us seek for fulfilment in passing things alone. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Maureen Purgavie (5<sup>th</sup>), Louisa Maud McNeill, Norman Anthony Davies (9<sup>th</sup>)

**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, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am. On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March there will be a Memorial Mass in St Francis at 11.30am. May Margaret rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**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:** John Marshall, Mary Elaine Taylor (5<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Baker (6<sup>th</sup>), Robert Letchford (8<sup>th</sup>), Maisie Emanuel (9<sup>th</sup>)

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**Fr Quarmby's Masses:** for the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March: 8 a.m. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Mass and the distribution of ashes at 10 am

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will take place every Friday throughout Lent at 10am. See Fr Quarmby's Mass times for each week on that day.

**CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day** is on Friday 15th March with a special collection over the weekend of 16th/17th March.

**The 100 club** was won this month by Agnes Sweetman with No.3. Congratulations Agnes!

**The Old Testament in a Nutshell** Enjoy a journey through the Old Testament with an experienced guide and learn to see God's world through the bigger picture. Saturday, 23rd March, 10 am to 4.30 pm at St Luke's Church, Sway. Cost £14. See the notice in the porch for fuller details.

**Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive by Thursday lunch time.**

## All Parishes

**QUIET DAYS AT WISDOM CENTRE, ROMSEY: Saturday 16th March 2019, Forty Days of Lent to the Celebration of Easter. Led by David Cole.** We are lucky to have David back at the centre again. He will be taking participants through the 40 days of Lent through the eyes and beliefs of Celtic Christianity. David presents a different perspective on the cross of Christ, the Eucharist, and other things, and draws us to see our own life journeys with a new and transforming vision.

**Our other days** for later on in 2019 are: **Saturday 13th April** - A Quiet Day. Led by Fiona Jenvey. A day to enjoy the peaceful ambience of Wisdom Centre with Meditation.

On **Thursday 18th April** 11am-1pm we are hosting a Holy Thursday Passover Meal. **Saturday 11th May** - More St. Ignatius. Led by Cis Delmege. All our days run from 10am - 4pm with tea and coffee from 9.30am. Suggested offering £30 which includes all refreshments and lunch. Suggested offering £10 for a soup lunch and materials.

Further details of these days can be found online, just search Wisdom Centre, Romsey.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Patrick O'Keeffe, Mary Agnes 'Barbara' Balls (1<sup>st</sup>), Michael Campbell, James 'Jim' Thomas Cannon (3<sup>rd</sup>), Thomas Walker, Alice Manghan, William Cullen (4<sup>th</sup>), Canon Michael Sexton, Clodagh Eileen Shelley (5<sup>th</sup>), Athel Joan Hawker, Leonard Sweeney, Reginald Dennis Gilkes (6<sup>th</sup>), Robert Horan, Enid Acworth, Leonard Walter Thomas Lane, Jeffrey Ralph Skitch (7<sup>th</sup>).

**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.

**MARY STEPHENSON RIP:** Mary's body will be received into church on Monday, 11th March at 4.30pm and her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday, 12th March at 11am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**LENT COURSE:** A four week course will start on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - after 9.30am Mass on the Fridays during Lent.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 12th March at 2.15 in Joseph's Place. We do hope you will be able to come.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** will be meeting next Monday March 4th at 2pm in Joseph's Place. As usual we will have our quiz, raffle, tea and good company.

**GRATEFULLY RECEIVED:** an anonymous donation of £250 for the parish. This will be allocated to our church & presbytery renovation fund.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped and/or contributed to coffee and lunches last Saturday. We were able to raise a grand total of £198 for CAFOD which is being donated on behalf of the parish. Our next fund-raising event will be on Saturday 30th March to support the Womens Refuge.

**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. For information, call 678525 or email [fran.walker@talktalk.net](mailto:fran.walker@talktalk.net).

## All Parishes

**LENT** - It's good to have a plan for *doing*. It's also good to have a plan for *being*.

How do I want to be during Lent this year?

More quiet and thoughtful?

More open to God's desires?

Better able to sit with people who need me?

More attentive to sacred readings, whether in church or in private?

Do I need to be more compassionate toward my own fears and failings?

Do I need to become more courageous about using the gifts God has given me?

**In the days prior to Lent, ask yourself:**

1. Ask God, every day, "What does my soul need?"

2. Ask God, every day, "What about my life makes you happy?"

Tell God, and yourself, every day, "I want to be open to the graces of this Lenten season." (from Fr George Ngwa, New Milton)

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**FROM THE DIOCESAN VOCATIONS DIRECTOR:**

"Therefore ... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord," Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest, deacon, or religious?

To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke.

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