

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: 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: 16th March - 24th March 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	16 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	2 nd Sunday of Lent (P)	Jimmy & Kathleen Swinden RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SUN	17 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	2 nd Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	17 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	2 nd Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	17 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	2 nd Sunday of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd week of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	19 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Joseph, Solemnity, (W)	Intentions of Bernard Ffield (3)	DMA
WED	20 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the 2 nd week of Lent (P)	N/A	
WED	20 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 2 nd week of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	20 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 2 nd week of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	21 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd week of Lent (P)	Mary McGarty (Intentions)	DMA
FRI	22 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd week of Lent (P)	Elizabeth Goodhew RIP	DMA
SAT	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd week of Lent (P)	Mary Stephenson RIP (TT)	DMA
SAT	23 rd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	24 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 th	1.00pm	Baptism	St Anne	baby Kian Pearson	N/A	DMA
SUN	24 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	Angela Cambell RIP (1)	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: CAFOD Lenten Collection: 16th/17th Mar; Clergy Assistance Fund 30th/31st Mar

Jesus and the Cross - An Alternative Story

The theory of substitutionary atonement has inoculated us against the true effects of the Gospel, causing us to largely “thank” Jesus instead of honestly imitating him. At its worst, it has led us to see God as a cold, brutal figure who demands acts of violence before God can love creation. There is no doubt that the Bible—both Old and New Testaments—is filled with metaphors of sacrifice, ransom, atonement, paying the price, opening the gates, et cetera. These are common temple metaphors that would have made sense to Jewish audiences at the time they were written. But they all imply that God is not inherently on our side.

Anthropologically speaking, these words and assumptions reflect a magical or what I call “transactional” way of thinking. By that I mean that if we just believe the right thing, say the right prayer, or practice the right ritual, things will go right for us in the divine courtroom. In my experience, this way of thinking loses its power as people and cultures grow up and seek actual changes in their minds and hearts. Then, transformational thinking tends to supplant transactional thinking.

Christianity’s vision of God was a radical departure from most ancient religions. Instead of having God “eat” humans, animals, or crops, which were sacrificed on altars, Christianity made the bold claim that God’s very body was given for us to eat! This turned everything around and undid the seeming logic of quid pro quo thinking. As long as we employ any retributive notion of God’s offended justice (required punishment for wrongdoing), we trade our distinctive Christian message for the cold, hard

justice that has prevailed in many cultures throughout history. We offer no redemptive alternative, but actually sanctify the very “powers and principalities” that Paul says unduly control the world (Ephesians 3:9-10; 6:12). We stay inside the small “myth of redemptive violence”—which might just be the dominant story line of history. I think the punishment model is buried deep in most peoples’ brain stem.

It’s time for Christianity to rediscover the real biblical theme of restorative justice, which focuses on rehabilitation, healing, and reconciliation, not punishment. (Read Ezekiel 16, especially the revelatory verses 53-63, for a mind-blowing example of this.) We should call Jesus’ story the “myth of redemptive suffering”—not as in “paying a price” but as in offering the self for the other. “At-one-ment” instead of atonement!

Restorative justice, of course, comes to its full demonstration in the constant healing ministry of Jesus. Jesus represents the real and deeper level of teaching of the Hebrew Prophets. Jesus never punished anybody! Yes, he challenged people, but always for the sake of insight, healing, and restoration of people and situations to their divine origin and source. Once a person recognizes that Jesus’ mission (obvious in all four Gospels) was to heal people, not punish them, the dominant theories of retributive justice begin to lose their appeal and authority. Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Monday, February 4, 2019

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Reginald Walter Driscoll (17th), Edward Anthony Ferrari (18th), Mary Bridget Joyner (19th), James O'Hara (22nd), Anne Wilkins (23rd)

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

BREATHING IN – BREATHING OUT: Balancing a life of intentional contemplation with compassionate action. A quiet study day, led by Pastor David Cole, **on Saturday, 6th April, 10am -4pm in the Maryland Room at St Francis Church.** Bring a packed lunch. No set fee but please contribute to costs if you can. Please register your intention to attend by email to Anthony at a.kirke@talktalk.net or phone 01590-645521

HEALTH & SAFETY AUDIT AT ST FRANCIS: Thank you so much for all your efforts, and that of your parish Health and Safety representatives, for the hard work that was completed in order to support the Health & Safety audit review conducted by our insurers Catholic Insurance Services Ltd. You are a beacon for Health and Safety and how it can work successfully within a parish. Please pass on my best wishes and thanks to all who took part in the audit, and to all the safety reps and fire wardens in the parish who willingly give of their time for the benefit of the parish. My grateful thanks. With Best Wishes. Graham Palethorpe, Diocesan Health and Safety/Parish Support Administrator.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Mary Morse (20th), Violet Patience (23rd)

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 17th March, my weekday Mass times:- 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday . NO MASS ON TUESDAY this week.

Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary: Wednesday 9 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.

Stations of the Cross: Friday 10 a.m. followed with Mass.

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: Special collection this weekend following Friday's Lent Family Fast Day. CAFOD envelopes and prayer cards are at the back of the church. Please remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer.

Christian Aid: will be holding its Lent Soup Lunch on Thursday, 28 March at 12 noon-1.30pm at St Saviour's Church Hall. Donation £5.

Brockenhurst Mothers' Union: is calling all 'crafty' residents of our village to join them for a working party on 19 March at 2.30pm at St Saviour's Church Hall to make 'fiddle quilts' to give to those with dementia

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

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Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Ellen Leech, Bernard Finn, John Francis 'Frank' Joseph Phillip O'Connell (17th), Margaret Clement (18th), Agnes Panniah, Vera Martin M.B.E. (19th), Kathleen Harper (20th), Charles Desmond Waring (22nd)

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.

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

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION: We will be having a collection point for MISSIO Red Boxes at the back of the church at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses on 23rd & 24th March and on 30th & 31st March. If you have a Red Box and are able to bring it along, it would be much appreciated. Please ensure that your box has your name on it before handing in, so that we can identify your donation. Any queries, please contact Jenny on 07518898384.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: If you wish to receive the newsletter by email each week then please send an email request to lymbrock@sky.com.

HOLY WEEK MUSIC: With the arrival of Lent, our music practises for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are about to get underway! Anyone who would like to join the St Anne's music practices would be most welcome. Nowadays we meet at **St Anne's in the Parish room**, next door to the church, **at 2.30pm on Mondays.** We practise for about an hour and enjoy refreshments together for a short while afterwards. See you on Monday, we hope.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Parish Lunch at Brockenhurst College on Thursday 16th May 2019. More details to follow, so please watch this space!

Parish Retreat Day: for Lymington Ministers of Holy Communion; Readers & SVP members, Saturday, 18th May.

Anniversary of the consecration of Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph church, Sunday, May 19th, special Mass at 10.30am.

Mass for the Sick: On Sunday, 19th May at Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton at 3pm

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 6th July 2019 at 11am. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete.

Date for your Diary: June 9th Sway Open Gardens in aid of Oakhaven Hospice. Please support this fundraiser if you can.

FROM THE DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PROMOTER: "This is my beloved Son, hear him." Is our Lord asking you to follow him in tending His flock? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869