

# 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

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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; Ian Holden, 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:*

Saturday Morning  
from after Mass until  
10.30am

## *Masses & Services for the Week: 27<sup>th</sup> July - 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C ( G )	Sean & Margaret McVeigh 60th Anniv	DMA
SUN	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C ( G )	80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Anne's	DMA
MON	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St Martha, Mem, ( W )	N/A	
TUE	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	S E C England & Eric J England RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St Ignatius of Loyola, Mem, ( W )	N/A	
WED	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Ignatius of Loyola, Mem, ( W )	deceased clergy of the Diocese	DMA
WED	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Ignatius of Loyola, Mem, ( W )	as per celebrant	DQ
THU	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Alphonsus Liguori, Mem, ( W )	Fr Abraham Jacob RIP Anniv F/M Lym	DMA
FRI	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	Sal Pent RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C ( G )	Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism: - baby Dylan Christopher Orr	N/A	DMA
SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA

**OUR NEW PARISH EMAIL: [lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)**

**(Do not use [lymbrock@sky.com](mailto:lymbrock@sky.com) is no longer accessible and any emails sent there will be lost)**

### The Perfection of Wholeness

Last week we explored Jesus' familiar exhortation, most often translated as "be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." A much better translation might be "be merciful." Only God is perfect. But we can participate in God's perfect mercy, God's all-inclusive and impartial love. As St. Bonaventure said, "Christ is the one whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere." This is the Wholeness that holds you. You can't figure this Wholeness out rationally, nor can you control it. All you can do is fall into this Wholeness that holds you when you stop excluding, even the dark parts of yourself.

This is illustrated in the following story shared by clinical psychologist and Buddhist Tara Brach. One of her clients, a woman called Marian, was devastated when she found out her daughter had been sexually abused as a child by her then-husband. Marian blamed herself for not protecting the little girl. Brach writes:

Fearing she might harm herself, Marian sought counsel from an elderly Jesuit priest who had been one of her teachers in college. Crying, she collapsed in the overstuffed chair he offered. "Please, please help me," she pleaded. He listened to her story and sat quietly with her as she wept. When she calmed down, he gently took one of her hands and began drawing a circle in the center of her palm. "This," he said, "is where you are living. It is painful--a place of kicking and screaming and deep, deep hurt. This place cannot be avoided, let it be."

Then he covered her whole hand with his. "But if you can," he went on, "try also to remember this. There is a greatness, a wholeness that is the kingdom of God, and in this merciful space, your immediate life can unfold. This pain," and he again touched the center of her palm, "is held always in God's love. As you know both the pain and the love, your wounds will heal."

Marian felt as if a great wave of compassion was pouring through the hands of the priest and gently bathing her, inviting her to surrender into its caring embrace. As she gave her desperation to it, she knew she was giving herself to the mercy of God. The more she let go, the more she felt held. Yes, she had been blind, and ignorant, she had caused irreparable damage, but she wasn't worthless, she wasn't evil. Being held in the infinite compassion of God, she could find her way to her own heart.

Feeling compassion for ourselves in no way releases us from responsibility for our actions. Rather, it releases us from the self-hatred that prevents us from responding to our life with clarity and balance. The priest was not advising Marian to ignore the pain or to deny that she had failed her daughter, but to open her heart to the love that could begin the healing.

The only real perfection of which humans are capable is to include, absorb, forgive, and transform human imperfection. Humans are conduits and transformers much more than self-sufficient generators. Such is the character of a whole (and holy) human being. (Daily Reflection from Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Thursday, July 28, 2016)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Constance Alice Uniacke (30<sup>th</sup>), Francis Eric Harrison-Dearle (2<sup>nd</sup>)

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

**STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA:** Thanks to Anne-Marie & family, to Di and to everyone who helped and supported the event yesterday. Thankfully the weather was kind and it was a great afternoon.

**TAIZE SERVICE 6PM :** every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at All Saints'. Beautiful service of prayer, Taize chants, readings and time for quiet reflection. Next two will be **28<sup>th</sup> July and 25<sup>th</sup> August**. We are warmly invited to attend.

**THANK YOU FROM LUKE RUANE:** Dear Milford Parish, thank you for my lovely Holy Communion day. Thank you Fr David and Cathy Pickles for organising it. And if anybody gave me gifts or cards or baked cakes, thank you too. From Luke Ruane.

**YOGA CLASSES:** Starting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August, **new Yoga classes** will be happening in the Maryland Room for a trial period of six weeks! The classes will be led by Alison Metcalfe who lives locally and will start at 11.30 am for one hour. There will be a charge of £5 per session on a "pay as you go" basis. The group is unlikely to exceed 12 people and will be open to the general public as well. Alison is a qualified practitioner of Dru yoga and is fully insured. Her classes will include yoga stretches and sequences with a short relaxation at the end. From personal experience I can say it will be a wonderfully calming session. If you like the sound of this, please contact Alison direct on **alisonmetcalfe8@gmail.com** or **07709 31222** for more information. Places will have to be allocated on a "first come, first served basis" so don't delay! Alison will be making a generous donation to Parish funds for use of the room.

For your further information, yoga classes are also being held in the Maryland Room on Monday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30 on July 29, August 5, 12 and 19. This is an established class that needs to relocate from the Community Centre for these four weeks. It is possible there may be a few places available on this class as well. Contact Alison if you are interested.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** David Groombridge (28<sup>th</sup>), Terence Richard Houlihan (30<sup>th</sup>), Jean Weedall (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Please keep in your prayers Anna Hubbard, Sean Dunn and Linda Reardon.

**FR QUARMBY'S MASSES:** For week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> July: 8 a.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary on Wed. 9 and 9.30 a.m. Led by a lay person when the priest is away.

**Health and Safety:** Those responsible for locking the church, please ensure that the votive candles are extinguished before closing up for the night. This is now a diocesan requirement.

**FR CHARLIE BEIRNE** is a member of the De Montfort Order who has been doing missionary work in Africa for a number of years. St Anne's parish has been generously supporting his work over this period. Fr Charlie will be celebrating the 10am Mass at St Anne's Brockenhurst on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady. There will be an opportunity to contribute to Fr Charlie's work on the two preceding Sundays, 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> August.

**CANCELLATION OF SUMMER FETE:** At the PPC meeting held last Thursday it was decided not to go ahead with the Summer Fete which had been proposed for early September. This was due to absence of key volunteers at the required time. We hope to start afresh next Summer.

**Brockenhurst & Sway Day Centre**, better known as **The Friday Club**, is looking for someone who could give of their time to write to charities and other organisations for grants and donations on its behalf. Experience of fundraising would be preferable. The Centre is run under the auspices of Age Concern Hampshire and is entirely self-funded. For further details please contact the Manager, Helen Barnett on 07786196414.

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

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Patrick Kavanagh, Mary West, Kathleen Cook (27<sup>th</sup>), Eric Powell (29<sup>th</sup>), Henry Isdell, Colin Craig, Andrea Salmon (30<sup>th</sup>), Seymour England (31<sup>st</sup>), Violet Christie (1<sup>st</sup>), Salvatore 'Sal' Gaetano Pent (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Mike Hedges, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Patricia Mate.

**SMARTIES TUBES:** There are 27 Smartie tubes still out there being filled up with lovely loot! **THE LAST DAY FOR HANDING IN YOUR SMARTIE TUBE IS THIS SUNDAY 28th JULY.** Please make sure your label is still on there as it has your number on it. If it has fallen off just write your name somewhere on the tube. Thank you to all those who have handed their tubes back so far! Well done!

**RAFFLE PRIZES:** We need quality items for our fund-raising events. If you have any item which you feel would make a good raffle prize please hand it to Linda or hand it into the parish office. Thank you.

**VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE PARISH**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** The new parish email address is:

**lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk** The old email address is no longer functioning. Sky-Yahoo have had a major problem with their email system. The old email address is not now recoverable. Any emails sent to **lymbrock@sky.com** after 23<sup>rd</sup> July have not been received (even if they have not "bounced back") and cannot be recovered. Please update your email address list accordingly.

**PARISH BBQ:** Tickets for the parish BBQ will be on sale from today.

**GAZEBO NEEDED:** If anyone has a Gazebo we could borrow for the BBQ on 18th August, please see Gerry Heneghan or Mike Reynolds.

**FUNDRAISING FOR MAJOR REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS OF OUR CHURCH & PRESBYTERY: So far we have:**

**Pledges:** 9 pledges, 8 of which are gift aided. The value of these pledges *after 5 years*, including Gift Aid, will be £23,050.

**Anticipated Funds:** remainder of our Living Our Faith which is £3,230.

**Donations received:**

Cash and cheques Received	£4,694.75 of which £4,350.00
Gift Aided	
Gift Aid Recoverable on above	£1,087.50
Fundraising Event (Saturday lunches)	£230.00
Smarties Tubes	£240.52

**Green envelopes** will be available shortly for people wishing to donate to the Building Fund on a one-off basis.

May I ask you to please consider pledging. See Frances Walker for more information.

**A BIG thank you to all those who have contributed so far. We have a long way to go but we're off to a good start.**

## All Parishes

**THANKS TO:** Fr Shaun, Fr Peter & Fr David Quarmby for their generous support of our parishes during my holiday time and to all parishioners who kept the "wheels turning".

**FUNDRAISING:** OLSMJ has to raise £300,000 towards essential repairs. There are several ways we are hoping to meet that target, but one of them is through a series of social events. These social events are open to parishioners from St Anne's and St Francis. We hope you will see an event you like and will buy a ticket. All details will be in the newsletter. If you would like a ticket, please ring the parish office. Thank you for your support. Events so far:

18 <sup>th</sup> August	BBQ OLSMJ
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Curry Night
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Quiz night
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Angel fest @ OLSJ school 2.30pm-4pm

**Churches Together Annual Holiday Club at the URC, Lymington on**

Thursday mornings during August. Free and available to all. Helpers also sought. For more information contact

[childrenfamiliesurclym@btinternet.com](mailto:childrenfamiliesurclym@btinternet.com) or ring 02380284342

**Lymington Lifeboat Station Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday 28 July at 5 pm at the Lymington Bandstand, Bath Road with the Lymington Town Brass Band. Please come and join us.