

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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School: Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. Exec. Head: Gerida Montague

Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils: Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Ian Holden, 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:

Saturday Morning
from after Mass until
10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 14th September - 22nd September 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	24 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	15 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	24 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	24 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	baby Jude Howell	N/A	DMA
SUN	15 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	24 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	16 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, Mem, (R)	N/A	
TUE	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Canon A.G.McDonald RIP F/M	DMA
WED	18 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	18 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	For our young people	DMA
WED	18 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	DQ
THU	19 th	9.00am	Mass	AT THE SCHOOL	Start of School Year Mass	Staff, Governors & pupils of OLSJ School	DMA
FRI	20 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Martyrs of Korea, Mem, (R)	For those in the medical profession	DMA
SAT	21 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Matthew, Feast, (R)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	21 st	12 noon	Wedding	St Anne	Mark Grogan & Elizabeth Saunders	N/A	DMA
SAT	21 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	25 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	22 nd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	25 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	22 nd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	25 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	22 nd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	25 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	For Progress in the care of Creation	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: THIS WEEKEND HOME MISSIONS - 14th/15th SEPTEMBER CAFOD AUTUMN COLLECTION - 5th/6th OCTOBER

Prayer for Creation: Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that you give us as stewards of your creation. In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering. Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.

Teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all you have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us. Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

CELEBRATING OUR RECONCILIATION

The Eucharist (which means *thanksgiving*) is always a wonderful thanksgiving to God for God's mercy. Our Scripture readings today help us be filled more fully with that "*joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation*" (Rom 5:11).

As Christians we have been given the special privilege and responsibility of beginning to know in a conscious way that God made us, God is with us & that God fills & surrounds us with love, life and light. We have done nothing and we do nothing to deserve this, quite the contrary, it is only by God's graciousness that we receive these blessings. That is why its all about thanksgiving & joy. Our task is to really appreciate God's love for us & let it change our thinking and our lives, and to help others come to believe & know that they too are graced in the same way. Everything and everyone as part of life, part of the mystery of Being already belongs to God and is held in unity by the Divine Intelligence, the Word, the Christ, the Divine blueprint for all that is (cfr. Col 1:17). This is why our relationship with God is NOT about being worthy. Who could be worthy? No one is worthy, not pope, bishop, priest, deacon, layperson. God loves us not because we are worthy or we are good but because God is good.

God loves us and everyone when we behave well and when we behave badly, (cfr Luke 6:35). Obviously we enjoy God's love more and other people enjoy us more when we behave well. Our bad behaviour just gives us & everyone else a bad time. However it can never exhaust God's patience or diminish God's love. In Jesus we know & believe that God takes away the sin of the whole world so our little contribution is no problem to God! As the Psalm 64 (65) says: *To you all flesh will come with its burden of sin. Too heavy for us our offences, but you wipe them away.*

So we all mess up, like the people in the parable, we all need to be reconciled, we all need to come to our senses, we all need to put our own egos aside and let love restore us & heal us.

If we can say this prayer honestly "*Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed*". Then we can stop worrying about whether we're worthy or not. We can stop pointing the finger and saying *other* people are not worthy. That is doing the judging & condemning that Jesus says we mustn't do. We must not try to do good to make God love us. It'll end in failure. God loves us already. We must let God love us and then the goodness will flow with peace and joy & thanksgiving. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: William George Rickman (15th), Cyril Ffield, Enid Lilah Aylard (16th), Rosemary June Young (18th), Ellen Margaret Caffyn (21st).

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

FIRE WARDENS NEEDED: The recent evacuation drill has indicated that we need to increase the pool of Fire Wardens at St Francis, particularly to cover for unforeseen and short notice absences. The job is essentially to assist parishioners to evacuate the church in a safe and timely fashion in the event of an emergency or during a practice drill. It is particularly necessary for Sunday Masses and on Christmas Day when the number of worshippers is greatest and when we maintain full Warden cover. There is just one mandatory drill per year. The job requires no specific skills or experience although a cool head, commitment and reliability are very important qualities as is a reasonable level of fitness and agility. A regular Sunday attender would be preferred but is not essential as absences can usually be accommodated. Training will be given. If you would like to volunteer or to find out more, please contact Peter Larke at Mass or telephone 01590 641595.

Taize Service 6pm: every 4th Sunday at All Saints'. Beautiful service of prayer, Taize chants, readings and time for quiet reflection. Next two will be **22 Sept and 27 October**. We are warmly invited to attend.

Ecumenical Service 6pm: The regular 5th Sunday service in the Community Centre, Sea Road, for all denominations, with be on **Sunday 29 Sept**. This is also the final day of Christians Together **Prayer Weekend** when all prayer requests will be prayed over. You will find a Prayer Request Form at the back cover of your Aug/Sept copy of *Village Voice* free magazine. Requests are treated in total confidence. The basket for returning your Prayer Request Form is in Little Assisi Room, from where they will be taken to the Service.

Newcomers' Supper will be on 12th October. St Francis' Church are responsible for producing and co-ordinating the puddings. Rosalie Mans has been doing the co-ordinating for many years and would be greatly relieved to give it up. **Please would you** volunteer to take on the job? It does not mean making puddings, only arranging for people to make them and arranging serving them on the night.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Joseph Ambrose Coughlan, Florence May Thorne (18th), Michael Raoul Laloi (19th), Doreen Mary Thompson (20th)
Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers Anna Hubbard, Sean Dunn and Linda Reardon.

Fr Quarmbly's Masses: for next week commencing 15th September:- 8 a.m. Tuesday; 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. No Mass here on Saturday (Fr Quarmbly is doing a weekend supply in Woolston and Netley). Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary: Wednesday 9 a.m. and 9.30.

The Season of Creation: runs from 1st September until 4th October, the feast of St Francis. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. You can find resources on line at CAFOD.org.uk and Columban.org.au.

Creation Celebration Mass: will be held on Sunday, 22nd September together with the Children's Liturgy Group.

A Prayer Vigil: will be held in the church on Sunday, 6th October at 4.30pm to mark the Feast of St Francis and the end of the Season of Creation.

Coffee morning: at Jo Cole's house in Sway on Thursday, 26 September at 10.30am to raise funds for Our Lady & St Joseph church, Lymington.

Church Garden: Progress is being made with clearing the area beside the garage for a wildlife, bee-friendly garden. Our small group of gardeners would be very grateful for any flowering plants you are digging up over the next few weeks and no longer want or bulbs you don't need. Please give these to Andrea or leave plants in the tray of water beside the garage.

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

All Parishes

THANK YOU FROM THE SVP: Thank you very much to all Parishes for their generous donations to the SVP campaign, and a big thank you to all the SVP Members who contributed across the weekend.

MORE SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEEDED: If you think you might be interested please have a chat with the new chair, Dominic Boddington or the vice-chair, Helen Ruane - email addresses below: dominic.boddington@olsjschool.com; helen.ruane@olsjschool.com.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Eileen Leggatt (14th), Canon Archibald McDonald, Agnes Beggs, Diana Elizabeth Dent, Rita Wren (17th), Maureen Ellen Risbridger (19th), Muriel Mary Sanders (20th)

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: We would like to start our new programme for the 2019/2020 Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are aged 13+ and would like to take part in the programme please complete the form at the back of the Church and return it to Cathy Pickles no later than Sunday 29th September.

THANKS FROM THE CWL: The CWL would like to thank those that have supported their coffee mornings, with your help we have donated since February: CUF – Children of the Universe Foundation (Pre-school education in South Africa) £100; Crisis £56; Medaille Trust (Trafficking) £100; Dementia Research £100; Margaret Clitherow Trust £100; Basic's Bank, £100; Parkinson's £100. And our thanks to the CWL members for making this possible.

KNIT & STITCH will meet next Friday 20th September 2019 in Joseph's Place from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

NEXT FUND-RAISING EVENTS - 29th September – A Curry Night! - tickets available now.

After that: 19th October- Quiz Night

How to pay for tickets: either cash in envelope or see Fund raising item for bank details.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We have 13 pledges which will realise £28,200 over five years including Gift Aid. **Bank Account Receipts:-** £5,362.59 - Ordinary donations; £7,885.70 - Gift Aided donations; £884.80 - Fund Raising events; £356.63 - Book Sales; £401.71 - Smartie Tubes. £14,891.43 Total at Bank. Anticipated Income: Remainder of Living Our Faith - £3,230; Gift Aid on above donations - £1,971.43.

WE NEED A LOT MORE PLEDGES. Please consider giving an amount each month over 5yrs. You can always alter or cancel if your circumstances change. See the green forms at the back of church.

Standing Orders, cheques or transfers payable to:

PRCDTR LYMINGTON BUILDING FUND (account no. 35553160, sort code: 30-80-27)

All Parishes

19th October 2019 – Day for Catechists and Children's Liturgy Leaders – Portsmouth Cathedral, 10am to 4pm. The Dominican Sisters and the Formation for Mission team invite everyone engaged in passing on the faith to children, young people and adults to Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 19th October for a day of thanksgiving, celebration and formation where we will discover ways to share our faith in Jesus Christ as his witnesses within our ministries. The day will be led by Fr Mark Hogan, and Mass will be celebrated in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists. Lunch will be provided. Register online: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/> catechists or phone the Dominican Sisters to book a place: 01590 681874

SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE BUILDING FUND AT OLMSJ. Tickets for the **Curry Night on 29th September** are on sale until Sunday 22nd September. The curry night will be at Joseph's place at OLMSJ. There will also be a raffle. There are only 50 places, so don't delay, buy today! There is a colourful A4 sheet with the menu on one side at the back of church. There is a tear off strip at the bottom, please fill that in and hand it into the parish office with £20 per person. Please pay in cash or by cheque payable to **PRCDTR Lymington Building Fund**. Thank you.

The next social event: Quiz night 19th October: So start getting your team together. Teams of 6 *maximum*, so you will 'buy a table' for your team of 6. Bring your own food and drink. Bring anything from a picnic to a candlelit meal! You choose. You can be as extravagant or as minimalist as you wish. There will also be a raffle. Our thanks to Deacon Steve Bowler from Waterside who will be our Quizmaster. How much? Watch this space!

Parish Pop Up Reading and Reflection Event. Friday 4th October and Friday 1st November 4.30pm – 6.30pm. In the Community room, Lymington Library, North Close, SO41 9BW. Fr David's recent dramatic exploration of a Gospel story sparked a strong connection to a classic American novel, *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. If you fancy delving into guilt, revenge and redemption in colonial America, do join Marilyn and Mary to discuss this novel which provides so much food for thought and topical conversations. The event is open to all and you will need to read the book before the first evening. It is currently on sale on Kindle for 49p! We have chosen twilight time on Fridays so that you could combine with errands in town beforehand and meet friends and family afterwards! RSVP and contact Marilynkinnon@gmail.com and marydunnlym@gmail.com for more details. 01590 672 425