

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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St Francis of Assisi
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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: 21st September - 29th September 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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
MON	23 rd	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St Pio of Pietrelcina, Mem, (W)	N/A	
TUE	24 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady of Walsingham, Mem, (W)	For well-being of Pope Francis	DMA
WED	25 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	25 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	For parents & grandparents	DMA
WED	25 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	DQ
THU	26 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Brian Ellory RIP	DMA
FRI	27 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Vincent de Paul, Mem, (W)	For SVP Members	DMA
SAT	28 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday, Mem, (W)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	28 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	26 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	29 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	26 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	29 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	26 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	29 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	26 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA

MASS COUNTS AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKENDS NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION: 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.

CORE CATHOLICISM & INITIATIVE

In the Gospel for this Sunday Jesus praises the astuteness or initiative of the dishonest steward and commends such creative thinking (not the dishonesty) to his disciples.

I want to reflect on what is core Catholicism and what may be some of the initiatives that will help us be faithful to God's grace and help us to serve the secular, multi-cultural society in which we live.

Core Catholicism is all about love. Not just any love but the unique kind of love God has shown us in Jesus. As John puts it; we are to love then, because God has first loved us, (1 John 4:19). For Jesus' people the Commandments were at the centre. For the followers of Jesus the centre is the loving heart of the Father, the law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ, (John 1:17). Core Catholicism is accepting God's love as a gracious gift, learning to love God in return and loving others as Jesus has loved us. Everything else, dress, devotions, rituals etc. is peripheral and subservient to this.

We should not be surprised or disconcerted to realise that what is central and most important to us is also central and most important to every other Christian. It is also the heart of every great world religion and spiritual path. We should be delighted by the common ground we share. The Word has enlightened all peoples so it is only to be expected that the seeds of the Word (cfr. St Irenaeus) have produced a similar fruit among the other sheep who are not of this fold (John 10:16).

The initiative that is called for from the children of light is nothing new. It is putting good deeds before fine words. It is giving & showing compassion, respect, good will, patience, perseverance, love of enemies and every other virtue. It is speaking truth to power both inside and outside the church. It is bravely following the guidance of the Holy Spirit who gives us courage to change the things that must be changed, serenity to accept what we cannot change and wisdom to know the difference.

We must use the wonderful discoveries of science to enrich & expand our understanding of Christ. We need to discover through dialogue what unites us with other Christians, other faiths & those of no faith and together seek to alleviate suffering in the world. We need to shift the emphasis from a backward looking understanding of Jesus (i.e. what Jesus means in terms of the Jewish tradition and experience over 2000 yrs ago) to a present, cosmic, understanding of the Christ. This means learning to see the Divine reality (the Word) at the heart of the unfolding of the universe. Realising that Christ is at the heart of everything means everything belongs and everything "in heaven and on earth" is reconciled, (Eph. 1:10). This is GOOD NEWS that we can be proud of, God's goodness is something we can boast about, God's love is something we can joyfully dedicate our lives to. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Rodney Michael King (23rd), Charles Victor Freeman (26th), Thomas Lawrence Bidwell (28th)

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

GOLDEN SOUNDS at ST.FRANCIS: "Voice & Brass Concert" October 5th at 7.30pm. Our friends, Total Voice Choir, join with Haven Brass Quartet for a delightful evening of mellifluous music. Tickets £8 children free. Available from Milford Community Centre or Rita Ford.

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.

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.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Aileen Deale (22nd), Florence Skoyles, Denis John Green (26th), William Patrick Sandle, Joseph Edward Colehan (28th)

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

Fr Quarmby's Masses: For the coming week commencing 22nd September: 8 a.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. (No Mass at St. Anne's this Saturday – away on weekend supply). Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary: Wednesday 9 a.m. and 9.30.

Creation Celebration Mass and Harvest Festival: Our Mass this Sunday evening is being held to give special thanks for the gift of creation and to pray for our common home. It will be led by the youth of the Parish. Gifts of food suitable for the Basics Bank will be offered as part of our celebration for the riches of the earth.

Care for Creation We have chosen this occasion to launch the **Care for Creation** movement in our parish in response to Pope Francis' call in *Laudato Si* to live more simply and care for our common home (the earth). **Care for Creation** provides us with the opportunity, as individuals and together as a parish, to act on the biggest issue of our time - climate change - through prayer, love of our neighbour and small practical actions.

A Prayer Vigil: including Eucharistic Adoration, will be held in the church on Sunday, 6th October at 4.00pm to mark the Feast of St Francis and the end of the Season of Creation. Please note there is a change to the time first published.

Coffee morning: Jo Cole invites you to a coffee morning at her home, The Oaks, Middle Road, Sway, SO41 6AT on Thursday, 26 September at 10.30am to raise funds for Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington. All are welcome.

House Mass: A very big thank you to the Shearer family for hosting the House Mass earlier this month. Big thanks also go to the Social Committee who laid on excellent refreshments as usual. This was a very special and enjoyable Parish occasion.

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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Kenneth Ernest Eakins (21st), Minnie Gifford (25th), John Charles Hutchins (27th)

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.

NEXT FUND-RAISING EVENTS - 29th September – A Curry Night! - tickets still available - 18 places left.

After that: **19th October- Quiz Night**

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)

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 next weekend (28th & 29th September). If you have a Red Box and are able to bring it along, it would be much appreciated. Please make sure that your box has your name on it before handing in, so that we can identify your donation. Any queries, please contact Jenny on 01590:610413.

FUND-RAISING UPDATE: We now have 14 pledges which will realise **£31,950 over five years** including Gift Aid. Bank Account Receipts:- Ordinary donations - £5,387.59; Gift Aided donations - £7,995.70; Fund Raising events - £1,204.80; Book Sales - £356.63; Smartie Tubes - £401.71. Total at Bank - **£15,346.43**
Anticipated Income: Remainder of Living Our Faith £3,230
Gift Aid on above donations £1,998.93

HEALTH & SAFETY: To the congregation at 10.30am Mass at OLMSJ. Thank you for your patience with the new evacuation procedure on Sunday. The Diocese and our Insurers insist we have an evacuation plan which has to be taken seriously. Fires in church, while occupied is rare, but it does happen and we must be prepared. Only a few years ago there was a serious fire in the Fish & Chip shop next door which could have affected our property. But this Evacuation plan, is not just for fire, it has to cover any situation where the church has to be evacuated. Whatever happens your safety is important to us. Please don't see the Evacuation plan as a nuisance, but as a necessity. It could save your life one day. This is what we have learnt from Sunday: Watch & listen to the Fire Wardens and take direction; Please move quickly when the warden asks you to; In cases of emergency there is no need to genuflect but if you feel you must do so while still in your pew, not in the aisle; Go straight to the Muster point; Do not move your car as people are moving around you; If you have mobility issues the Fire Warden will get you out of the building.

THANK YOU TO OUR FIRE WARDENS: I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Fire Wardens for their diligence, understanding and commitment. Thank you to the two people who offered to be additional Fire Wardens for this Mass. The more Fire Wardens we have the easier an evacuation will be. Please see myself, Pete Lawes or Linda Guilding if you'd like to help to keep our parishioners safe. Thank you Fr David

HEALTH & SAFETY: On Sunday morning, as we were evacuating the church, people were trying to move their vehicles, this was not safe. May I ask, unless you are bringing someone with mobility issues, if you have to leave church in your car early or promptly at the end of Mass, please park in the public car park and walk through. Obviously if you are leaving the car park after the church has emptied please park in the church car park as usual.

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

FUNDRAISING EVENTS – ALL PARISHES: Any of the fundraising events, are open to parishioners from all 3 parishes. Thank you in advance for your support.

CURRY NIGHT is next Sunday! Have you bought your tickets yet? If not please contact the office this week to book them. Please bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle.

QUIZ NIGHT: The quiz night is on Saturday 19th October at Joseph's Place , OLMSJ. Tickets are £30 for a table of 6 people (£5 a head). No more than 6 to a table. Please gather your team together and give the team a name. If you are on your own and need to join a team, or haven't got 6, please let the office know and we will try to match you up.

Please bring your own food and drink and all that entails.

There will be a prize for: The best dressed table! (Not necessarily the best dressed people, but if you want to dress up too that's fine!). There will be prizes for the winning team and the losing team. There will be a raffle.