

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday Morning
from after Mass until
10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 5th October - 13th October 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	5 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	6 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	27 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	Audrey Lauer (Intentions)	DMA
SUN	6 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	6 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	27 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
MON	7 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady of the Rosary, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	9 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St John Henry Newman, Mem, (W)	N/A	
WED	9 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St John Henry Newman, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	9 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St John Henry Newman, Mem, (W)	for the Oratorians	DMA
THU	10 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	for the spreading of the Gospel	DMA
FRI	11 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St John XXIII, Mem, (W)	for Pope Francis	DMA
SAT	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	12 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	28 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	13 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	28 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	13 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	28 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	13 th	2.00pm	Baptism	Our Lady	baby Audrey Jane Wheeler	N/A	DMA
SUN	13 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	28 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA

MASS COUNTS AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKENDS NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: CAFOD AUTUMN COLLECTION - 5th/6th OCTOBER FOREIGN MISSIONS - 19th/20th OCTOBER

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP, appointed to be read in all churches and chapels of the Diocese of Portsmouth on 6th October 2019, the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year. **MISSIO**

Dearest Friends, Recently, a teenager told me how he had been brought up agnostic in a nonreligious family, but one day a friend showed him a video on YouTube. It was Archbishop Fulton Sheen, preaching with conviction. It sparked his interest. A few months later, for the first time he went into his local Catholic church, and, to cut a long story short, advancing in faith, he asked for baptism. Now a key helper in his parish, he has since brought a school-friend into the Church too. This month, October 2019, has been designated by the Holy Father as an Extraordinary Month of Mission. It is a month of renewal, in which the Pope calls us to rededicate ourselves as missionary disciples spreading the Good News. It is a month of prayer, in which we pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It's a month of action: of service, justice and charity to the poor. The Pope wants us to mark the centenary of Pope Benedict XV's ground-breaking Encyclical Letter *Maximum Illud*, which in 1919 reoriented the Church's missionary activity. Since October is also the month of the Rosary, please offer the Rosary each day for the Church's mission both at home and abroad. Let me add this. God is our loving Creator. He wants us to be happy, to be united with Himself and one day to be with Him forever in Paradise. This is why He is on mission. Indeed, in Himself God is mission. The Blessed Trinity is on mission to the six continents. The Father sends the Spirit to hover over the waters, to guide human history and to labour in the depths of each person's heart, wooing them to Himself. The Father sends the Son, His Word, born in space and time to save us from sin, suffering and death, and to unite us all together into His Body the Church. In this way, the Church is a Sacrament that continues in history the living mission of the Son, building the Kingdom of God on earth and preparing us for the joys of heaven. Mission, then, is Who God is, and What He is. It is also what the Church is about. As St. Paul VI once famously put it: "The Church exists in order to evangelise, that is, in order to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace."

I have just returned from a conference of bishops in Steubenville, Ohio on turning dioceses from maintenance to mission. Most of us clergy were trained to be good pastors of souls, caring for the flock, rather than active fishers of people, reaching to outsiders. The Extraordinary Mission Month will challenge us all. But something deeper, more lasting, more demanding is needed if our Diocese of Portsmouth is to make the shift from maintenance to mission. We need ambition. We need a long-range strategy. We need a ten-year plan. In the last Pastoral Letter, I announced that in Advent we will embark upon two years of spiritual renewal, first, a Year of God's Word, then a Year of the Eucharist. My prayer is for all of us, clergy and laity, parishes and schools, to be filled with an even greater trust in God the Father, a more passionate love for His Word, Jesus Christ and a more radical dependence on the Holy Spirit. Thus, with our hearts on fire, we will naturally want to reach out to everyone in works of evangelical mission, social justice and charitable service. It is not easy to 'turn the ship,' which is why I want to ask your help and to ask you what you think. Over the next months I will be asking our clergy for their help, feedback, ideas and suggestions. But I dearly want to hear what you think too. Among other forms of consultation, there will be a questionnaire. I am also going to send out some questions for discussion in small groups. In time, we will summarise and publish the responses. There will be a diocesan Prayer of Renewal to say at Mass and some special Bidding Prayers. The aim is to call us to grow in personal holiness, to renew our relationship with God, to strengthen our Catholic identity, to deepen our communion with a firmer unity of purpose, to engage everyone in the mission of the Diocese, to focus us on works of justice and charity and to ensure our Vicariate Framework teams serve our needs. We cannot be complacent any more. Faith is no longer handed on automatically through families, schools and parishes. What is key today is a real, personal, transforming encounter with Jesus Christ Himself. It is the task of families, schools and parishes to create the arenas in which people can encounter Him. This is what our diocesan mission statement means: Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. Today's Readings are about faith. "Fan into a flame the gift God gave you," wrote St. Paul to Timothy in the Second Reading. "Increase our faith," the Apostles asked of Our Lord in the Gospel. In these turbulent times in the world and in the Church, let us ask the Lord to deepen our faith. May He make us holier people, modelled on Christ. May He make our Diocese more modern. May He focus our parishes and schools on the proclamation of the Gospel to non-believers and on outreach to the non-practicing. I thank Mary Immaculate, St. Edmund of Abingdon and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati for their patronage and prayers. I thank Blessed John Henry Newman, to be canonised next weekend, for his inspiring example. And I thank all of you for listening.

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Parker (9th), Mary "Molly" Kathleen Woodford (11th)

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

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

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS: kindly donated by Jamie & Margaret Richens on the occasion of the wedding of their daughter Sarah.

YOGA CLASSES – MARYLAND ROOM: The Tuesday Yoga classes are proving to be very popular and Alison Metcalfe is now proposing an additional session on Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 10.30, with effect from the 10th October. She will be making further generous donations to the parish. She will run the new classes on a trial basis until December, at the same price of £5 per session and with a similar "yoga stretch" theme to the Tuesday class. If you need more information or wish to book yourself a place, please call Alison on 07709 314222. Alison will also be running a one-off Aromatherapy Workshop in the Maryland Room on Friday 8th November between 2pm and 4pm. Contact her for further information.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Honoria Christina Beevers (7th), Winifred Foster (12th)

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

Fr Quarmby's Mass times: Weekday Masses for the week commencing 6th October: 8 a.m. Tuesday and Friday; 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. (No morning Mass on Saturday – supplying again this weekend).

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: every Wednesday at 9.00am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am. October is a special month of the Holy Rosary and for devotion to Our Lady. Do please join us if you can.

Date for your diary: A Day of Reflection will take place on Saturday, 30th November. Please pencil this date in your diary. Details will follow soon.

CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes with your donations will be collected at the end of Mass today. Don't forget to Gift Aid if you can. Spare envelopes can be found at the back of the church.

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

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Love your neighbour: "I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity." Blessed Frederick Ozanam, founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). Cathy's 'Lectern Address' on the 7th/8th September SVP Appeal and the posters on the notice boards all helped to highlight the different ways in which our SVP members support folk in their local community, in their care homes or in their homes. This can be challenging work but it is also very rewarding work – seeking and finding those in need, giving our support with compassion and responding where the need is greatest. If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining the Society, please contact the Parish Office - lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

BASICS BANK APPEAL: I need to make an appeal on behalf of New Forest Basics Bank, your local food bank. The ravages of very high demand on our food parcels over the summer due to introduction of Universal Credit combined with an unhappy economy have left our stocks terribly diminished. I am therefore asking you, that when you next visit the supermarket you buy some of the things which are on our list, bring them to church and put them in our crate in your church or in the crate at Waitrose. Following the English tradition of Harvest Festival, this is an opportunity to thank God for his generosity to us and for us to hand that generosity on to others less fortunate. A large number of you are already generously giving to Basics Bank by monthly Standing Order. Please may I ask you to re-visit those donations and consider whether you might just be able to increase them by a pound or two – Every little helps, as the saying goes. As a result of your generosity and that of other local churches this Harvest, I am hoping that the shelves of New Forest Basics Bank will thankfully be re-stocked. *Anthony Kirke, Hon Treasurer, NFBB. Sept 2019. Tel: 645521.*

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: John McGovern, Frederick Warrilow, Caroline Sherley-Price, Sheron Ann Whitlock, Shannon Marie Barnett (5th), Christina Beevers (7th), Catherine Conroy (8th), Paul Robert Duffy (9th), Josephine Catherine Patricia Liegeois (10th), Margaret Jones (11th)

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.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next CWL meeting is on Tuesday 8th October at 2.15pm in the parish room at Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph. A talk will be given on fund raising for the church renovations by Nichola Kirby. We do hope you will be able to come.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: will be meeting next Monday October 7th at 2pm in Joseph's Place. In addition to our usual quiz, raffle, tea and good company we will be having an illustrated talk from a wildlife photographer. All are welcome.

100 CLUB: - Congratulations to our winners in last week's draw:- No 18 Frances Walker £40; No 64 Liz Birch £30; No 1 Fr David £20; No 19 Anne Thomas £15; No 98 Mrs L Cooper £10. Thank you to all members of the 100 Club which makes a significant contribution to Parish funds.

GREAT CURRY NIGHT EVENT: It was a great evening. Thanks to everyone who made this event so successful. Our Indian families not only prepared and served the food they hosted the evening in their beautiful traditional dress. But even more the four families all donated the cost of the evening (food etc) to the Building Fund. So the total amount raised was £840 (£780 from ticket sales & £60 from donations) in addition the raffle raised approx. £87. Special thanks to: Jacob & Suja, Albe, Edwin, Emilia, Jose, Aleena, Christina, Telj, Sindu, Christopher, Tindu, Pria, Bino, Cytus & Ginu.

THE PLEDGES KEEP COMING IN: 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.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We now have 26 pledges which will realise **£60,765 over five years** including Gift Aid. Bank Account Receipts: Ordinary donations - £5,393.09; Gift Aided donations - £8,350.70; Fund Raising events - £1,846.80; Book Sales - £356.63; Smartie Tubes - £401.71; Total at Bank - £16,368.93. Anticipated Income: Remainder of Living Our Faith - £3,230; Gift Aid on above donations - £2,092.68.

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QUIZ NIGHT 19TH October 7.15pm: The Quiz night is at Joseph's Place so we only have 12 tables. **5 tables have already been booked.** The booking forms are at the back of the church. £30 a table. 6 to a table only. Bring your own refreshments. Why not enter our 'Best dressed table' competition? You can dress your table anyway you wish- a beach theme, a Disney theme, you choose. Link it in with your refreshments for even more fun! There will be a raffle. Prizes for winning and losing teams.

BEAUTIFUL HAND-MADE QUILT: by renowned seamstress, Eileen Griffiths, 49" wide by 50" long; £1 per ticket. A picture of the quilt will be on display on Saturday & Sunday mornings in Joseph's Place. All profits to the Building Fund. The draw will be on 1st December. Tickets on sale now from Eileen Griffiths or leave contact details at the Parish Office.

THANK YOU to all our friends at St Anne's and St Francis who are supporting our Building Fund. Jo Cole's Coffee morning at Sway raised £328. A great result thank you everyone. Thanks to Jacob Binoy & our Indian families for a wonderful Curry night. It raised £840 (£780 tickets & £60 donations); and the raffle raised an additional £87.

EXTRA ORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION OCTOBER 2019: As an act of Solidarity with the whole Church, on Mission Sunday, Bishop Philip invites you to join him to celebrate Mission Sunday Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, 20th October 2019 at 2pm, followed by Refreshments in the Discovery Centre.