

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. **Exec. Head:** Gerida Montague

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 after
Mass until 10.30am
or by arrangement.

Masses & Services for the Week: 26th October - 3rd November 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	26 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	30 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	SB
SUN	27 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	30 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	SB
SUN	27 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	30 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	SB
SUN	27 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	30 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	28 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Ss Simon & Jude, Feast, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	29 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Dec'd of the Dunne family	PWR
WED	30 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Bl. Winchester Martyrs, Mem, (R)	N/A	
WED	30 th	10.00am	W & C	St Francis	Bl. Winchester Martyrs, Mem, (R)	N/A	
WED	30 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Bl. Winchester Martyrs, Mem, (R)	as per celebrant	DQ
THU	31 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	All Saints, Solemnity, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
FRI	1 st	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	All Saints, Solemnity, (W)	as per celebrant	SB
FRI	1 st	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	All Saints, Solemnity, (W)	as per celebrant	DQ
FRI	1 st	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	All Saints, Solemnity, (W)	as per celebrant	SB
SAT	2 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SAT	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	31 st Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	3 rd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	31 st Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	3 rd	10.30am	Mass + AS	Our Lady	31 st Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	3 rd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	31 st Sunday of the Year C (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: - BAMENDA - 2nd/3rd NOVEMBER

REALITY PRAYER

The gospel passage this weekend is Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the publican. Pharisees despised publicans because, of necessity, they mixed with all sorts of people most of whom were considered by the religious elite as either ritually unclean or morally compromised. They were the "sinners". In Jesus' day sinners were clearly defined by the Levitical Law of Holiness. If you were not able to follow the purification rules, the debt codes and the purity codes, you knew you were a sinner and others did too. These codes, ironically, created more and more sinners. In Jesus' day there was increasing emphasis on the codes. You had to jump the hoops at the temple and pay money to jump each hoop. Thus, it was getting so that lots of people couldn't afford not to be sinners, because their location, job or money kept them from ritual observance (R. Rohr).

For Luke, the Gospel writer, the Pharisee is profoundly out of touch with reality. He "said this prayer to himself". He is not even addressing God, although he thinks he is! He is ignorant of the Scripture, which says, "Do not call your servant to judgement, for no one is just in your sight" (Psalm 143). He presumes his own righteousness. He presumes the sinfulness of the publican, a complete stranger. He is acting as if he knows everything, like God! He sees only his successes and is blind to his sins. He is totally wrapped up in his ego world: I, I, I, - it is I-dolatry. His prayer is totally unreal!

The publican is connected to the real. He addresses God as Lord. He looks to God for mercy. He acknowledges his own sinfulness. There is truth. There is real person to person communication going on. There is humility. There is reality. Jesus says he goes home at rights with God.

Our prayer must be reality prayer. We must hold on to the reality of God – a loving merciful Father and Mother. But we must not run away from the reality of life. We are tempted to seek a prayer that is all peace, sweetness and light. It is futile. If we force the issue we will end up in serious self-deception and illusion. When we try to pray we must not be surprised that the stuff of life comes into our minds, the past, the present, the future, pleasure, pain, anger, lust, hope, shame etc etc. It is only by facing the realities in the presence of God that we open ourselves to the blessing of God and the healing of God. Reconciliation is a duty that takes precedence over worship (Matt 5:24). Deal with the real in hope and love and prayer will bring many blessings.

Many of the problems we face as Church stem precisely from the fact that we are ignoring reality. We will go to any lengths to keep doing what we have always done, the way we've always done it. We would rather do anything except seriously engage with reality and face the things we do not want to face. As long as this attitude prevails we are blocking many of God's blessings. (DMA).

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Pat Marshall (27th), Reginald David Freemantle, Francis Edgar Pearson, Douglas Parker (1st), Kathleen Monaghan, Patrick d'Amore Lister (2nd).

AFRICAN CHARITIES UPDATE: Our parishioner Roger in Lusaka : photo + brief history of one of our rescued street children, on notice board in porch. Thank you for your continuing generous support to Holy Cross Sisters.

AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY: 7:30pm at the Methodist Church, Monday 21st Oct for 3 weeks; and at St Mary's Everton 11:30am Thursday Oct 24th, 31st; Nov 14th, 28th. Based on the film *Victoria & Abdul*.

TAIZE SERVICE : 6pm, All Saints Sunday 27th October . This will be a Healing Service. Full details on poster in Little Assisi Room.

LYMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY: Autumn Lunch, Friday 1st November at Milford Community Centre, at 1pm. Bar and raffle. You are all most welcome.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: William Joseph Hayward, Kathleen Mc Cabe (27th), Leonard O Donnell, Stewart Charles James King (30th), Edward Colin Knight, Kathleen Knight (1st)

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

Fr Quarmby's Mass times: For the week commencing 27th October: 8 a.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 9.00am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am. Do please join us if you can.

Day of Reflection and Information: on Saturday, 30th November, 11am -3.30pm.(tea/coffee from 10.30am) at St Anne's. On the threshold of Advent, be inspired and explore with friends and family the Pope's message of *Laudato Si'* through film, reflection and discussion led by Maureen Thompson, an experienced presenter in our diocese.

Parishioners from OLSJ and St Francis are most welcome to join us. A simple meal of Dahl and rice or soup will be included in the day. In order that we may know numbers please would you sign-up on the sheet on the notice board or contact Marilyn Kinnon on 01590 672425, email marilynkinnon@gmail.com.

Red Mission Boxes: Would holders of Red Mission Boxes please bring them to Mass on Wednesday or Sunday over the next 2 weeks and give them to Bill Pignatelli who will be happy to empty them and return them to be filled again! Thank you to everyone who has a Red Box and if you do not have a Red Box and would like one please let Bill know and he will be happy to provide you with one. *Missio* have written to thank everyone in this Parish who has contributed for their much needed help.

Parish pub lunch: on Tuesday, 29 October at 12 noon at the Forrester Arms, Brookley Road. All welcome.

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

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OPEN DAYS AT OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH, CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Our school is small, inclusive and nurturing with a caring ethos and family atmosphere set in lovely surroundings. We welcome everyone whatever their beliefs; you do not need to be Catholic. We have the benefit of a small foundation class and can also offer childcare from 7.45am – 5.00pm every day. We have spaces for next year and we would be delighted to show you around our lovely school. Our Open Days are: Wednesday, 13th November at 9.30am; Thursday, 5th December at 9.30am. 83a Ramley Rd, Pennington, Lymington, Hants SO41 8GY; Tel. 01590-672711; email: adminoffice@olsjschool.com; website: www.olsjschool.co.uk.

VOCATIONS INVITE: "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord." Are you called to follow in the footsteps of the saints to bring solace to the burdened as a priest or consecrated religious? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

Friday November 1st, All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Canon Bernard Morris (26th), Joseph Walsh, Audrey McCann (27th), Agnes Kealey, Claude Seton-Dry (28th), Lily Kathleen Osborn (29th), Maurice Bogget, Iris Simpson, Stewart Charles James King (30th), Francis Gurd (31st), June Parkin, Thomas McCarthy (1st)

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, Patricia Mate.

CWL (CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE): The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 2.15pm in Joseph's Place, Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph, Lymington. Our Speaker will be ROS BRUNDRETY who will be giving us an account of her life and reading some of her poems at approximately 3pm. Members of the parish are welcome to come and listen to Ros.

BASICS BANK: Your opportunity to become the hands and feet of the Lord! You will not even have to seek those needing help! Basics Bank have parcels waiting to be delivered to very needy people in the local area Tuesday 4th November, Wednesday 5th November and Friday 8th November. If you can spare a couple of hours for this essential charitable work, please phone Pam Gorman 01590 678798 asap.

QUIZ NIGHT: Thank you to Deacon Steve for being the Quizmaster and to all those who took part in the Quiz night. Despite being a bit squashed people seemed to enjoy themselves. At the time of printing, we raised £265 in ticket sales and donations and the raffle raised £108. **Total £373.00.** The winning team, receiving a Puzzle book each, were 'the Optimists':- Clare & Peter Bassett, Kay & Moz Malpiedi & Lesley & Paul Ellis.

Last place were awarded a wooden spoon each. The best dressed table went to 'Green Shoots': Mary & Sean Dunn, Rini & Keith Stuttaford and Susan & Michael Mc Cabe. As the name implies they were very...er...green! Their prize was a beautifully painted cup, saucer and plate each....made of paper! No expense spared! All prizes were donated.

SPOT THE BABY COMPETITION: Don't forget to buy your copy at Mass today. £2 a copy. The prize of a £20 M&S voucher and picture frame will go to the person with the most correct answers. CLOSING DATE: 10th November.

IT'S A FIVER! Please see if you have anything you think could be sold for a fiver. Hand it in to the parish office, or any of the fundraising committee mentioned below, **between now and the end of November** and the items will go on sale each weekend from 1st December onwardsfor a fiver each!! You might pick up some great bargains! Thank you!

The members of your Fundraising committee are: Magdalen Chadbourne, Linda Guilding, Jill Heneghan, Nichola Kirby and Rini & Keith Stuttaford

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: New figures will be available again shortly.

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Day of Reflection and Information: on Saturday 30th November at St Anne's Brockenhurst. Parishioners from OLSJ and St Francis are very welcome. See details under St Anne's section. Please contact Marilyn Kinnon as shown if you would like to attend'

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: beginning in November, each weekend, after one of the Sunday Masses I will be offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, a sacrament both of healing and forgiveness. It is for serious conditions of mind or body and can be received more than once. It should not be delayed, as they say: "the sooner the better". The particular Mass will be identified in the Service schedule (Mass + AS). Over the course of a month I will try to include, at least once, each of our three churches and each Sunday Mass time. The first opportunity will be on Sun., 3rd Nov. after the 10.30am Mass at OLSJ; then after the 6pm Mass at St Anne's, on 10th Nov; then after the 6pm Mass at OLSJ, on 16th Nov; then after the 9am Mass at St Francis, on 17th Nov; then after the 6pm Mass at OLSJ, on 23rd Nov. Depending on numbers the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick takes about 10-15 mins.

HAND MADE QUILT RAFFLE: This weekend Eileen is continuing to sell raffle tickets for her beautiful handmade quilt. £1 a ticket. A photograph of the quilt is displayed in Joseph's Place. It is not it's actual size. The true size is 49" wide by 60" long. The draw will take place on 1st December. Tickets will be on sale at all churches. Net proceeds will go to the OLSJ, Lymington Building Fund.

BAMENDA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND (2nd/3rd Nov.). Every year we have a special collection to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. *Please visit www.bamendaandportsmouth.com to see a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter* and to understand the mutual benefits of our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed in these troubled times.