

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 after
Mass until 10.30am
or by arrangement.

Masses & Services for the Week: 15th February - 23rd February 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	15 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of the Yr A (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	6 th Sunday of the Yr A (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 th	10.30am	Mass + AS	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of the Yr A (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	6 th Sunday of the Yr A (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	19 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	19 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	19 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	For those who are unwell	DMA
THU	20 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Rosita Evans RIP Anniv	DMA
FRI	21 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	DMA
SAT	22 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Chair of St Peter, Feast, (W)	Alicia Gilbert (bereavement)	DMA
SAT	22 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	7 th Sunday of the Yr A (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	23 rd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	7 th Sunday of the Yr A (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	23 rd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	7 th Sunday of the Yr A (G)	Teresa Connolly RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	23 rd	6.00pm	Mass + AS	St Anne	7 th Sunday of the Yr A (G)	Elizabeth O'Donnell RIP Anniv	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: NEXT - 7th/8th MARCH - CAFOD LENTEN COLLECTION

MORE & MORE OF WHAT WASN'T WORKING OR SOMETHING COMPLETELY NEW?

Beware this gross demonic caricature: God is now watching your every single move, every thought & fantasy, and feeling, every idle word and little action. God is just waiting for you to put a foot wrong and then he can throw you into hell. Unless you confess every single thing, and are truly sorry and resolve never to sin again, you've basically had it! Be especially anxious about anything to do with sex because every little indulgence, whether, in thought, word or deed is a mortal sin! And remember if you don't love God above everyone & everything else he is going to torture you in hell for all eternity! You better get to confession quick, you might die tonight!

Well, if ever there was a recipe for guilt-ridden, anxiety ridden, fearful religion there it is! If anything was calculated to destroy the "joyful trust in God" that the Holy Spirit wants to give us (Romans 5:11) that was it. Is this the Good News Jesus came to bring? Is this the New Covenant of peace? Sadly too many people got fed on the caricature, the gross distortion of what Jesus was & is about, and too many people got spiritually damaged. The prophets Like Jeremiah, Isaiah & Ezekiel (over 2500 years ago) recognised that kind of relationship was doomed to failure. They foretold a new work of God which would be completely different, which really would be good news.

In the gospel passage today, Jesus is "fighting fire with fire" - instructing a legalistic, fear based mentality with a legalistic, fearful argument that forces it to collapse in on itself and finally accept the need for grace and for a whole new basis for our relationship with God which is God's graciousness not the Law. So how do we do justice to "unless your virtue goes no deeper ... you will never get into the kingdom of heaven" and avoid falling back into fear based religion?

How do we grow in holiness and in virtue "free from fear and saved from the hands of our foes" (Luke 1:74, 77)? The answer is both sweet and simple.

It is sweet because God is love and so loves the world and us. It is simple because it is a personal journey of growth, learning and discovery with Jesus. "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart" (Matt 11:28). As long as we are willing to walk, to learn, to let go of what is harmful, negative, destructive and hurtful; as long as we are humble enough not to rely on our own efforts but on the grace of Jesus then we can go forward with joy.

All we have to do is stay with Jesus in our struggles, our temptations, our doubts and difficulties, our failures, our addictions and Jesus will guide us safely through the light & the shadow, through the gifts and the wounds of our soul which is such a stranger to us. Jesus loves us and guides to freedom. Held in love & forgiveness, renewed each day in joyful confidence we have energy to build up what is good and dismantle what is bad, first in ourselves and then in society.

We are no longer haunted by the demons of fear and condemnation, no longer spiritured and discouraged by accusing voices either from within ourselves or from others (the literal meaning of satan is "accuser"), no longer consumed with anxiety about our death, about judgement, no longer drained of energy by constant agonising over real or imagined sins. Instead the Holy Spirit gives us energy to grow gradually in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control. We discover that the Christ within is "wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor 1:30). DMA

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Susanne Hare, Margaret Lilian Sexton Clark (17th), Ralph Featherstone Walton (18th), Charles Patrick O'Neil McCoy (21st), Edith Beeching (22nd)

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

Taize at All Saints - 6pm: These lovely reflective 4th Sunday Services resume again in 2020. The next one will be: February 23rd. Time of quiet, prayer, and Taize chants.

LADIES LUNCH:- Tuesday 25th February 12.30pm at The Lazy Lion, High Street, Milford on Sea. There is a list of names on the notice board of all those who have said that they are attending. Can you just check if you're on it please? There is of course still time to add your name, please do. If you have any questions call 01590 642123. Thank you. Ann Marie Atherton.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: As usual by participating in this ecumenical service we are part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe, which begins as the sun rises over Samoa and ends some 36 hours later back in the Pacific as the sun sets over American Samoa. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and is hosted by the Methodist church in Milford. The focus is on Reconciliation, Peace and Love. The format has changed a bit this year and we are planning to have a presentation about Zimbabwe at 10.30 am, followed by the service and completed with a very sociable Soup Lunch. This is an opportunity to work and pray together with Christians throughout our village and all over the world. It takes place on **Friday 6th. March**- please come if you can. Any problems/ further information contact Di Mussert on 01590 643994.

A HOLOISTIC APPROACH TO THE MENOPAUSE: Tuesday, 10th March, 7pm-8pm, Maryland Room, St Francis of Assisi Church, Milford-on-Sea. Limited places, bookings only. email: alison@carneliansoul.co.uk or ring 07709314222; donation at your discretion for church hall maintenance. A holistic event for ladies experiencing the menopause. Learn how simple yoga meditation and breathing exercises can aid. the symptoms. Tips on diet etc.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Mary Hemelryk (17th), Frederick Walter Mager (20th), Francis O Donoghue R.A.F. Beaulieu (21st)

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

Fr Quarmby's Mass times For next week commencing 16th Feb: 10 a.m. every day, except 8 a.m. on Tuesday. Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 9.0am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

World Day of Prayer Friday, 6th March at 2pm at St Mary's, South Baddesley. This is an annual ecumenical service and is this year prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. Always an inspirational service to attend. See poster in the porch.

NIGHT PRAYER: (based on the office of Compline) will be held on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent at either St Saviour's or St Nicholas Church at 7pm. The first, on 4th March, is at St Nicholas Church and will have a short address by the Vicar, Rev'd Simon Newham. On 18th March, one of the sisters from St Dominic's Priory will give the address. The schedule is on the porch notice board.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: on Friday, 6th March. A short talk will be given regarding an aspect of CAFOD's current work at Mass on Sunday 1st March. Lent Parish envelopes and prayer cards will be available at this Mass.

CHRISTIAN AID LENT SOUP LUNCH: on Thursday, 5th March at 12.00pm-1.30pm at St Saviour's Church Hall. See details in the porch.

THE CARE FOR CREATION TEAM: will be collecting plants and seeds until Sunday 8th March for OLSJ Catholic Primary School who have an exciting and creative plan for their outdoor area for the children to work on and enjoy. Your donations of plants and seeds, especially pollinators, will be most gratefully received. Please leave by the garage behind the church or give to Andrea Janssens direct.

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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Philomena Elizabeth Cutler (15th), Philip Smith, Mary Josephine Walby (17th), Sarah Walsh, Dorothy Teague, Margery Thwaites (18th), Douglas Webb (19th), Julia Rosa Ermalinda 'Erma' French (20th), Michele Palmieri (21st).

Sick and Housebound: Gerry Heneghan, 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.

KNIT & STITCH: in Joseph's Place, Friday, 21st Feb from 2.30 – 4.00pm. Newcomers always welcome.

FUND RAISING UPDATE: We currently have 39 Pledges which will realise £84,915 after five years including Gift Aid. Building Fund Bank Account income at 24th January 2020:- Donations/Pledges - £6,772.89; Gift Aided Donations/Pledges - £17,339.70; Fundraising - £5,322.14; Living our Faith - £3,230.00; Bank Balance: £32,804.73.

100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS there are a few numbers left. Costs remain at £15 per number and can be paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer to "PRCDTR Lym 100 Club", Sort Code:309304 Account Number 07408758. Envelopes and joining forms are available at the back of the church and can be posted in parish office. Many thanks for your support.

COMING SOON- 29TH FEBRUARY- 'GO TO CHURCH WITH AN EGG'! WATCH THIS SPACE!

All Parishes

MEAL & WINE TASTING EVENING, SAT. 22ND FEBRUARY:
- **ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT:** ring the Parish Office if you are interested.

PRIMARY TEACHER TRAINING: Train to teach with the Primary Catholic Partnership SCITT either for a PGCE, through School Direct or with a Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship. We will be holding an information event on **Thursday 27 February 9.30 – 11.30** at Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Primary, 83a Ramley Road, Pennington, Lymington SO41 8GY. If you would like to attend, please contact the PCP on 02380 779753, on admin@pcp-scitt.org.uk, or just turn up on the day. More information about the PCP can be found at www.pcp-scitt.org.uk

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: 26th February -5th April 2020: Anti-Abortion Vigils: for more information visit the website: 40daysforlife.com/Southampton or text 07 500 392 321 /email: 40daysforlifesouthampton@gmail.com. Anyone affected by abortion can find support at Rachel's vineyard: www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND UPDATE – After all Masses next weekend there will be a short update on the progress to date in the application process for the Heritage Lottery Fund in respect of the Lymington Building Fund. We will be asking you to support the work we need to do to reveal and communicate all the aspects of the heritage which surrounds the Church and School in Lymington.

CORONAVIRUS: Following the Bishop's note in the E-News: You are requested to make a non-contact sign of peace, receive Holy Communion only in the hand, if you have flu or a cold please, or are otherwise concerned do not receive from the Chalice; and observe scrupulous hygiene re: hand cleansing etc.

LENT COURSE: Follow CAFOD's online Lent calendar to reflect, pray and take global justice actions throughout the season of Lent. Based on the scripture readings of the day. <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar>. If you would prefer a booklet of daily prayers and reflections during Lent, the Church of England has produced one called Live Lent: Care for God's Creation. You can order it from <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/live-lent>.