

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
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School: Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. **Head Teacher:** Kirstie Richards

Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils: Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Henry Mellor, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Cathy Pickles (Lym); Susan McCabe (Brock); Rita Ford (Mil).

For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound: Contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

after 9.30am Mass on Saturdays in Lymington or by appointment

Masses & Services for the coming week

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Jimmy & Kathleen Swinden RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	19 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Alex Muci RIP	DMA
SUN	19 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	19 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 rd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	DMA
MON	20 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	ST JOSEPH - Solemnity - (W)	as per Celebrant	PWR
TUE	21 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	Margaret Rita Tew RIP	DMA
WED	22 nd	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	N/A	
WED	22 nd	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	as per Celebrant	PWR
WED	22 nd	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	All who are unwell	DMA
THU	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	Our Lady & St Joseph's School	DMA
FRI	24 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	Those with Family Problems	DMA
SAT	25 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	To Respect the Sanctity of Life	DMA
SAT	25 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Lent	All Mothers - Natural & Spiritual	DMA
SUN	26 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 th Sunday of Lent	as per Celebrant	PWR
SUN	26 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	26 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 th Sunday of Lent	Florence Esme Morrison RIP F/M	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections:

25th/26th March
Clergy Assistance Fund (Obligatory)

1st/2nd April
EMERGENCY CAFOD COLLECTION

Adoration & Silent Prayer at

Our Lady & St Joseph

Wednesday Evenings

7pm - 7.40pm

Mar 15th/22nd/29th &

April 5th

& repeated on

Thursday Mornings

10am - 10.40am

Mar 16th/23rd/30th &

April 6th

Each session 40mins

including 20 mins

teaching

A SPRING OF WATER WITHIN OUR HEARTS

The whole of the universe evidences an irrepressible "passion" and energy for connection, interaction and growth. Particles get together, elements interact, life emerges moving towards ever greater complexity and diversity. There is also a great thirst within us, within the human soul and in the whole of humanity. This is a thirst for the totally wonderful unconditional love and acceptance of God. Somehow we must have experienced this or we would not be able to recognise it and long for it. Some would say that as we issued forth from the creative hand of God we were kissed and embraced by a love so marvellous its memory cannot be totally eradicated. Even though we are born with a mysterious forgetfulness of this, the call of this love continues to exert its powerful influence. So every longing and desire and passion even the most distorted and depraved stems from a deep thirst and hunger of the soul for God. This is the "sickness" which needs healing.

It is into this blind, hopeless striving and searching that the Christ meets us in Jesus. As St Paul says: we were still helpless, still sinful, still "enemies" when Jesus died for us. And now we see that same, wonderful, unconditional love written loud and clear from the Cross. "What proves God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners".

We see this same quality of love in the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Even before she had revealed anything of her colourful life history Jesus was offering her the living water of his love. "if you only knew who it is that is speaking to you, you would have been the one to ask and he would have given you living water".

We imagine that we have to get ourselves right first. We have to prepare, deal with our sins, put everything in order and then we might be ready for God. Then God might deign to listen to us and be with us. But this is a doomed enterprise. Without Jesus we can do nothing. We are helpless and trapped in our little self-constructed worlds. Not only do we not know the way out. We do not even imagine there is anything else, any different way of seeing, of being, of relating. We don't even know the depths of joy and happiness we are missing. We think this is all there is. We are certainly helpless. So its not our love for God (there isn't much of that anyway), but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

And we mustn't wait for others to "get their lives in order" before we tell them of God's love for them. We must share the good news of God's love precisely so that, eventually, maybe even suddenly, in the power of that love they will discover hope and healing. Then some order may begin to come into their lives. So its not: get the morality right and the mysticism, the love relationship with God will follow. It's the other way round. We must let ourselves be seduced, captured by God, healed by God's mercy then the morality will eventually come right. After all God has been pretty tolerant of humanity - waiting for us to evolve & "grow up", and we still have such a long way to go!

We all have different preferences about liturgy and worship - this way or that way, this mountain or that mountain. Never mind what we think or want. Jesus reminds us that what is really important is what God wants. Jesus says his Father is seeking those who worship "in spirit and in truth". This is allowing God to see us as we are. It is being before God in our truth and it is being open, like a child, to the love, spirit, truth and being of God who is with us. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Mary Bridget Joyner (19th), James O'Hara (22nd), Anne Wilkins (23rd)

Sick & Housebound: Kathleen Connaughton, Mike Halle & Hilary Sendall.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – INTERNATIONAL TWINNING PROJECT: - CHARITY DINNER on Thursday 27th April 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Raft Rocks, Milford on Sea. The price is £18 per person for a delicious African themed two course meal with £5 going towards our charities. (payment on the night please). There will also be a fabulous raffle to raise additional funds. Please complete the booking form available in church and hand back to Roger or Liz by 24 April 2017.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY. We, at St Anne's, are starting to practise the Triduum music on every Monday until Monday 10th April. As last year, we meet at Cedric & Paddy Lark's home: Greenoaks, Wilverley Rd at 2.30pm. We would welcome anyone who enjoys singing at Mass. You will be offered refreshments after the work!

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Mary Morse (20th), Violet Patience (23rd), Rosa Palmieri, William Nicholas (25th)

Lenten Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 10am and will continue at this same day and time throughout the weeks of Lent, until Holy Week begins. More details later.

Please remember to continue to pray for: Anna Hubbard and Bliss Morris. **Also, any friend or neighbour** who is unwell, or simply housebound, Fr David and/or one of our Lay Ministers would be very glad to be told.

LOAVES & FISH. Thank you everyone who bought/ordered Henry bread. £50 has been donated to CAFOD Lenten Fast Day appeal, enough for materials to make two fish farm ponds as well as 250 fish to help stock them.

The CAFOD collection. You will be glad to know that last Sunday's Collection for this very important charity amounted to £300.14p, not yet gift-aided.

Warmth for the Homeless. Please put into the box that is provided at the back of the church any surplus warm clothes that you are no longer needing: hat, gloves, scarves or sweaters. They will be distributed to people who are, sadly, living on the streets in and around Southampton. So many people are having a seriously difficult time at the moment, mostly, not through any fault of their own. So please be generous with warm clothing and with our Food Bank.

The Charity Folk Concert. We set our target audience at 100 people and despite torrential rain on the night, this was well exceeded. The total raised through entrance fees, the raffles and the generous catering contributions was £1,004. St Anne's will send half of this to the 'Honeypot' charity, while our Anglican friends will use the other half to send to 'Gateway'. Our thanks to everyone who helped in any way. This was definitely a night of 'good news' amongst all of our Christian communities, an excellent way to joyfully put into practise Pope Francis' call to a New Evangelisation.

The Monthly Parish Pub Lunch. Starting from this month, we will meet on the LAST Wednesday of each month and, for the moment, will continue to meet at the Foresters Arms from Noon, or as near to that time as you can manage. So, we meet this month on Wed.29th March.

Final Word: The preparation for Holy Week for the choir started last week and we remain open for anyone who would like to join us at 2.30pm on Mondays. We are smaller than we were, but to be able to help the Celebrant with this powerful liturgy that tells the story of the Lord's death and Resurrection, is surely more than worthwhile. Think about it, and we would welcome you if you come to join us.

Portsmouth People is gathering the dust again.....

If you have anything you wish to publicise, send it to greenoaks@waitrose.com by Thursday please.

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ENGAGED AND PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE? An **Engaged Encounter Weekend** gives you the perfect opportunity. We recommend that couples attend a Weekend well in advance, ideally at least six months before their wedding day. A weekend is to be held at Park Place, near Fareham between 31 March and 2 April. For further details please look on our website www.wwme.org.uk

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Clements (18th), Agnes Panniah (19th), Kathleen Harper (20th), Charles Waring (22nd), Archbishop John Henry King (23rd), Mary Scales, Alfreda Collins (24th)

Sick and Housebound: Terence & Betty Isles, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Patricia Mate. Prayers please for Kirstie Richard's father, Norman Hughes, who is seriously ill.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday after Mass or at 10.00am

HEARTFELT THANKS from Frances & Den Walker to those parishioners who so kindly remembered their daughter Debbie in their prayers. Debbie is feeling much better after the accident and they are hoping for a full recovery within the next 3-4 months.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB - NEXT EVENTS: an afternoon trip to Barton with tea at Sammy Miller on Monday 20th March and also our day trip to Exbury Gardens on Monday 10th April. We look forward to seeing you. For information or transport, please call Fran on 678525 or Audrey on 670158.

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A DAY OF REFLECTION for Ministers of Holy Communion is on 8th April in Joseph's Place. There are a few more places available for those who serve in other Ministries i.e. Ministers of the Word, Choir, Welcome, Flowers, Servers etc. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you would like to attend the day please let Cathy Pickles know a.s.a.p.cathypyx@aol.com or text to 07715 842006

ADORATION, TEACHING & SILENT PRAYER: on **Wednesdays evenings** (from 7.00pm to 7.40pm) in Lent, Mar 22nd/29th & April 5th. The teaching will be repeated on the **Thursday mornings**, between 10am and 11am, Mar 23rd/30th & April 6th. The total time for Adoration in each session will be about 40 mins. There will be about 20 mins teaching on silent (contemplative) prayer and about 20 mins for the practice of silent prayer. The prayer time will conclude with the silent blessing & reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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CAFOD – EMERGENCY APPEAL – FAMINE IN EAST

AFRICA & THE YEMEN: An emergency special collection will be taken on the weekend of April 1st/2nd. There are still plenty of CAFOD envelopes that can be used for Gift Aided donations.

DIVINE MERCY DAY OF REFLECTION - Saturday 22nd April: *May the message of God's merciful love, be made known to all the peoples of the earth and fill their hearts with hope.* In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, (23rd April) a day of reflection led by Father Des will be held at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU on Saturday 22nd April 2016. Coffee and Tea will be available from 10.00am for a 10.30am start and the day will finish at 4.00pm. The cost of the day: £20.00 (lunch and the celebration of Holy Mass is included). If you would like to be present, please contact Father Des either by email: fatherdes@icloud.com or phone 02380 292337 and leave a message.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?? Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? **If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 24th June 2017 at 11 am.** It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Or contact Liz Murphy at St Bede's Parish office on 01256 465214. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form. Alternatively send via email to above email address or by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass

MARRIED COUPLES: A Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity to enrich your marriage. The weekend is focussed on various aspects of relationship, including the Catholic Church's Vision for Marriage. Apart from mealtimes and the concluding Mass, the weekend is spent together as a couple. There are no group discussions. Here is a tremendous opportunity to enrich your relationship away from the stresses of everyday life. The next Weekend to be held in this area is at Park Place, near Fareham from 19 to 21 May. For further details please look on our website www.wwme.org.uk