

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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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	1 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	2 nd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	2 nd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	2 nd	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Finn Owen Howell	N/A	DMA
SUN	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	3 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	as per Celebrant	PWR
TUE	4 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	as per Celebrant	PWR
TUE	4 th	12 noon	Mass	St Anne	Requiem Mass - Kathleen Conway	Kathleen Conway RIP	DMA
WED	5 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	N/A	
WED	5 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	as per Celebrant	PWR
WED	5 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	Hanora Teresa Dunne RIP F/M	DMA
THU	6 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
FRI	7 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Lent (P)	Mary Margaret Ash RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SAT	8 th	12.30pm	Service	Our Lady	Marriage Commemoration	N/A	DMA
SAT	8 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	PalM Sunday (R)	Maude & Josef Fojt RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	9 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	PalM Sunday (R)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	9 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	PalM Sunday (R)	Dorothy Howland RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	9 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	PalM Sunday (R)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections:

1st/2nd April

EMERGENCY CAFOD COLLECTION

Adoration & Silent Prayer at

Our Lady & St Joseph
Wednesday Evenings
7pm - 7.40pm
& April 5th

& repeated on
Thursday Mornings
10am - 10.40am
April 6th
Each session 40mins including 20 mins teaching

THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE. As readers of John's Gospel we have the benefit of knowing the secret identity of Jesus as "the Christ". The Prologue (John 1: 1-18) has told us of the Divine Word (or Plan or Blueprint). Everything has life in this Word and Jesus is the Word made flesh. So when Jesus says he is "the resurrection and the life" we know he is talking not from the limitations of his human nature but from the infinite possibilities of God. We believe the universe has a source beyond itself. It has come into being from "nothingness" and will return to "nothingness", in its own time.

Holding together, reconciling and being reconciled with the mind-boggling & heart wrenching realities of this incredible life is what spirituality is all about. On the one hand the universe is vast beyond our capabilities of imagining, on the other hand each moment, each little sparrow, each person is uniquely precious. As Christians we believe this reality issues from love, is sustained by love and returns to love. But this love takes nothing away from its true reality, its finitude, its subjection to entropy or the 2nd law of thermodynamics. (Not that I understand any of this science, of course!) Just as we are one with the universe and not separate from it, so we are one with the Source of the universe and not separate from that Source.

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. He is before all things and in him all things hold together (Colossians 1: 15-17). Accepting, trusting & believing in this Creative Energy of God, the Source, the Word, the Christ, brings us into a deeper relationship and unity through conscious awareness. This is a whole, new life and level of existence.

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of existence. As Jesus says elsewhere: "Very truly, I tell you anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life" (John 5:24).

We need to keep all this in mind when listening to the Lazarus story. If the story is only about physical resuscitation it is of little ultimate use to us. Remember Martha, Mary & Lazarus have all since died. Jesus hasn't called anyone else back from the grave and even our canonised saints have not been able to repeat this miracle.

We notice in the story how Jesus deliberately allows the power of death to run its full course. He doesn't need to fear death as if its an ultimate disaster or tragedy for which there is no remedy, "those who believe in me, even though they die, they shall live" (John 11:25). Do we want to desperately cling on to our present earthly form or rather be one with the Source of the infinite possibility of all forms? The first must die, the second is the well-spring of all life.

So we remember the parable of the Prodigal Son, his father said: "for this son of mine was dead and is alive again, was lost and is found" Luke: 15:24. In Ephesians, Paul quotes the saying: "Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Eph 5:14). In another place Jesus says: "Leave the dead to bury their dead" (Luke 9:60). So Jesus can say to his followers: "Cure the sick, raise the dead to life, cleanse lepers, drive out demons" (Matt 10:8). It is clear from all this that both death and life have deeper meanings beyond the physical pulse. In the words of Paul: *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* (Rom 8: 38) (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: We remember all our departed family, friends, relations, parishioners and benefactors.

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

HOLY WEEK CHOIR: - Please see items below or opposite

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.

POSTAGE STAMPS – A BIG “THANK YOU”! The Webdale family, who continue to benefit from your generosity in collecting stamps for Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a condition which they live with, have written to say that the stamps collected here are by far the best and most interesting! Your steady and ongoing support is very much appreciated. Further details from Helen, and Margaret Langford.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Joseph Weeks, Maria Pinn (2nd), Maria Anna Foley, Christian Manley (3rd), Anthony Thorpe (4th), Michael Lane (6th)

We ask your prayers for Anna Hubbard and Kieran Holland, both of whom remain confined to their homes. They, and Bliss Morris need to know that they have our prayerful support.

KATHLEEN CONWAY RIP: Kathleen was the sister of Angela McAuliffe RIP. Kathleen lived on the IOW. Her **Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 4th April at 12 noon at St Anne's**. She was a very devout Catholic and lovely gentle lady. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place at 10am on Friday 7th April in St Anne's. This will be the last Friday morning devotions for this season of Lent.

ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL (HOLY WEEK) AT 7.30pm, Deacon Hilary will lead Christians of any denomination in a prayerful meditation of Christ's 'Stations' on his journey to his crucifixion. As we travel with him in our hearts, from Pilate's judgement, we pause to sing the *Stabat Mater* as we go. This prayerful gathering is becoming a tradition for this Christian community and we ask many members of St. Anne's to come and host our ecumenical friends, all sharing refreshments afterwards, giving us an occasion for prayer and socialising together.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR CHOIR MEMBERS: Please remember the following dates for the last few practises before the Holy Week Services begin. Tomorrow, Monday 3rd April at 2.30pm we meet in St Anne's church with John Hammond in preparation for Palm Sunday at 6pm and Easter Morning at 12 noon. That is the ONLY practice for those two services, so please do all you can to be there. You do not need your red folders, just bring the clear loose folder to this practise.

Next week, we meet with our Lymington friends at Our Lady and St Joseph's church TWICE! On Monday April 10th at **2.30pm** and again on Tuesday April 11th at **4.30pm**. After that, we leave the rest to the Lord!

100 Club. Congratulations to Ann Wright! Ann won the draw this month with number 47, winning the £100 prize. May you enjoy this pleasant wind-fall, Ann. New members are always welcome to join this club; the more to boost our parish funds. Just approach Anne Woolhouse, Bill Pignatelli or Cedric Lark to start your membership. If you don't know the faces for these names, anyone will direct you to one of them.

Newsletter items to Paddy at greenoaks@waitrose.com by Thurs please.

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HOPE IN DEMENTIA. Saturday 22nd April 10.00-1.00. Lymington Baptist Church. Do you know somebody with dementia? Do you struggle to communicate with them? Do you know how to support them? Louise Morse is a therapist with wide experience of older people, and communications manager with Pilgrim's Friend Society. She will talk about practical and spiritual support. Dr Jennifer Bute is a retired GP who herself has dementia. She will share from professional and personal experience. Her talk is called 'A glorious opportunity'! This should be a really helpful conference. Do your best to come! £10 per person. Email: conference@pilgrimsfriend.org.uk or through www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk

ETERNAL WISDOM – Spring, New Shoots and Spiritual Growth: on Saturday, 22nd April, 10am-4pm. The day costs £27 and is inclusive of a simple lunch and a booklet to take away. For all the details visit: <http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Eternal-Wisdom-leaflet-pdf.pdf> To book please contact Melanie on 01794830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Charles Cull (3rd), Joan Hoyle, John Bodell (4th), Bishop Anthony Emery (5th), John Horan, Brian Webb (6th), Bernard Turnbull, Lilian Cole, Martin Gourlay (7th)

Sick and Housebound: Terence & Betty Isles, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Patricia Mate.

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

ADORATION, TEACHING & SILENT PRAYER: last sessions on **Wednesday**, April 5th from 7pm until 7.40pm. The teaching part will be repeated on the **Thursday** April 6th 10am to 10.20am, then Adoration from 10.20am until 10.40am.

HOLY WEEK CHOIR MEMBERS: No practice this coming Monday. The whole choir will get together twice in the following week, **Monday, April 10th at 2.30pm in Our Lady and St. Joseph's church and again on Tuesday 11th at 4.30pm in the same place.** These changes were perhaps not clear to everyone when last we met, but the above dates are final!

The next meeting of the **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** is on the 4th April 2017, at 2.15 in Joseph's place. For this time only it is on the 1st Tuesday of the month - after that it will revert back to the second Tuesday of the month. Our speaker, John Avery, will tell us about the life of Mary Seacole, an independent lady from Jamaica who looked after the British Troops in the Crimea War. The talk will start at approximately 3pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: meets on Monday 3rd April from 2-4pm in Joseph's Place. Full program to include quiz, guess the name of the Easter bear, afternoon tea with surprise, prize for everyone bringing an Easter Bonnet. Outing to Exbury on 10th April - please bring your £5 ticket contribution. You can also book up for the boat trip on Monday 2nd May. Please call Fran on 678525 or Audrey on 670158 for transport or information. Everyone welcome.

100 CLUB 2017 - last call for 100 club subscriptions. The first draw of the year is next Sunday 9th April in Joseph's Place after Mass and will include the star prize. There are still some numbers available - please call Fran on 678525 or email fran.walker@talktalk.net if you would like more information.

HISTORY TALK: On the 4th April, there will be a talk given by John Avery, Southampton Heritage Talks, on Mary Seacole. She went to the Crimean War to help British soldiers at her own expense. She was a Jamaican business woman. The talk will take place on Tuesday 4th April at approx 3pm in Joseph's Place.

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Mon	10 th	9.30am Mass
Tues	11 th	9.30am Service of Word & Holy Communion 6.30pm – 7.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wed	12 th	9.30am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thu	13 th	10-11am Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri	14 th	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion 8.00pm Tenebrae Service
Sat	15 th	10-11am Sacrament of Reconciliation 8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday: 9am – St Francis; 10.30am – Our Lady; 12 noon – St Anne

YOUNG PEOPLE -Your Voice Matters – Mega Youth Poll: . If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: 7pm Saturday 6 May, 2017 St Thomas' Church, Lymington Brought to you by the Lymington Choral Society with its Musical Director, Michael Goldthorpe and Timothy Rice, Organ/Harpsichord. The Lymington Classical Players, Leader Marjory King. Soloists: Eleanor-Rose Sanderson-Nash, Soprano; Rosanna Cooper, Alto; Joel Williams, Tenor; Harry Thatcher, Bass. Tickets £15, £12.50 (gallery restricted view) - includes a glass of wine or soft drink. Accompanied children free entry. Available from Maxwell Hamilton, Lymington 01590 672191, Milford Community Centre 01590 644861, New Forest Stationers, New Milton 01425 620480 and on the door until sold out. Phone for tickets: 01425 614023 Monday to Saturday 9am – 7pm, Sunday 11am – 3pm. More Information: www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk Email: lcspubcity@hotmail.com.