

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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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 Week: 13th May - 21st May

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	13 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of Easter	Lily Pearce RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	14 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	14 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of Easter	Jack & Lily Hunter RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 th Sunday of Easter	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
MON	15 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	N/A	
TUE	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	CWL Intention - WUCWO	DMA
WED	17 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	N/A	
WED	17 th	10.00am	Unity Service	St Francis	Ecumenical Service	N/A	DMA
WED	17 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	As Per Celebrant	PWR
THU	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	Bert Cooper RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	19 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Ded. of Portsmouth Cathedral (F) (W)	Josephine Pope RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	20 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 5 th Week of Easter (W)	1st Holy Communion Children	DMA
SAT	20 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of Easter	As Per Celebrant	PWR
SUN	21 st	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	6 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	21 st	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of Easter	James & Kathleen Moore RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	21 st	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of baby William Francis Sherring	N/A	DMA
SUN	21 st	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	6 th Sunday of Easter	Neville Poole RIP, Maureen & family	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections:

May 27/28
Catholic Communications Network

June 17/18
Day for Life

The **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** would like to record a heart-felt thanks to the three parishes for their generosity in donating a total of **£656.65** (including £100 from a very kind anonymous patron) from the recent second collections. Your willingness to dig deep to support us knows no bounds and continues to surprise – thank you all. This money will help the SVP to practically help those less fortunate folk within our midst.

THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD: The imagery of royal priesthood comes from the Messianic interpretation of King David (1010 - 70 BC) who was both priest & king. It combines with the image of prophet as personified by Moses and with the power of holiness commanded by the Lord - *Be holy, for I am holy*. These male, Judeo-Christian images link up with the other more universal, though still predominantly masculine archetypes of priest, king, warrior & magician. These universal archetypes tend to operate at the unconscious level and are symbols of male energies and roles. Spiritual & psychological maturity for the individual and social and gender harmony for the collective involve finding appropriate balances, emphases and exchanges of male / female energies that nurture growth in freedom and responsibility.

Royal priesthood in our Christian framework provides us with a remarkably challenging & enriching vision. As St Peter wrote, every Christian, male or female is a member of the royal priesthood, the prophetic & holy people of God. We are all called to offer the spiritual sacrifices that Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God. In the framework of Christ there is, as St Paul wrote, no distinction between male and female, we are all one Person in Christ. This broad inclusive framework means that every quality, energy or attribute of the Holy Spirit is available to anyone, because we are not referring here to gender qualities but to divine qualities.

So the sacrifice that God is inviting is, first of all, the gift of ourselves. As St Paul wrote: *I appeal to you, therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies (i.e. selves) as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God; which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect* (Rom 12: 1-2).

The fruit that God is seeking, in us and for us, is for us to have life and have it to the full i.e. to reach spiritual and human maturity. It is to receive the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness & self-control as fruits of the Spirit. The practical sacrifices are part of this too. They are the day to day things that love calls us to do, the works of compassion, care, truth and justice.

This, together with our failings, sins, & weaknesses, is what we bring to God in the Eucharist. Then by a mysterious alchemy of the Spirit, from out of this blessed poverty & emptiness our healing, transformation and growth is wrought by God. By this process we become what we receive. If simple, plain, lifeless bread and wine can become Body & Blood of Christ, how much more do we become Body & Blood of Christ! Jesus didn't institute the Eucharist for us to be staring at it but for us to receive Christ & become Christ. We are part of the self of Christ as St Paul wrote: *he cannot disown his own self* (1 Tim 2:13). So, in the Eucharist, the Paschal Mystery, the pattern of death & resurrection of the Christ is not something happening out there, apart from us. It is happening in us & in our lives and in union with Christ we are the sacrifice that is being offered, (cfr Colossians 1:24-25).

The Eucharist is the ritual, liturgical expression of this Mystery of Christ's death & resurrection that is happening continually in our lives. So the ministerial or ordained priesthood is only as such to be of service to the Body of Christ, the Church. This service is primarily liturgical. It takes place when the community gathers for prayer & worship, especially the Eucharist. It represents Christ in his priesthood. Indeed there is only Christ, he is the only priest. The ordained ministry obviously performs a very vital role. However, we must not exaggerate the importance of the ordained priesthood (cfr 1 Cor 12). The ministers are there for the people, the people are not there for the ministers. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Robert Thomas Gerard Patey (17th), Jane Tinsley, Constance Elizabeth Violet Slade-Jones (20th)

Sick & Housebound: Sarah Bell, Kathleen Connaughton & Hilary Sendall.

A BIG THANK YOU! for kindly supporting our forthcoming **Service on Wednesday 17 May, 10am**, with Welcoming and Refreshments and Flowers. The other Services in our Week of Unity are: Monday 15th 7:30pm @ Methodist Church; Tuesday 16th 7:30pm @ All Saints; Thursday 18th 7:30pm @ Baptist Church; Friday 19th 10am @ St Mary's Everton. Please participate in and support these Ecumenical Services round our community where you can.

HELP NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA: At a recent meeting of our PPC it was decided that the Guide Hut Garden that we have used for this event in the past is now becoming a health and safety issue, posing a challenge to some of our parishioners due to the steep slope and all the steps required to enter the premises. As our Strawberry Cream Tea has always proved a popular social event, and a good fund raiser for our African Charities, we would be sorry to see it go and would love to hear **if we have any kind parishioners out there who have a garden big enough to 'house' approximately 30 people** plus sufficient cover in case the weather is inclement. (and who would be willing to let us 'borrow' this for one afternoon in August). If anyone has any ideas regarding such a venue please contact Di Mussert or any member of the PPC. Many thanks.

CHURCH SIDE DOOR – IMPORTANT: with immediate effect and until further notice, the side door is not available for use during working hours from Monday to Friday. This is because there is a real risk of injury from falling debris. Please contact Andrew Fox if you have a need to access the church during these hours and do not have a key.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Patrick Heritage (14th), Erna Stanbury, Eric Griffiths (18th), Joseph Taylor, Andre Prove (20th)

Don't forget our friends who are unwell and rely upon our prayers for them. They are Eileen Dunn, Kieran Holland, Anna Hubbard and Bliss Morris.

On Wednesday from 9.30am, our Rosary Group, keeping Peace in Syria as their intention, continued together with the Mysteries of Light, as instigated by Pope St John Paul II. We are certainly open to anyone who would care to join us this coming week for the Sorrowful Mysteries. Our intention remains the same throughout the month of May.

The 100 Club. During the month of June, members of this club are asked to renew their subscriptions. Bill, Cedric and Anne will be available after Mass then, to collect your monies. We would also welcome many of you as new members! So please consider joining, if you haven't already done so and thus boost the prize money which, at present, we are hard pressed to maintain.

The Summer Fete. It was stated last week that different stalls would make their appeals. We started with the Tombola, but must admit that no bottles have arrived so far, as a result. Still hoping!

This week: - Please remember the plant stall whenever you are in your garden (or at a garden centre?) Why not plant a few extra seeds, or pot up divided plants – of the indoor or outdoor variety. Label your pottings, especially those of a reasonable size, giving a little description of the more unusual ones. Every little effort on your part helps the garden stall.

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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Jack & Lily Hunter, Fr Abraham Jacob, Eila Farie (13th), John Slater, Richard Mark Uniacke (14th), Alice Marsh (15th), Pauline Agnes Gregory, Gary Stratton, Ruby Harris (16th), Peter Henry, Barbara De Vere-Hunt (17th), Colleen Hunter (18th), Cecilia Moverley, Paul Neary (19th)

Sick and Housebound: Cathy Pickles, Terence & Betty Isles, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Mary Norton, , Chrissie James, Patricia Mate, Peter Strubin.

CARLA MORGAN RIP: Sadly we heard that Carla died last week. She was being cared for in Solent Mead Nursing Home and was regularly visited by our Ministers of Holy Communion. The parish has not been notified of the funeral arrangements. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

KNIT & STITCH will meet next Friday 19th May in the Hospitality Centre from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

All Parishes

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: We still require your help. We still need your 'eyes and your ears' to lead us to those lonely people (you don't have to be old in order to suffer depression and loneliness) who might welcome a chat and a cup of tea – we 'do' listening pretty well. Do you have someone in mind?

ANYONE WHO KNOWS THAT THEY ARE TO BE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL is encouraged to contact Fr David via the parish office with the dates and location of the hospital. The Sacrament of the Sick is available for everyone who is ill. It is a sacrament of strength, healing, peace and forgiveness. The sacrament can be given at home or in church after Mass. If anyone needs an emergency admission they are encouraged to instruct their next of kin to let Fr David know so that chaplaincy care at the hospital can be arranged.

DISCIPLESHIP IN A CHANGING CHURCH: Prof. Werner G Jeanrond, Master of St Benet's Hall, University of Oxford, will be giving a talk on this subject at St Peter's RC Church, Winchester on Saturday 17th June between 11am and 12.30pm. All welcome. For further information please visit www.acalltoaction.org.uk. Please use city car parks or Park & Ride if coming by car as parking at the church is very limited.

PRELIMINARY HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTION – A GREAT RESULT: Thanks to all those in our parish communities of St Francis, Our Lady & St Joseph & St Anne's who worked so hard to prepare for this important inspection. Both representatives from the Diocese & the Assessors were very delighted with our level of compliance. My special thanks to Linda Guilding for co-ordinating the preparatory work for this inspection. Of course we mustn't be complacent and we all recognise our responsibility to keep our premises and gatherings safe as far as possible.

WISDOM HOUSE, ROMSEY – EVENTS: Labyrinth Meditation (May 20th); Cream tea Fundraising to help women exploited by the sex trade (May 26th). For information tel: 01794 830206, or Email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk, or visit the website: wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk.

GOLF DAY - Join us for a relaxing day of Golf organised by the Catenian Association in aid of CAFOD's work overseas on 7 July at 12.30pm at Dummer Golf Course, Dummer Village, Basingstoke RG25 2AD. For more information and an application form please contact Dave McKenna on 07931 564064 or email dave.rose.mckenna@gmail.com

THE PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC DIOCESE APP is now available on Apple and Android and is free to download for your Smartphone or tablet from iTunes & Googleplay. Here you can find maps and information for your nearest Church, including Mass times, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will also find a regularly updated calendar of events and many other features relating to Catholic life. You can experience Jesus through a **Holy Half Hour**, filmed at St Cecilia's Abbey, with Bishop Philip presiding and Gregorian Chant from the Benedictine Sisters with further video content coming soon. Connect with Bishop Philip and with other people around the diocese through integrated social media feeds and other Catholic media.