

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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Website: www.nfwp.org.uk; **Parish Blog:** www.lymrcchurch.blogspot.com. **Registered Charity No:** 246871/2

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: 20th May - 28th May

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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
MON	22 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	As Per Celebrant	PWR
TUE	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	Special Intention	DMA
WED	24 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	N/A	
WED	24 th	10.00am	Word & HC	St Francis	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	N/A	
WED	24 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 6 th Week of Easter (W)	Tessa Joan Nally RIP F/M	DMA
THU	25 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Bede the Venerable Mem (W)	Holy Souls	DMA
FRI	26 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Philip Neri Mem (W)	For Those Who Are Unwell	DMA
SAT	27 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Augustine of Canterbury Feast (W)	1st Holy Communion Children	DMA
SAT	27 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	The Ascension of the Lord	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	21 st	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	The Ascension of the Lord	As Per Celebrant	PWR
SUN	28 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Ascension of the Lord	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	28 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of baby Grace Marie Fallon-Thorne	N/A	DMA
SUN	28 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	The Ascension of the Lord	People of the Parishes	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.

I WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus refers to the disciple who brings out from the store of spiritual wisdom, things both new and old (Matt 13:52). The irony is that often we are even unfamiliar with the old things. They seem new to us. One of the "old" things, if you will forgive the expression, is the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We know a little about the Holy Spirit but we know the Holy Spirit too little! Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit as another Advocate – a friend, a sponsor, a helper – to be with us forever. We must not be afraid. If we, who are evil, know how to can give good things to our children how much more will God give the Holy Spirit to those who pray! (cfr. Luke 11:13) The Spirit is within us and among us. We share, by God's free gift, in Jesus' relationship with the Father. We stand with Jesus receiving the Spirit and allowing the Spirit to pray within us "with sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

It is all about relationship. That is why the children "get into" the Kingdom. For children the most important thing is relationship: love, trust, sharing, affirmation, giving & receiving life at all levels.

Too often we think in our "adult" way about what we must do for God, or try to achieve; we bemoan our unworthiness, our un-readiness and any number of other excuses. Frankly God doesn't really care! Why do we imagine that we should or even can be worthy? Trust! Surrender! Believe! Receive! Invite the Divine Guest into your body, soul, mind and heart. The important thing is not what we do but what God does in us. We are God's children; we are the Body & Blood of Christ. The gentle, compassionate God is Mother and Father to us. If we are content to be with God, God is always content to be with us.

We do not have to do more but rather we need to allow God to be with us and work in us and through us. It is allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and inform our thinking, our words and our actions. It is the Holy Spirit who will inspire us with the old and the new. A new age requires new virtues, new qualities and a new vision. The predatory, dominator culture is obsolete now we must live by listening, sharing, co-operation, non-violence, love and peace. Only the Spirit working within can create us anew. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Owen John Marshall (21st)

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

THANK YOU: for your very generous support of our Unity Service on Wednesday. Over 30 attended, from all churches of our community. Thank you for participating, for Welcoming, Refreshments, Flowers and Music. The Final Blessing, shared by Father David with Rev Ros Hollingsworth and Gillian Peard was a special moment. Particular thanks to Elisabeth for the initial planning work, and to Peter and Andrew for ensuring our safe access during the building works. Helen

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: Henry Wardale (22nd), Emma Hooper (23rd), Tessa Nally (24th)

Your Prayers are asked for those in our community who are house-bound. Known to us are: Eileen Dunn, Kieran Holland, Anna Hubbard and Bliss Morris. Should anyone know of neighbours who need more help, do please contact Fr David or any one of our Lay Ministers.

The Rosary Group will meet again before Mass on Wednesday. Numbers were somewhat reduced last week, but hopefully will increase again, as we seek to petition heaven to bring peace to Syria, indeed to most of the Middle East. Together we will pray the Glorious Mysteries, gathering just before 9.30am. Please come and join us if you can

The Summer Fete. So far, we have reminded you of the Tombola and the Living Plant stall. This week, we look at the Second-hand Book stall. What do we need from you? First and foremost, we only want **paper-backs** that are in a good condition. What we do NOT want are any hard-backs! We're after those paper-backs that you have particularly enjoyed. When the work is done, most of us enjoy a 'good read!' So please help the book stall as much as you can.

The Choir. For a variety of reasons, the choir practises were unable to get started last week. We will be starting again this Monday, 22nd and hopefully, fortnightly thereafter. If there are any new people who would like to join us, you will be most welcome at Greenoaks, Wilverley Rd at 2.30pm. We enjoy a sociable time together after the work is done.

Intercessions. These we pray together after the Homily, every Sunday at Mass. Two people have been preparing these, alternating the months with each other, for a very long time now, and would welcome others taking over from us, or alternating with us on a bi-monthly basis perhaps? There will be help around, if you want it! If you are willing to consider being involved in either of these ways, please speak to Fr David and your offer will be very much welcomed by the two people concerned.

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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: James & Kathleen Moore, Madelena Jellousheg (20th), Madeleine Rowles (21st), James Russell (22nd), Mary Carr (23rd), Bridie Heneghan (25th)

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

FLOWER BOXES: The work on the flower boxes is now more or less complete. Those who have sponsored a box will have their dedication plaques attached in the next week or so. We will also put a security cover over the irrigation controller. If you would like to sponsor a box and have it dedicated to the memory of loved ones the cost is £250. A part sponsorship is also available at £50. The cost will include the provision of the plaque. Please contact Lisa in the Parish Office for further details.

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.

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.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND will be on 30th September and 1st October this year at St. George Catholic College, Swaythling, Southampton, SO163DQ. A "Faith Filled" weekend with Teachings, Praise & Worship, Seminars, Daily Mass, Dramas & Mimes and Reconciliation. A real celebration of our faith. Children's streams are available with age appropriate teaching. Full details are available on www.celebrateconference.org or phone Peter & Lynda on 02380292058.