

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. **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: 27th May - 4th June

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	27 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	The Ascension of the Lord	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	28 th	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	Victims of Manchester Bombing	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
MON	29 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 7 th Week of Easter (W)	As Per Celebrant	PWR
TUE	30 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 7 th Week of Easter (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	31 st	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	The Visitation of the Bl.Virgin Mary, Feast (W)	N/A	
WED	31 st	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	The Visitation of the Bl.Virgin Mary, Feast (W)	Kathleen Connaughton (Peace)	DMA
WED	31 st	10.00am	Word & HC	St Anne	The Visitation of the Bl.Virgin Mary, Feast (W)	N/A	
THU	1 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Justin, Mem, (R)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
FRI	2 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 7 th Week of Easter (W)	J. Smith & M. E. Simpson RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	3 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Charles Lwanga et alia, Mem, (R)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	3 rd	11.30am	Baptism	St Anne	Baptism of Sabrina Louie Valentia Campbell	N/A	DMA
SAT	3 rd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Pentecost Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Pentecost Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Pentecost Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Pentecost Sunday	Sarah (Sally) Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections:

This Sunday: -May 27/28: Catholic Communications Network; **June 17/18** Day for Life

IN THE BODY HE WAS PUT TO DEATH, IN THE SPIRIT HE WAS RAISED TO LIFE (1 Peter 3: 18)

Jesus was not born as the Christ. A transfiguration, a morphing, a realization had to take place, even in Jesus, before he became the Anointed One in which everything else cohered and held together (see Colossians, Ephesians, and the prologue to John's Gospel). The resurrected Jesus is the Christ. The Risen Christ is Jesus but also bigger and beyond Jesus' individual form and lifetime.

My systematics professor used to say that if the Resurrection had been filmed, it probably would not have shown a man stepping out of the tomb holding a flag, as most Christian art illustrates. The camera probably would have recorded a huge flash of light. The Risen Christ is Jesus released from all space/time restrictions. He is beyond space; he is beyond time. He includes all of the spiritual and the physical world, reconciled within himself.

In the story of Christ's ascension as told in Acts (1:9-11), angels appear next to the disciples as they gaze after the rising figure. The angels ask, "Why are you standing here staring up into heaven?" Most of Christianity has been doing just that, straining to find the historical Jesus "up there." Where did he go? We've been obsessed with the question because we think the universe is divided into separate levels— heaven and earth. But it is one universe and all within it is transmuted and transformed by the glory of God. The whole point of the Incarnation and Risen Body is that the Christ is here—and always was! But now we have a story that allows us to imagine it just might be true.

In the Ascension Jesus didn't go anywhere. He became the universal omnipresent Body of Christ. That's why the final book of the Bible promises us a new heaven and a new earth. (Revelation 21:1), not an escape from earth. We focused on "going" to heaven instead of living on earth as Jesus did—which makes heaven and earth one. It is heaven all the way to heaven. What you choose now is exactly what you choose to be forever. God will not disappoint you. (*Fr Richard Rohr OFM, daily reflection for 27th Oct 2016*)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Phillips (30th), William Francis Presland (1st)

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

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for Kathleen Connaughton who is in hospital and is very weak & frail. Her time with us is now not expected to be long.

HELP NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA: 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..

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Catherina Playford (1st), Kathleen Clarke (2nd), Cecily Wood (3rd)

Please keep up your prayers for Kieran Holland, Anna Hubbard and Bliss Morris.

THE PARISH LUNCH takes place on Tuesday this week. We usually meet around 12md at 'The Foresters.'

OUR SUMMER FETE ON JUNE 17TH is drawing ever nearer! So far we have appealed for indoor and outdoor plants, good conditioned paperback books and items for the Tombola. Now, we draw your attention to another stall, valuable when you help us to make it so. This is our Gift stall, where we sell jewellery, toiletries and beautiful ornaments. So, those 'treasures' that you have, but for which you no longer have any use, now is your chance to give pleasure to someone else! Bring them to the church porch and our gift stall holders will be very grateful.

We have an excellent team of caterers, who help our visitors and the stall holders to enjoy a light lunch and an afternoon tea, but they do need our **HELP WITH THE HOME-MADE FOOD** that they provide for us. So PLEASE, would you help them by making a quiche, or some cake? Quiche-makers in particular, are really needed. More about catering next week!

The **ROSARY GROUP** will meet again before the Service of Word & Holy Communion on Wednesday. Ideally, just before 9.30am when we pray together, on this last Wednesday of May, the Joyful Mysteries, continuing our prayers for peace, especially in Syria. Everyone is, of course welcome.

THE 100 CLUB: This parish activity originated when the parish needed every pound that could be raised. Nowadays, whilst in better financial fettle, the 100 Club also has a social fun aspect and it is good to see that many parishioners have continued to support it. That is not to say that we do not need new members because we do, the number of supporters having fallen a little despite the prizes having remained the same. Hence we would really welcome some new subscribers, who should contact Anne Woolhouse, Cedric Lark or Bill Pignatelli so as to get started.

The **new 100 Club year** begins on the 1st of June with subscriptions remaining at £24 per annum, (the equivalent of £2 per month) for each number allotted to you. You may of course purchase more than one number to increase your chances of winning. Prizes for the coming year will be £100 in June, September and December, £60 in March and £40 in each of the remaining months. When we collect subscriptions in June we will be happy to have either cash or else cheques made payable to "PRCDTR-St. Anne's-Brockenhurst". Please do continue to keep the 100 Club going for the good of our parish!

The **PPC Minutes of the last Meeting** are now on the notice board. However, for those who don't quite manage to stop and read these, here are a few items for your attention: 1. The **Charity concert** arranged by Dawn Swarbrick and Cynthia Wilson will take place at St Saviour's on July 15th. Fuller details are in the Minutes. 2. Dawn is also hosting the parish **House Mass** on Friday 15th September. 3. The Social Committee are appealing for more help from parishioners not directly involved with the Summer Fete. 4. There is a general invitation for parishioners (younger ones included) to prepare the Intercessions for the Sunday Mass. Talk to Fr David, if interested..

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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Donald Wilson (27th), Ann Patricia Hooker, Mary Kyte (28th), Catherine Lowe (29th), William Gailey (2nd).

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

PENTECOST: Next weekend we celebrate this beautiful feast. As has been customary in our Parish on this weekend we would like to suggest **you wear or carry something red** to reflect the liturgical colour of this celebration - let's make our parish as vibrant as we can to welcome the 'Spirit of Truth'.

CATHY PICKLES: would like to express her heartfelt thanks for all the flowers, gifts and good wishes but, most importantly, all the prayers that have been offered for her during her recent absence! She's not out of the woods yet but hopes to be back among the community very soon. Please continue with your prayers

CWL: The next meeting of the CWL is 3pm on Tuesday 13th June at Eileen's house, for our strawberry tea.

HEALTH & SAFETY: If you have any first aid training, or you are a doctor or nurse, and attend the 6pm Mass on Saturday evening or 10.30am Mass on Sunday morning at OLSJ please make yourself known to Fr David.

BE AWARE: LIGHTING CANDLES – Adults must accompany all children when lighting candles. Please ensure your children do not play around in the sand or with the lighted candles. Care must be taken when reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc.

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

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT, PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY: Thursday

evening, 14th September 2017 at South Lawn Hotel, -

Children of the Universe Fund Raising Dinner. More information about this fun event closer to the time (from Keith & Rini Stuttaford).

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.

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

POSITION OF PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY - Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's Christchurch. Following Maureen's retirement after 21 dedicated years as our Parish Secretary the Parish wishes to appoint a paid Administrator/Secretary based at the Presbytery office in Purewell with effect from 31st July. The main purpose of the role will be to provide administrative and secretarial support to Fr. Tom and, where appropriate, Parish leadership. The successful candidate must be able to engage at all levels in a pleasant and positive manner. A working knowledge of Microsoft Office incl. Excel will be needed. An understanding of internet based Social Networks would be useful. The post is offered at 8hrs a week with the days & times to be agreed. The Application form, Job Description and Equal Ops Monitoring form are available from Fr. Tom. Closing date for Applications: Friday 12 noon 16th June with Interviews to be held on: Wednesday 21st June.