

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); Theresa Yates (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: 24th June - 2nd July

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	24 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	25 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	25 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	25 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Winifred Mary Nicholas RIP F/M	DMA
MON	26 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
TUE	27 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	John Barry Ball RIP F/M	DMA
WED	28 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	St Irenaeus, Mem, (R)	N/A	
WED	28 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Irenaeus, Mem, (R)	Those who are unwell	DMA
WED	28 th	10.00am	Word & HC	St Anne	St Irenaeus, Mem, (R)	N/A	
THU	29 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Ss Peter & Paul, Solemnity, Holy Day, (R)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
THU	29 th	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	Ss Peter & Paul, Solemnity, Holy Day, (R)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THU	29 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Ss Peter & Paul, Solemnity, Holy Day, (R)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	30 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	As Per Celebrant	PWR
SAT	1 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Ernest Ash RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	1 st	12 noon	Mass	St Anne	Votive Mass of Our Lady (W)	The Catenians	DMA
SAT	1 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	As Per Celebrant	FD
SUN	2 nd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	David Bell RIP Anniv	FD
SUN	2 nd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	As Per Celebrant	FD
SUN	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

TODAY - June 24/25 - Peter's Pence; July 1/2 APF Missio Appeal; July 8/9 - Apostleship of the Sea

THE LORD IS AT OUR SIDE – A MIGHTY HERO

Our gospel today is full of paradox. Three times Jesus says: "Do not be afraid". Then Jesus says that if we should fear anyone we should fear God who has the ultimate power. Then Jesus counters this by saying that God has compassion even for the sparrows. But God respects us deeply and also respects the radical choices we make. God does not force herself upon us if that is not what we really want.

There is no neat and easy solution to this paradox and we should be suspicious if any were offered. The paradox arises from the meeting of two freedoms, God's and ours. If we allow God's love to fill us, to hold us and keep us then no earthly terror, or power, or evil can have the ultimate victory over us ("Do not fear those who can kill the body..."). But this is scary stuff and Jesus needs to constantly reassure us not to be afraid.

Of course in our cosy Western Christianity we have effectively neutralised any danger of being rejected by the world. Our Christianity is so lukewarm, our confrontation of injustice and evil so weak that no one bothers to persecute us! Our danger is not in denying Jesus with words. We are very good at protestations of faith. Our danger is to deny Jesus by our actions, or lack of them.

We need to ask ourselves what we are really afraid of. Is it the ridicule of others or the rejection of others? Is it physical pain and discomfort? Is it the loss of wealth and prestige? Jesus says that if we insist on living out of fear then just remember who should be feared the most! So let's fear God if it brings us back into God's love and truth. Jesus is not talking about ultimate rewards and punishments because God's love is beyond all that (the free gift of grace comes after sin and considerably outweighs the sin!).

Jesus is challenging us here and now to make a decision. God is the only source of our good. If you are a follower of Jesus you are assured of ultimate victory. If we allow God to lovingly hold us and lead us then fear will gradually be banished from our lives. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Alice Mary Jackson, Christopher Nolan (26th), Winifred Smyth (Smith) (30th), Filippus Michael Militsopoulos, Jane Mary Beavan (1st)

Sick & Housebound: Audrey Heneghan, Sarah Bell, Kathleen Connaughton, Sean McVeigh & Hilary Sendall.

WEDNESDAY MASS now restored. Building work on chimney is completed.

AUDREY HENEGHAN: (until recently living in New Milton) has moved into St. George's Nursing Home in Milford, suffering from dementia. When Fr. Ververne was Parish Priest in Milford we were linked with New Milton rather than Lymington, as Fr. Clement did not feel he could cope with two parishes so Fr. Ververne had pity on us here in Milford and agreed to take over the duties. Audrey was one of those highly organised ladies and among other things arranged lots of the social activities of both parishes with help from many people in Milford. She organised such things as going to the Chrism Mass in Portsmouth, Pilgrimages including one for the 150th Anniversary of Our Lady's visit to Lourdes. Fr. Ververne's retirement party and the running of the choir. etc. etc. I would be very grateful if you could give her current news to the Milford Parishioners. Some parishioners here at St Francis will remember her. *(Thanks to Sarah Bell for this information)*

WEDS 19 JULY 2PM : As ever, we are cordially invited to All Saints' Church for the Mothers' Union Annual Service, followed by Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall. Guest Speaker is Gillian Peard on the theme of "Faith in Action". Please let Helen know if you can attend, **by Sunday 2 July**. Thank you.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Teresa Longman (25th), Annesley Vere (27th)

Please remember in your prayers: Anne Hubbard, Bliss Morris, Eileen Dunn and Kieran Holland. Should you note the unusual absence of movement from a neighbour, then discover that they are no longer well, please let Fr. David or a Lay Minister know.

The Summer Fete this year made the princely sum of £1737. 72p. Well done, everyone! As well as raising money for our two chosen charities, it was a great social occasion, especially with such enjoyable goodies in the lunch-and-tea corner! The Lark family would like to add a special note of thanks for the hugely generous bottle donations, which resulted in record takings from the Tombola.

Then we offered our thanks to Kevin Reardon on the day after the fete! Well done Kevin for such faithful service on the altar for forty years, which gave us all the excuse to celebrate again! We're very grateful to members of the Social Committee for so much hard work. It was all just so good!

Now for more forthcoming events: First, there is a Three Choir Concert at St Saviour's on Saturday 24th June, which starts at 6pm. There is also a saxophone concert on Monday July 10th at 7.30pm in St Saviours. On Saturday 15th July, we have our own Charity Concert in St. Anne's Church, also commencing at 7.30pm

Churches Together will have **Songs of Praise** on Sunday 16th July at 3pm, hopefully in the gardens of St Saviour's. So be sure your diaries are marked so that you don't miss these opportunities.

To our young people: Don't miss the section for all parishes, where you will find the details of the Summer Camp;

'Fanning the Flame'

To Members of the choir: We're back to normal times this week, so please remember there is a choir practise on Monday, 26th at 2.30pm.

A new resident By the time of next weekend's Sunday Mass in St. Anne's Fr. David Quarumby should have taken up residence in the newly-created self-contained flat on the first floor of the presbytery. He is much looking forward to being associated with our parish so let us make sure that he receives a very warm welcome here.

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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Joseph Dowd, Patricia Waring, Frank Bartlett (24th), John Moffet (25th), Douglas Kelleher (26th), Doreen Manikum, Ethna Cuthbert (27th), Charles McCartan, Allan Brundrett (28th), Eileen Finn (29th), Eileen Aylward (30th)

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

SPECIAL THANKS: to Cathy Pickles and all who helped make the First Holy Communion celebration a very memorable occasion.

PARISH BAR-B-Q - DATE FOR THE DIARY: This will be held on Sunday, 13th August.

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 a one off payment of £250. A part sponsorship is similarly available at £50. The cost will include the provision of the plaque. Cheques should be made payable to: "PRCDTR-Lymington-Our Lady". Please contact Lisa in the Parish Office for further details.

All Parishes

NEXT WEEKEND: we welcome Fr Frank downs will be appealing on behalf of APF Missio (Red Boxes) This will NOT involve a second collection. He will be celebrating all Sunday Masses except at St Anne's, Brockenhurst because he has to attend a funeral at the beginning of the week and needs to be away early on Sunday afternoon.

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).

BROCKENHURST MUSIC SOCIETY : Kaleidoscope Saxophone Quartet, Monday 10th July 7.30pm, St Saviour's church, Brockenhurst Tickets £10 from Streets Ironmongers or £12 on the door.

SUMMER CHARITY CONCERT: Saturday 15th July @ 7.30pm, **St Anne's church**, Brockenhurst. Entry and interval refreshments by donation in aid of The Honeypt children's charity and Medecins sans Frontieres; Carol Johnson - Mezzo soprano, Accompanist Paul Spanton; The Frday Girls with David Hanks Bass/Baritone, Accompanist Cynthia Wilson

FANNING THE FLAME: Faith, Fun & fellowship Summer Camp, 21st - 25th August for ages 10-25yrs. Venue: St Dominic's Priory, Sway. For more information and booking forms: visit www.fanningtheflame.co.uk or email: ftfcm1995@gmail.com

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.

SELF DEVELOPMENT DAY – AT WISDOM HOUSE, ROMSEY: In today's busy world we can easily forget who we are and fall into patterns of behaviour which might not help us. If this resonates with how you sometimes feel then you may find our day on **Saturday 15th July (10am – 4pm) useful.** The day is open to those of all faiths and none, and led by Carolyn Langlands, a qualified and experienced Psychotherapist and Trainer. When our emotions are too powerful and overwhelming they can ultimately hold us back from being the people we want to be. Drawing inspiration from Acceptance and Commitment therapy, this self-development day aims to bring to our awareness how our everyday behaviours influence our emotional life; through mindful observance of the things we do, we can become aware of the impact our behaviour and that of others on us, as well as what we can do to change those behaviours that are less helpful to us. The day will involve fostering a deeper sense of self-awareness through various practical activities, as well as learning how to be mindful in everyday life. **To book please call Wisdom Centre** on 01794 830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk. **The contribution for the day is £29 which includes lunch, refreshments and afternoon tea and cake.** A booking form is attached and we can take payments by cheque, cash or bacs. A booking form can be found on this link. http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Self-Development-Day_leaflet.pdf. Please note that the date on our website for this day states the 17th. Please ignore this as it is meant to read the 15th. We apologise for any confusion.