

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
Park Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PT

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School: Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. **Head of School:** Nanette Allies

Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils: Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Henry Mellor, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea

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PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator : Linda Guilding; **Health & Safety Reps St Francis:** Colin Stack & John

Parry . **For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound:** Contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

From 10 - 10.30am after Mass on Saturdays or by request

Masses & Services for the Week: 30th September - 8th October

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	30 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	1 st	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	1 st	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
SUN	1 st	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	dec'd of the Dunne family	DMA
MON	2 nd	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	Holy Guardian Angels, Mem, (W)	N/A	
TUE	3 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	William Bryant RIP	DMA
WED	4 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	St Francis of Assisi, Mem, (W)	N/A	
WED	4 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Francis of Assisi, Patronal Feast, (W)	People of the Parish	DMA
WED	4 th	10.00am	Word & HC	St Anne	St Francis of Assisi, Mem, (W)	N/A	
THU	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Fred Warrilow RIP Anniv	DMA
FRI	6 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	James Barry-Ball RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	7 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady of the Rosary, Mem, (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	7 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Paul Milbourn RIP	DMA
SUN	8 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	8 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	8 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of Harper Lily Bates	N/A	DMA
SUN	8 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	In Thanksgiving for 50yrs of Marriage	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

Sept 30/Oct 1 - CAFOD Harvest appeal; Oct 7/8 - CAFOD Harvest Collection;

Oct 14/15 - SVP Appeal & Collection; Oct 21/22 - Foreign Missions Collection; Nov 4/5 Bamenda Collection

GETTING INTO THE DANCE

True religion is not first morality and then relationship. It is first relationship and then morality.

Think of the way a family nurtures a new baby. First come the bonds of joy, love, tenderness and belonging. The first years are fairly crucial. If the right foundations are laid the young person can go forward with confidence, self-worth and trust. They are free enough to begin taking responsibility and seeing beyond their own needs. They learn that right and wrong have their source in love. In the absence of sufficient love and affirmation a person becomes haunted by a certain emptiness and a feeling of unworthiness. It becomes more difficult to break free from the preoccupation with one's own needs. It takes longer to begin responding to the needs of others.

This development pattern is also true in our relationship with God. It is not us loving God so that God will have to love us. It is God loving us first so that we can love in return. We do not get it all right and then enter the "kingdom" of God's loving friendship. The offer of God's friendship is given to us and then we begin to get it right. If we have fear and anxiety as the foundation of our relationship with God we will continually try to win God over. Our spiritual lives will be very self-centred.

We won't be able to share the Good News because deep down we haven't heard it ourselves. We can't give what we haven't got.

This explains why we can take years anxiously struggling to be good and holy. We either give up in discouragement or deny the shadow both to ourselves and others. We then have to fabricate a righteousness to mask the shadow. We cannot imagine God loving us with our sins and weaknesses. Deep down we resent the effort to "make God love us" and we don't really like the false image of God we have in our imaginations. It is no wonder that joy does not characterise our Christianity as much as it should.

It may be shocking to us but "the tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before" us. There isn't any indication here that tax collectors and prostitutes have been able to instantly change their occupations. What has changed is that they have accepted God into their lives. They have accepted God's undeserved love. They agreed to join the dance. The joy and strength this love gives will enable them to let go of anything that is not right in God's eyes. Pope Francis wants the whole Church to receive again with joy this liberating and enabling loving mercy of God (DMA).

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Teresa Baker (1st), Ethel Maud Jackson, Robert Francis Norman Lester (3rd), Arthur Rowland Bryant (4th)

Sick & Housebound: Audrey Heneghan, Hannah McArthur, Sean McVeigh & Hilary Sendall.

Remembrance Sunday: The Royal British Legion Milford Branch want us to be involved in their annual services on 12th November, at Keyhaven at 2pm and/or All Saints' at 3pm. Would anyone like to join with another, or by themselves, on behalf of St Francis Church, subscribe to a wreath which cost anything from £12 upwards and have the option of laying them on the day? Please speak to Anthony after Mass today or 645521.

Autumn Study Groups: An Ecumenical group starts at 7:30pm on Monday 2nd Oct weekly, at the Methodist Church and another started at 11:30am on Tuesday 26th Sept fortnightly at Everton church. We will be following a short course called "The Mystery of Everything" based on the life of Professor Stephen Hawking. You will be very welcome, just turn up.

CHORAL CONCERT CHARITY, FRIDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 7.30pm at St Francis of Assisi Church, Park Lane Milford-on-Sea, SO41 OPT. Tickets £10 – refreshments included. Proceeds in aid of refugees and International charity projects. Tickets on the door.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Margaret O'Donnell, Evelyn Wardale (3rd), Max Mueller (4th), Ellen Skillen (5th), Honoria Christina Beevers (7th)

Please remember in your prayers: Kieran Holland who is now becoming extremely frail, but still remembers some of his old friends in the parish and asks after them. Also, keep in your hearts and prayers Anna Hubbard, Eileen Dunn, Bliss Morris and Jo Chatterton.

Henrietta Reynolds is recovering well from her surgery and wishes to thank her friends for their support and their prayers.

FAREWELL & THANKS: to Rev Dr Stephen Morgan who will be preaching at St Anne's this Sunday for the last time. We will present Deacon Stephen with a farewell gift from all three parishes. There will be refreshments after Mass.

Mass in St Anne's. Fr Quarmby will say a 10am Mass ONLY on Monday and Saturday this week Unfortunately because Fr Peter Ryan is away and St Francis has their patronal feast day on Wednesday there will have to be a Word & Communion service at St Anne's

HELEN AND BILL'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY : Helen and Bill are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary next weekend the 7/8th October. The 6 pm Mass on the 8th October will be offered in thanksgiving for their 50 years of marriage. They would be delighted if you would join them after Mass in the parish rooms for some Prosecco and cake and a small buffet.

THERE WILL BE A YOUTH MASS, celebrating Bill's and Helen's Golden Wedding- as well as Harvest time - next Sunday, 8th October. I'm told there's a dry biscuit or two in the Parish Room after Mass!!??**

October already! This is the month devoted to Mary's Rosary. We will be praying a Mystery of the Rosary at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel each Wednesday of the month, starting promptly at 9.30am, before the Wednesday Parish Mass (or Service) at 10am. There is plenty to pray for in our war torn world to Our Lady Queen of Peace!

BASICS BANK. Our thanks goes to those good people who kindly remembered to provide extra items of food for this charity who were helping to add supplies to this very needy charity by celebrating Harvest time. Don't forget the basket, still in the porch, that invites our much needed help and support to continue

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA – PROJECT "STELLA MARIS": A team of four from St Anne's is now ready for their duty on Wednesday, 15th November at St Bernard's, Holbury, 6pm-10pm. **It would be very good to have a few more to provide support and backup. So if anyone is free on at least one Wednesday evening a month please let Fr David know.** Teams from Milford and Lymington will be covering other Wednesdays.

A CONCERT given by Bournemouth Male Voice Choir & The Friday Girls, on Saturday 14th October, 7.00pm at St. Saviours' church, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SP. Free entry with retiring donations : Street Pastors & Barnabas Fund & Church Funds.

Be Prepared! Please mark your diaries so that you are free to come to the **Parish Annual General Meeting**, which this year, is to be held after Mass, on Sunday 12th November.

Please remember your sub-editor and keep the sheet alive and up to date. Just tell me the item and I'll write up the rest. Send it to greenoaks@waitrose.com before Thursday lunch time. Thank you!

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: William Young (30th), Brynley Jones, Elizabeth Ellen Hutchins, Sheila Cozens (1st) Ruth Gallagher, Joseph Dyer (3rd), Rosina Dorothy Morton Hughes, Mary 'Molly' Holliday (4th), John McGovern, Caroline Sherley-Price, Sheron Ann Whitlock, Shannon Marie Barnett (5th)

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

INTRODUCTION TO ALTAR SERVING: I will be holding a second introduction to Altar Serving this Sunday: 1st Oct at 11.30am after Mass. If you are interested just turn up. Mike Reynolds.

CANCELLATION OF MEETING: Unfortunately, it has been necessary to cancel the **CWL meeting** scheduled for 10th October.

100 CLUB DRAW: takes place in Joseph's Place after Mass on Sunday with cash prizes for distribution.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB meeting on Monday 2nd October from 2-4pm in Joseph's Place. Usual program of quiz, raffle, afternoon tea. We will also hear from Trevor Gought about The Falkland Islands in 1982 and 2017. We will be taking names for our next outing to The New Forest and Beaulieu on Monday 16th October. For information or transport please call Fran 678525. Free admission - everyone most welcome.

All Parishes

CAFOD APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

MASS COUNT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES IN OCTOBER, PLEASE

CAFOD Harvest Fast day Friday 6th October: This Harvest fast day we are standing with Eldemira, a farmer in El Salvador as she works to provide for her family. With your help CAFOD has given her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please help us to give this support to other farmers by picking up a fast day envelope and giving whatever you can. Many thanks.

The 'Domestic Church' or **How can we live out our faith in our busy and chaotic home lives?** Workshop and discussion led by Lucy and Paul Docherty. Saturday 14th of October, 1600-1745, Mass at 6pm. St Peter's RC Church, Winchester.

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EVENTS AT WISDOM HOUSE, ROMSEY: Celtic

Contemplation: A follow up from our popular February day on the Celtic Saints. This day takes us into contemplation. Date: 21st October 2017. Cost: £29 to include lunch, refreshments and afternoon tea.

To Book: Call Wisdom Centre on 01794 830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey for details

New Community and Wellbeing Programme - Drop in on a Wednesday Evenings

Meditation: Contemplative Wisdom in Christian and other traditions - For all faiths and none. Every Wednesday Evening 7.30-8.30pm. Cost: Donations welcome

Craft and Chatter: Knitting, patchwork, crochet, card making and more... Come along with a project, or use our simple ideas! Every Wednesday Evening 7.30-9.30pm. Cost: £3.00 to include refreshments. If you are thinking of coming along please let us know so we get an idea of how many chairs to put out!

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