

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 OPT

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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

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Cathy Pickles (Lym); Susan McCabe (Brock); Liz White (Mil).

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: 11th November - 19th November

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Remembrance Sunday / Holy Souls	Casualties of war & the Holy Souls	DMA
SUN	12 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Remembrance Sunday / Holy Souls	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	12 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Remembrance Sunday / Holy Souls	Casualties of war & the Holy Souls	DMA
SUN	12 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Remembrance Sunday / Holy Souls	Casualties of war & the Holy Souls	DMA
MON	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	14 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Harry Newenham RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
WED	15 th	10.00am	Requiem Mass	St Francis	Requiem Mass	Pat Marshall RIP	DMA
WED	15 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	Jean Kavanagh RIP Anniv	DQ
WED	15 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
THU	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Edmund of Abingdon, Solemnity, (W)	Patience Nicholson RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Weld Family Living and Dead F/M	DMA
SAT	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	For Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Maude & Josef Fojt RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	19 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Mary Adair RIP F/M	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

see notice re: Apostleship of the Sea Appeal

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN : What do we do, as Christians, on Remembrance Day & All Souls Day? We may remember those who are no longer with us on this side of life, people we knew & loved and miss; we may remember those who died in war. We may honour extraordinary courage and self-sacrifice and mourn tragic sequences of events, cruel and merciless carnage or a staggering blindness that led to folly on a monumental scale. Whatever the experience of our remembering & our mourning, it will doubtless move us deeply whether we are alone, or with others, being silent or joining together in words & music, shedding tears without or within.

The follower of Jesus can never see war as anything but a fruit of failure and tragedy. As a well-known song puts it: the military solution always leads to something worse. War is never a good thing. In some extreme situations it may be a necessary evil. War invariably creates as many problems as it tries to solve, often it creates more. We can never celebrate it or glory in it. It always represents a failure of the ideal, which is peaceful coexistence. Both innocent and guilty are swept up in its turmoil and become victims. Bodies are broken, scarred and maimed, souls are numbed and traumatised and spirits soar either to heights of self-sacrifice and courage or sink to depths of dark, demonic brutality. This means that mourning invites us to take a prophetic stance against the cultural and economic dynamics that rely on and exploit war. It calls us to challenge politics of hate and oppression.

It calls us to expose the lie that creates an enemy "over there" in order to absolve us from facing our own darkness & problems "over here".

So we mourn and we pray for all the departed and especially for those who lost their lives as a result of war. We are united with the whole of humanity in creation, in sin and death, and united with humanity in redemption and resurrection. Our trust & confidence is based on God's love: When I am lifted up from the earth, says Jesus, I shall draw all people to myself (John); God has imprisoned all people in their disobedience only to have mercy on all people (Romans 11).

Sin and death are God's enemies and our enemies and God wants to do away with their destructive power. God has done this by taking away the "sting" of death which is the power of sin to separate us from God. God reconciled us while we were still enemies. So the experience of death is transformed. It no longer symbolises separation from God but now, in Christ, it becomes the path to eternal life.

This is why we have to pray according to God's possibilities not according to our own impossibilities. That is why the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. So our prayer is not our own it is the prayer of the Spirit praying within us. The Spirit yearns for the revealing of God's children. The Spirit intercedes according to the mind of God. It is an expression of the eternal desire of God to unite all things in peace (cfr Eph 1; Col 1). We can no more refuse to pray than we can refuse to let God's love flow through us. Just as we have no excuse for withholding God's love from anyone, we have no excuse for blocking the desire of God for them, which is the prayer of the Spirit. The Spirit prays that all will be alive to God (Luke 20:37) (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Lavinia Noble (13th), Dennis Hayward, Eric Rees Jones (14th), Wazyl Mandzjij (16th), Anne Scarnell (18th)

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

PAT MARSHALL RIP: Pat's Requiem Mass & Committal Service will be celebrated at St Francis of Assisi Church on Wednesday, 15th November at 10.00am. The cremation will take place at Bournemouth Crematorium and will be unattended. We pray for Pat and her bereaved family. May Pat rest in peace and rise in glory.

THANKS TO: everyone who helped to organise the very successful charity concert and all those who supported. It was a great evening & after expenses, the sum of £801.48p was able to be distributed to the African Charities and the Women's Refuge.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Jean Heritage (12th), Douglas Cooper (15th), Patience Nicholson (16th), Kenneth Stanfield, William Hacking, Helen Bodkin, Jeanette Boylan (17th)

Please remember in your prayers: Kieran Holland, Anna Hubbard and Eileen Dunn. Also, please contact Fr David and/or a Lay Minister if you know of anyone else who is housebound and in need of a visit and perhaps Holy Communion.

Also, please remember Jo Chatterton who died recently. Take a leisurely glance at her photograph in the church porch, taken by the nurses. It will come down after Sunday. Jo's Funeral Service will take place at St Anne's on **Thursday, 23rd November at 11.30am** followed by burial in the cemetery near St Nicholas's Church. We pray for Jo and her bereaved family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Remember the Rosary that is still being prayed in the Lady Chapel on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am, praying for peace in our world.

Fr Quarmby will be celebrating Mass on each weekday this week.

Second Collections. In spite of being a pretty small parish, we continue to be as generous as we can for the fairly frequent second collections. We collected £169 for Bamenda last weekend, following the SVP collection the previous week.

Mass Count. The average attendance at the Sunday Masses this year was 67. This was an increase of 10% over last year.

Today. We'll meet one another in the Parish Room after Mass today, ready to listen to reports on the past year and ready to make any comments we may wish during the **Parish Annual General Meeting.** Come in fairly smartly to have a quick coffee first of all.

Date to Remember: Have you marked your diary for the Christmas Party? The date is Sunday December 17th and it usually commences at 12md. The more there are, the merrier, especially if our young families all join us!. See you there.

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!

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 2nd December 2017 from 12pm to 2pm at **St Dominic's Priory, Sway.**

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Following consultation with those who have organised this previously and to simplify the process & avoid duplication it has been decided to do the following: Clare Bassett will prepare at least 50 Christmas boxes for the seafarers. She will purchase the appropriate items (hats, gloves, scarves, chocolate & toiletries) & fill each box. **So CASH DONATIONS towards the cost of these items should be made in envelopes marked AOS & preferably with the name of the donor.** These can be put in the collection plates at each of the churches or delivered to 132 High St, Lymington.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Arthur Aylward, Gladys Doughty, Brian Frith (11th), Joanna Finn (12th), Frank Ashworth (13th), Mary Nutt (14th), Maud Christie, Ronald Twitchett (15th), Patrick Heath-Saunders (16th), Beatrice Hodgkinson-Price (17th)

Sick and Housebound: Jackie Hardy, Marcia Greenwood, Mai Wilson, Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next meeting is on the **Tuesday, 14th November at 2.15 in Joseph's Place**, Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph, Lymington. After the meeting at approx 3pm in Joseph's Place, we shall be having a talk given **by John O'Malley about the Orangutan Appeal UK** which he runs in Sway. He will be giving a picture presentation of the work they do. All are welcome to the talk.

ADVENT SERVICE - Awaiting the Dawn. A beautiful reflection of Advent in preparation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **Friday 8th December 2017 at Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph at 7.30pm.** As the Church will be lit by candle light only, you may wish to bring a small torch to follow the service.

CAFOD: Thank you for your generous support to CAFOD's recent Harvest Fast Day. The parish raised £679.39 which will mean more farmers around the world will be able to support their families, now and into the future. Please continue to pray for them and for CAFOD's work with the most vulnerable communities across the world.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: We have a Book of Remembrance on the Font at the back of the Church. We invite you to write in the book the names of your deceased relatives and friends. The book will then be placed on/near the Altar during the month of November.

DIARIES 2018: Free diaries available from the back of the church. Please do take one.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Lymington Choral Society, **7pm Saturday 2 December 2017 St Thomas' Church, Lymington.** Vivaldi Gloria, Saint-Saëns Oratorio de Noel and other seasonal music brought to you by the Choral Society, Musical Director, Michael Goldthorpe and Timothy Rice, Organ. The Lymington Classical Players, Leader Jack Maguire. Singers from local schools. Soloists from the London Conservatoires. **Tickets £15, £12.50 (gallery restricted view)** accompanied children free - includes a glass of wine or soft drink Available from Maxwell Hamilton, Lymington 01590 672191, Milford Community Centre 01590 644861, New Forest Stationers, New Milton 01425 620480 and on the door until sold out. Phone for tickets: 01425 614023 Monday to Saturday 9am – 7pm. More information: www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk Email: sheila.lcs@hotmail.com

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HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICES:

Accidents on church premises: If you have an accident on church premises please enter the details as soon as possible in the Accident Book located in each sacristy. This is required by the Diocese and the Diocesan Insurers.

First Aid boxes: The first Aid boxes can be found:

OLSJ : There is a first aid box in the Sacristy and one in the Jackie Griffiths room in Joseph's place.

St Anne's: There is a first aid box in the Sacristy and one in the kitchen.

St Francis: There is a first aid box in the Sacristy.

In case of sudden onset of vomiting, as with the Norovirus, there is a spillage clean up kit in the Sacristy at OLSJ, in the Sacristy at St Anne's & in the porch at St Francis.

Fire Wardens: The Diocese has instructed that every church is obliged to have a fire drill at least once a year. This will **not** be announced beforehand as it is a drill especially for Fire wardens to put what they have learnt into practise. It will happen sometime between now and April! The Fire wardens are very noticeable as they all have Hi-Viz jackets. The emergency evacuation plan is not just in case of fire. It is also in place 'if your lives are threatened by an intruder'. So, when the alarm sounds please treat it seriously and listen to the instructions given by the Fire wardens. They will guide you to a place of safety. It could save your life in a real emergency.