

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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 Saturday
morning
or by request anytime

Masses & Services for the Week: 20th January - 28th January

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	20 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of the Year (G)	Anthony Duffy RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	21 st	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 rd Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	21 st	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of the Year (G)	Christian Unity	DMA
SUN	21 st	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 rd Sunday of the Year (G)	Basil O'Donnell RIP B'day Anniv	DMA
MON	22 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day, (G)	Maureen Briggs RIP	DMA
WED	24 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Francis de Sales, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	24 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Francis de Sales, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	24 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	St Francis de Sales, Mem, (W)	N/A	
WED	24 th	11.00am	Memorial Service	Our Lady	Marcia Greenwood RIP	N/A	DMA
THU	25 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Conversion of St Paul, Feast, (W)	Christian Unity	DMA
FRI	26 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Ss Timothy & Titus, Mem, (W)	Rosey Parsons RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	27 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday, (W)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	27 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Kathleen Dorothy Haywood RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	28 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Raymond Beachey RIP	DMA
SUN	28 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	28 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parish	DMA

FEB 24TH / 25TH: The CAFOD Lenten Fast Collection following on from the Friday Lenten Fast Day.

JESUS' ALTERNATIVE REALITY

I am told that there are three kinds of cultures in the Western world today, each with its own "bottom line": political cultures based on the manipulation of power, economic cultures based on the manipulation of money, and religious cultures based on the manipulation of some theory about God.

These three cultures are based on different forms of violence, although it is usually denied by most participants and hidden from the superficial observer. Evil gains its power from disguise. Jesus undid the mask of disguise and revealed that our true loyalty was seldom really to God, but to power, money, and group belonging. (In fact, religion is often the easiest place to hide from God.)

Jesus announced, lived, and inaugurated a new social order, an alternative to violence, exclusion, and separation. Jesus went so far as to promise us this alternate reality. It is no fantastical utopia, but a very real and achievable peace—by the grace of God. He called it the *Reign or Kingdom of God*. It is the subject of his inaugural address (Luke 4:14-30) [1], his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), and most of his parables. Indeed, it is the

guiding image of Jesus' entire ministry. Most Christians glibly recite "Thy kingdom come," but this means almost nothing until and unless they also say, "My kingdom go."

Challenging the status quo is unpopular. Jesus was killed for opposing the religious and political powers of his time. "It is better for one man to die for the people" (John 18:14) than to question the bottom line that is holding the whole system together.

When Christians accept that Jesus was killed for the same reason that people have been killed in all of human history (rather than because he walked around saying "I am God"), we will have turned an important corner on our quest for the historical Jesus. He was rejected because of his worldview much more than his God-view. Yet these two are intrinsically connected.

This now and not-yet Reign of God is the foundation for our personal hope and our cosmic optimism, but it is also the source of our deepest alienation from the world as it is. We are strangers and nomads on this earth (see Hebrews 11:13). Our task is to learn how to live in both worlds until they become one—at least in us.

(Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Thursday, January 18, 2018)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Sadie Margaret Naomi Hazelden (21st), James Lawrence Hardy (25th), Vincent Richard Harris (26th)

Sick & Housebound: Sarah Bell, Audrey Heneghan, Margaret Langford, Hannah McArthur, Sean McVeigh & Hilary Sendall.

ALL KEYHOLDERS: will everyone who has a key to St Francis Church please identify yourselves to Liz Price before the end of January. It is a Diocesan requirement that we keep an up-to-date register of keyholders. If you no longer need your key please return it to Liz.

ACCIDENT BOOK: a reminder that if there is any accident or injury sustained while on the premises (inside or outside) the details of the incident need to be recorded in the church's accident book. This is kept in the sacristy.

INVITATION TO ST FRANCIS & ST ANNE'S: You are all welcome to join Lymington parishioners for their Parish Lunch at South Lawns Hotel on **February 12th**. Booking forms with all the details are available at the back of church.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Barbara Drummond, Anthony Edwards (21st), Cecil Halliday, Patrick Feeney-McGlone (22nd), Alfred Foster, David Pizer, Eileen Gabony (23rd), Moira Fraser (24th), Mavis Menzies, Mary Gould (26th), Maria Cave, Joan Towel (27th)

Please do continue to pray for Anna Hubbard and Eileen Dunn.

NEW FOREST BASICS BANK APPEAL: David da Cunha will make an appeal on behalf of the NFBB after Mass THIS SUNDAY. But there will NOT be a cash collection.

Fr Quarmby will celebrate Mass this week at 10am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. There will be **no** morning Mass on Tuesday and Mass will be at **11am** on Thursday.

'Feminine Aspects of Prayer' What metaphors or symbols or images of God do women resonate with? The PPC have agreed to an exploration of a display on the ['Feminine Aspects of Prayer'](#). The word 'feminine' does not exclude the male section of our parish community, for both men and women have a 'feminine' experience of God. The suggestion is that we might create a series of prayer stations in the church that would open up a deeper understanding of the feminine aspects of our prayer lives.

Anyone who is interested in expressing ways of relating to God through creative, but simple art, or in daily activities, or would simply like to join us in a group discussion - **please gather with us after Mass on Wednesday, January 24th in St Anne's parish rooms**. Mary Dunn will bring some ideas to start the discussion.

Apostleship of the Sea: There was a very useful Meeting last week with all three parish groups and the schedules through until end of March were all arranged. The Brockenhurst group are 'Team 2' and if anyone is interested in joining as 'stand-bys', so that in times of difficulty we don't have to appeal to other parish teams for help, do let Fr David or Michael Janssens (682495) know. They will be glad to hear from you. Team 2 is on duty this Wednesday, 24th.

Choir Questionnaire: To those who sent in your comments, we thank you for them and a response will be put at the back of the church sometime this week for you to collect, if you so wish. Any last minute questionnaires will still be welcome and duly noted.

Did you Know – There is a Richard Rohr prayer & discussion group that meets at Lymington? For more information see Fr David

Next Newsheet: If you have any item for next week, would you please send it direct to Fr David to the Lymington office, as Cedric and Paddy will be away for most of the week.

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PRAYER EVENT AT WISDOM HOUSE, ROMSEY: Praying with the Word of God, a Lenten reflective day on Saturday, February the 17th.

Praying with the Word of God. This is a space to allow the Word of God to speak to you personally through some familiar and not so familiar passages of scripture in reflective silence. If you would like to know more, or to book please telephone **01794 830206** or email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk or visit www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Albert Wren (20th), Mary Bryant, Veronica Mary da Cunha, Reverend Michael Eady, Anthony Duffy (22nd), Aiden Flood (23rd), Bridget Walsh (24th), Elizabeth Cutler, Celestin Charles Barnes (25th), Guido Jellousheg (26th)

Sick and Housebound: Terry Iles, Mai Wilson, Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate.

MARCIA GREENWOOD RIP: There will be a **Memorial Service at OLSJ, Lymington on Wednesday, 24th Jan at 11am**, with a gathering afterwards in Joseph's Place. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION: This year's programme will start at the end of January 2018. If you think your child is ready (year 3) for this next step on their spiritual journey, please complete the application form (which can be found at the back of the Church) and return it to Cathy Pickles.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: After 20 years in the role, Cathy Pickles is now retiring, and we are looking for a replacement. Full training will be given by the Diocese. If you are interested in helping the parish in this important ministry, please contact Cathy Pickles or Fr David.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – (18th – 28th Jan): The Lymington annual joint service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on Sunday 28th January 2018. All the church congregations will join at St Thomas Church at 10.30am. The service will be led by the Baptists with other churches' involvement, and the Salvation Army band will take part. Please do feel free to show our support and solidarity with our fellow Christians.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED? – PUZZLING QUESTIONS. Who am I? What is God like? What happens after I die? How can I be happy? Why is there suffering in the world? What is the spiritual realm? A series of meetings is being held at St Thomas' Church in Lymington starting on **Wednesday 14th February** to look at some of life's puzzling questions. **7.00pm until 8.30pm.** Everyone is welcome to come and take part, or just listen, as we look together at some of life's deeper issues.

PARISH LUNCH: this will be on **Monday, 12th Feb at South Lawns Hotel, Milford-on-Sea, 12 for 12.30pm.** Forms are available at the back of church. The invitation is extended also to parishioners from Brockenhurst & Milford.

100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018 ARE NOW DUE. Officers of the Club will be at the back of the church after the Saturday and Sunday Masses to receive cash and/or cheques. Cost is still £15 per number and cheques are payable to 'PRCDTR OUR LADY 100 CLUB'. All numbers are entered into four cash draws per year with star prizes at Easter and Christmas. There are still numbers available for new members. Renewing members need only put cash/cheque in an envelope with their name and 100 Club clearly marked. These can also be left at the Presbytery. For information or joining form, please call 678525 or email fran.walker@talktalk.net. Thank you to all members for your valuable contribution to parish funds.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: Don't forget to pick up your free copy of Portsmouth People, where on **page 18** there is an article entitled: **"Your Local SVP Lymington Conference"**.

All Parishes

Our **CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** at Pennington would like help with the following: -Our **Gardening Club** would really appreciate any donations of guttering and downpipes for the wildlife area. -We are also hoping to start a computer **'Coding Club'**. If anyone has any knowledge of coding and is keen to show the children how to get started, then please let us know. If you can help with any of the above, please contact the school: 01590 672711 or email: adminoffice@ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk.

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION? Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for **CAFOD**? There are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, in your Parish, or raising issues with your MP.. To find out more please come to one of our Lent Fast Day briefings on 27th Jan from 10am to 12pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Fordingbridge, or 30th Jan from 7:15pm to 9:15pm at Sacred Heart Church Fareham, or 3rd Feb from 10:30am to 1pm at St Bede's Church Basingstoke, or 8th Feb from 7:15pm to 9pm at English Martyrs Church Reading. For more information and to book your place please call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk