

# 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 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:

**After the Saturday Morning Mass  
From 10am - 10.30am**

## Masses & Services for the Week: 18<sup>th</sup> February - 25<sup>th</sup> February

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	Leon G Haley RIP	DMA
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	For our Retired Clergy	DMA
MON	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	Katherine Hill RIP	DMA
WED	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	N/A	
WED	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	Elizabeth O'Donnell RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm	School Mass	Our Lady	Lenten Liturgy for Children ( P )	For our Parish School Community	DMA
FRI	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
SAT	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	Our Confirmation Candidates	DMA
SAT	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	CAFOD	DMA
SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	Tom Lyons RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent ( P )	People of the Parishes	DMA

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

### Wild Beasts and Angels

Immediately after Jesus hears the words from heaven": "You are my son, the beloved, with you I am well pleased", he is driven by the Spirit into the wilderness. This will be a time of testing, of focusing and new strength.

This experience of Jesus symbolically connects with the calling of the Israelite people and their journey into the desert towards the Promised Land. It also links with the spiritual advice of Scripture: *My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for testing* (Sirach 2:1).

The Spirit drives Jesus out because it is imperative that he recognises, confronts and disarms the diabolical (i.e. tearing apart) forces. Jesus, if he is to be the servant and son of the Father cannot be a slave to any other need or power.

This is true also for us. If we are to do God's work we have to be free spiritually. We have to grow in harmony with God's will and be ready to commit ourselves wholeheartedly.

How do we find out what is really driving us, what our dependencies are and whose agenda we're following? We have to be shoved out into the desert. There has to be some experience, voluntary or involuntary, that unmasks the wild beasts. We've all seen the adverts for products that help us give up smoking. The craving is often depicted as an angry, demanding fantasy creature which has to be defeated. Without restraint a desire can become a demon, an uncontrollable desire is a wild beast.

Getting away from business as usual, giving up our little indulgences and comforts, not giving in to our bad habits – this can help to unmask the beast. But God, coming to us disguised as our life does the real work when we are no longer "in control". This reveals the strength of the enemy. Identifying and getting the measure of the strength of the enemy is a necessary strategy for ultimate victory. Victory, however, is not the elimination of desire but the refocusing of desire on what is life-giving.

We need to think and experience for ourselves what are our own wild beasts. They could be: a need for praise, recognition, status, control, power, moral superiority, comfort; they could be bitterness and resentments that we haven't let go, hurts that haven't been healed, or fears that are paralysing our lives and relationships

Unmasking the wild beasts reveals the truth, it lets the light in. It enables us to experience the help of the angels. The powers of our soul – (the desires for life, love and happiness, distorted by our fears and insecurities and led by ignorance into futile searching), are re-focussed on the love of God which enfolds and fills all.

The Spirit helps us on the way to wholeness and freedom. We begin to recover that harmony with God, with ourselves and with all of creation that we sense we have lost. The desert experience is not something that we do just once. Usually we are brought back again and again as the different layers of the ego are purified and re-aligned. But when we confront the wild beasts and accept the ministry of the angels, when we have been through our time of testing, then we have some good news to share. Then we can begin to speak with some authority and have something positive to offer through compassionate actions. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Ralph Featherstone Walton (18th), Charles Patrick O'Neil McCoy (21st), Edith Beeching (22nd)

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

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** This year the service, which has been created by the women of Suriname, (N.E. Coast, South America), will take place on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2:30pm and is hosted by Milford on Sea Baptist Church, Barnes Lane;** and also at **St. Mary's , Everton at 7pm.** The theme this year is "All God's Creation is very Good" and is very topical focusing on our current need to recycle and care for God's Wonderful World.

**BAPTISM - SUNDAY 25th Feb:** During the Mass we will be baptising baby Adrian Molenda, second child of Maria & Adam who live in Milford. Our prayers are with them for this happy occasion.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Frederick Mayer (20th), Francis O'Donoghue (21st), Elizabeth O'Donnell (23rd)

Please continue to remember Anna Hubbard and Eileen Dunn. It's a lonely world when you are housebound for so long!

**LENT HAS BEGUN!** The Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 10am until Holy Week. We would really welcome some help from fellow laity to lead these Stations! Fr Quarmbly will help us out if we need him, but he fully agrees that it would be far better for the laity to keep this opportunity of leading prayer. There will be Mass after the Stations, if people choose to stay. So if you would like to take a lead, please speak to Paddy Lark. There are several booklets to help, if you need one.

**RESPONSE TO THE CHOIR QUESTIONNAIRE:** The replies are at the back of the church today, and whether or not you completed a reply, please help yourself to a copy of the response. There are plenty to go round.

Ecumenical Opportunities are coming our way in plenty: March 1st from 12md, Christian Aid soup lunch in St Saviour's Church Hall; 2nd March, Women' World Day of Prayer Service at 2pm in St Saviour's Church. Finally, a new date: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, led by Deacon Hilary in St Anne's on Wednesday 28th March at 7pm, (Holy Week.) Our Social Committee will help us host our ecumenical friends with refreshments in the Parish Room after the Stations.

**WELCOME FORMS:** Again, it looks as if we need fresh copies of our welcome forms to be put at the back of the church., but we have not had any completed forms returned recently. If you are new to our parish please do complete a yellow form and return it to someone in the parish and it will be added to our directory.

**CTS PAMPHLETS:** Henrietta Reynolds has now taken over care of our CTS stand. New pamphlets are exhibited for sale, with particular attention to Lent. Please give yourself time to explore these. When deciding to purchase one, place your monies in the wall box which is near the entrance.

**Any news for next week by Thursday morning, to [greenoaks@waitrose.com](mailto:greenoaks@waitrose.com)**

**PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE SOCIAL JUSTICE ASSEMBLY FOR LENT 2018:** with Bishop Philip from 10am—3pm, Saturday 3 March at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. '*Christian Choices in our Common Home*'. Speakers Ellen Teague and Fairtrade Foundation. To book a place contact [jpsr@portsmouthciocese.org.uk](mailto:jpsr@portsmouthciocese.org.uk)

**TOGETHER IN HARMONY** is a music group for people with dementia and their carers. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11.30 at Boldre Memorial Hall. £5 per couple. Don't worry if you can't make it in time for 10.00, we begin with refreshments. For further information contact Frances Attwood on 01590 718749 or 07500117814.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Philip Smith, Mary Walby (17th), Sarah Walsh, Dorothy Teague, Margery Thwaites (18th), Douglas Webb (19th), Erma French (20th), Michele Palmieri (21st), Yvonne Chamberlain, Rosita Evans (22nd), Cecil Nicholls, William O'Regan (23rd)

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will be followed after the 9.30am Mass on each Friday during Lent

**PARISH SCHOOL MASS:** The school community will be coming to Our Lady & St Joseph church for Mass on Thursday, 22nd February at 2pm. There will be no service or Mass on that Thursday morning.

**LENT COURSE:** We are planning a four-week course primarily for those in the Autumn of their life. Called 'Beloved Disciples' it's an inspiring (and often funny!) DVD course for the over sixties. The course will start on **March 1st for four weeks.** (Time tbc)

**FAIRTRADE FEAST:** Sat 10th March 10am -1pm at St Thomas' Church. Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with FT cakes at the Cafe, Traidcraft produce/gifts,, Fairtrade Raffle etc . Further details Maureen Harris 674458

## All Parishes

**DATE FOR THE DIARY:** On Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at OLSJ, Mary Dunn will lead a session on Jungian Psychology & Prayer. More information to follow.

**CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY** this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. **On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February family fast day can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope.** This Lent your donation will make the double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. So please give generously and help us raise £5 million.

**POPE FRANCIS** has asked us to pray for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World, especially on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb as we make a practical sacrifice that day for CAFOD.

**HEALTH & SAFETY: First Aid:** All churches have a First Aid box which is usually located in the Sacristy. St Anne's and Lymington also have a First Aid box in their kitchens also.

It is important to have First Aiders at each Mass.

**If you have First Aid training** could you please let the parish office know.

**If you would like to be First Aid trained** please let the parish office know as we are trying to get enough volunteers together to organise a course.

**If there is an accident** please record it in the Accident book. The accident book should be in the Sacristy.

**Risk assessments** have to be completed before any parish event such as a concert, a fete, BBQ etc takes place. If you are organising a parish event please let the parish office know in good time so a risk assessment can be put in place.

**Fire Drill:** It is a Diocesan requirement that we have a Fire drill once a year. All churches now have Fire Wardens. If the alarm sounds please follow the fire wardens' instructions. They are trained to evacuate the church safely. They will be wearing fluorescent jackets. Please leave the church quickly and quietly and go immediately to the Fire assembly point in the car park. Do not return to the church until instructed to do so by the lead fire warden.

If you see something which you think is a Health & Safety issue e.g. a trip hazard, please contact the parish office on 01590 676696 or [lymbrock@sky.com](mailto:lymbrock@sky.com)