

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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: 3rd March - 11th March

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	3 rd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	Norman Anthony Davies RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	4 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	Kathleen Josephine England RIP B'day Anniv	PWR
SUN	4 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	Eileen Dunn RIP	DMA
MON	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	6 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	7 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	N/A	
WED	7 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day (P)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
WED	7 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	8 th	2.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	10 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (P)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	10 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Mary Corcoran RIP	PWR
SUN	11 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
SUN	11 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA

MAR 10TH/11TH : Obligatory Collection - The Clergy Assistance Fund.

THE DISTURBING PROPHET

The word of God in the Bible, especially the prophetic word, often challenges our hard-heartedness. This is usually so entrenched in self interest, security, collusion & habit that we don't recognise it for what it is. We also tend to lose our capacity to imagine life, relationships, the world in a different way. We regard any invitation to re-imagine our economics, our politics, our social & family relationships as foolishness & folly. We don't see the wisdom of the love and unity with which God binds the whole of humanity & indeed all creation.

So we tend to be shocked, surprised and upset by the passion of the prophet who does see things very differently and who is often frustrated by our spiritual blindness. Jesus acting fearlessly with passion and power is a bit too scary for us.

One of the many paradoxes of God's relationship with us is that the mercy of God which has compassion on our weakness & our helplessness and which makes excuses for us, is the same mercy of God that vehemently attacks our complacency, our fear and our enslavement to our "idols".

The Commandments? If Jesus has done away with the Law, if the letter of the Law brings death rather than life, if we are called to live in the new relationship of grace, then what place do the commandments now have?

The commandments represent good foundations. They are thousands of years old. They belong to a certain age & culture but the basics are still important for us today. If our society loses basic values and ignores basic responsibility it is going to be in serious trouble. Whatever the noble heights of our ethical principles may be, the whole edifice, the whole of society is in danger of imploding or just disintegrating in the free for all of individual selfishness.

So it is true we live by grace not by law. Our moral awareness and our ethical principles are much broader, deeper, higher and more sophisticated than ever before. We have come along way since Moses and the commandments nearly 3000 years ago. However the perennial weeds of fear, selfishness, greed, anger, hatred, violence, lust, pride, etc. can strangle the best ideals. The prophets will call us to new frontiers of inclusivity, compassion and caring but they will also warn us not to undermine the foundations by losing sight of basic responsibilities and rights. Sometimes their words and actions will be severe and shocking. But then that is only a response to the depth of our complacency and the strength of our addiction to our "idols". (DMA).

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Maureen Purgavie (5th), Louisa Maud McNeill, Norman Anthony Davies (9th)

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

JUNE MARY GROVES RIP: for the last couple of years June was being cared for in a nursing home in Barton. Because of the icy weather her Funeral Service has now been re-scheduled and is due to take place on Wednesday, 14th March at 3.45pm at Bournemouth Crematorium. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

SINGERS & EXTRA CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED: This is for the Holy Week Triduum. Please help the parishes celebrate these important Liturgies. Practise is on Mondays at 3pm at Paddy's house (Brockenhurst). Fr David will give you location details.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: John Marshall, Mary Elaine Taylor (5th), Eileen Baker (6th), Robert Letchford (8th), Maisie Emanuel (9th)

Sick & Housebound: Please keep Anna Hubbard in your prayers.

EILEEN DUNN RIP: Sean's mother, Eileen, passed away on Thursday evening. She had been in care in Woodpeckers for a number of years. Eileen's Requiem Mass will take place at St Anne's on Friday, 16th March at 11.30am. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sean and Mary and the family. May Eileen rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Next Sunday Francois Bourde will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation during the Sunday evening Mass. Our prayers are with him and his family for abundant blessings.

Fr Quarmby's Masses: Monday 10am; Tuesday 8am; Wednesday 10am; Thursday 11am; Friday 8am; Saturday 10am.

Stations of the Cross: will continue to take place on Friday at 10.0 am up to Holy Week. This week Mass will be at the earlier time of 8am.

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross: will be at St Anne's on the Wednesday of Holy Week at 7pm led by Deacon Hilary. Refreshments will be offered by our Social Committee after the Stations.

Timetable for all the Easter services: is on the notice board in the porch and in the Presbytery

The Parish Pastoral Council: met on 22 February. Geraldine Christy was welcomed as a new member of the council. Among the items discussed were: Proposed new system for the bidding prayers (see below); planning for a Day of Reflection in September, more details to follow; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our church is under discussion between Fr David and Fr Quarmby.

Paddy Lark: After many years of undertaking the bidding prayers with Sarah and compiling our weekly church newsletter, Paddy is stepping back from these responsibilities. I am sure we all want to join in offering Paddy a huge thank you for her faithful dedication to these ministries over the years.

Bidding Prayers: As of this Sunday, there will be a new rota for the bidding prayers. Contributions will be made each week by individuals or families who can also read them at the Mass if they so wish. There are already a number of recruits and the aim is for a maximum of 12 so that each contributor's turn should only come up, on average, once a quarter. If you would like to be included on the rota, please speak to Henry or contact him on 01590 624587.

100 Club: Agnes Swetman won the prize of £40 this month. Well done Agnes!

Response to choir questionnaire: copies can be found at the back of the church.

FUND-RAISING FOR YOUTH TRIP: In July, Jules, Malo, Clarisse Holden with Freddie Pearson will be setting off for a trip to Rwanda with other members of St Saviour's Youth Group. A fundraiser is being organised in aid of the trip and our young people would love us to attend their Quiz Night that includes a main meal and soft drinks. The ticket is £8 pp (see Holden or Pearson families) You may prefer to bring your own bottle for the meal. See you there!

Any news for next week by Thursday morning, to Annabelle Mellor:
anna@boylemellor.co.uk

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Josephine England, Michael Campbell, Jim Cannon (3rd), Thomas Walker, William Cullen (4th), Canon Michael Sexton, Clodagh Shelley (5th), Athel Joan Hawker, Leonard Sweeney, Reginald Gilkes (6th), Robert Horan, Enid Acworth, Leonard Lane (7th)

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

LENT COURSE: Cathy Pickles will be running a Lent Course called 'Beloved Disciples' - an inspiring (and often funny!) DVD course for the over sixties. The course will run for four weeks, commencing on **March 1st at 2.30pm** with refreshments in Joseph's Place.

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB: As another victim of the current inclement weather our meeting scheduled for 5th March is cancelled. (For a second time we miss the speaker from Edinburgh Woollen Mill !). Our pub lunch at Downton on 19th March is also cancelled. So we hope to see you on **Monday 9th April; same time, same place.**

MISSIO: Red Box Collection: We will be having a collection point for MISSIO Red Boxes at the back of the church at Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses next weekend (3rd & 4th March). If you have a red box and are able to bring it along, it would be very much appreciated. Please ensure that your box has your name on it before handing in, so that we can identify your donation. Any queries, please contact Jenny on 01590 610413.

All Parishes

JUNGIAN PSYCHOLOGY & PRAYER: On Saturday, March 10th at Joseph's Place, from 10.30am till 1.00pm Mary Dunn will lead a session on Jungian Psychology & Prayer. Jung developed a 'Map of the Soul' and his work has great bearing on prayer. During this Session - we will unpack Jung's thinking on the Ego, on Primary Process Thinking, and the way that Prayer affects the structure of the Psyche. Richard Rohr refers to silent, contemplative prayer as a "transformation of the consciousness of the one doing the praying".

MASS OF THE OILS: If you would like to attend this Mass in Portsmouth Cathedral on Tuesday 27th March please contact either Catherine d'Espagnac on 01425 615349 or Cathy Pickles on 07715 842006 for further details.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: Many thanks for your support of the CAFOD Lent family fast day. You can still contribute to the Lent appeal online at cafod.org.uk or by calling 0300 100 0089. Remember that all donations received for the appeal until the 12th May will be doubled by the UK Government.

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