

# 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:

See special times  
For Holy Week  
listed below

### Masses & Services for Holy Week: 24<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION or OTHER INFORMATION	P
SAT	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	<b>Palm Sunday ( R )</b>	For Welcomers & Helpers	DMA
SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	<b>Palm Sunday ( R )</b>	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	<b>Palm Sunday ( R )</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	<b>Palm Sunday ( R )</b>	Florence Esme Morrison RIP F/M	DMA
MON	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	as per celebrant	DQ
TUE	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	N/A	
WED	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day ( P )	as per celebrant	DMA
WED	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Confessions	Our Lady	Sacrament of Reconciliation 7 - 8pm	Frs David Adams & David Quarmbly available	
WED	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Stations	St Anne	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	led by Deacon Hilary Parsons	
THU	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Confessions	Our Lady	Sacrament of Reconciliation 10 - 11am	Fr David Adams available	
THU	29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Mass	Our Lady	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<b>with watching &amp; prayer until 10.00pm</b>	DMA
FRI	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Stations	Our Lady	Stations of the Cross	led by Fr David Adams	DMA
FRI	30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Stations	St Francis	Stations of the Cross	led by Elizabeth Hall	
FRI	30 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Our Lady	<b>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</b>	N/A	DMA
FRI	30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Tenebrae	Our Lady	Meditative Tenebrae Service	led by Lisa Thurston	
SAT	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Confessions	Our Lady	Sacrament of Reconciliation 10 - 11am	Fr David Adams available	DMA
SAT	31 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Polish Blessing	Our Lady	Blessing of Easter Foods (Polish)	led by Karolina Wojcieszak & Fr David Adams	
SAT	31 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Our Lady	<b>1st Mass of Easter ( W )</b>	<b>People of the Parishes</b>	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	<b>Easter Sunday ( W )</b>	<b>People of the Parishes</b>	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	<b>Easter Sunday ( W )</b>	as per celebrant	DQ
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	<b>Easter Sunday ( W )</b>	<b>People of the Parishes</b>	DMA

### Good Friday - Obligatory Collection for Holy Places; Easter Sunday - Easter Offering for your Parish Priest

#### LOVE, NOT ATONEMENT

The common Christian reading of the Bible is that Jesus "died for our sins"--either to pay a debt to the devil (common in the first millennium) or to pay a debt to God the Father (proposed by Anselm of Canterbury, 1033-1109). Anselm's infamous *Cur Deus Homo* has been called "the most unfortunately successful piece of theology ever written." My hero, Franciscan philosopher and theologian John Duns Scotus (1266-1308), agreed with neither of these understandings. Scotus was not guided by the Temple language of debt, atonement, or blood sacrifice (understandably used in the Gospels and by Paul). He was inspired by the high level cosmic hymns in the first chapters of Colossians and Ephesians and the first chapter of John's Gospel.

After Anselm, Christians have paid a huge price for what theologians called "substitutionary atonement theory"--the strange idea that before God could love us God needed and demanded Jesus to be a blood sacrifice to atone for our sin-drenched humanity. With that view, salvation depends upon a problem instead of a divine proclamation about the core nature of reality. As if God could need payment, and even a very violent transaction, to be able to love and accept "his" own children--a message that those with an angry, distant, absent, or abusive father were already far too programmed to believe.

For Scotus, the incarnation of God and the redemption of the world could never be a mere mop-up exercise in response to human sinfulness, but the proactive work of God from the very beginning. We were "chosen in Christ before the world was made," as the hymn in Ephesians puts it (1:4). Our sin could not possibly be the motive

for the divine incarnation, the motive could only be perfect love and divine self-revelation! For Scotus, God never merely reacts, but always supremely and freely acts, and always acts totally out of love. Scotus was very Trinitarian.

The best way I can summarize how Scotus tried to change the old notion of retributive justice is this: **Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity (it did not need changing)! Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God.** God in Jesus moved people beyond the counting, weighing, and punishing model, that the ego prefers, to the utterly new world that Jesus offered, where God's abundance has made any economy of merit, sacrifice, reparation, or atonement both unhelpful and unnecessary. Jesus undid "once and for all" (Hebrews 7:27; 9:12; 10:10) all notions of human and animal sacrifice and replaced them with his new economy of grace, which is the very heart of the gospel revolution.

Jesus was meant to be a game changer for the human psyche and for religion itself. When we begin negatively, or focused on the problem, we never get out of the hamster wheel. To this day we begin with and continue to focus on sin, when the crucified one was pointing us toward a primal solidarity with the very suffering of God and all of creation. This changes everything. Change the starting point, change the trajectory!

**We all need to know that God does not love us because we are good; God loves us because God is good. Nothing humans can do will ever decrease or increase God's eternal eagerness to love.**

Adapted from *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi*, by Fr Richard Rohr OFM

## *St Francis, Milford-on-Sea*

**Anniversaries this week:** Douglas Victory Hutchinson (26<sup>th</sup>), Kenneth Webdale (27<sup>th</sup>), Piotr Rowinski, Patrick Debonaire Maunsell, Ellen Elizabeth "Bela" Wesborn (29<sup>th</sup>)

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

**Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>:** There will be **Stations of the Cross** at St. Francis Church at **11.00am** led by Elizabeth Hall. This will leave enough time for parishioners to join the Ecumenical Service on the Village Green at midday.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Rosa Palmieri, William Nicholas (25<sup>th</sup>), Florence Morrison (26<sup>th</sup>), Mary Jackson, Jill Laloi (28<sup>th</sup>), Mary Westby, Bridget Holland (29<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and housebound:** Please keep Margaret Newton and Anna Hubbard in your prayers

**Fr Quarmby's Masses: this week, Holy Week, 10 a.m. Monday and Wednesday only.**

**Ecumenical Stations of the Cross:** will be at St Anne's on the Wednesday of Holy Week at 7 pm 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. Please note that the time of the Maundy Thursday service is 7.30 pm and **not** 8.00 pm.

**The Rwanda Quiz Night:** A message from Clarisse, Freddie, Jules and Malo. 'The evening was a great success, a lot of fun and raised £2335. A fantastic result! Thank you so much to everyone at St Anne's for your support through attending the quiz, buying raffle tickets and giving us words of encouragement. It means a lot to us.'

**The Parish Summer Fete:** (date for your diary) will take place on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> June. Look out for further information in the coming weeks.

**Prayer in the Feminine Voice 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2018:** This is a Parish event and we would very much welcome some practical help and support with putting it on in two ways: firstly, with setting up, including the moving of pews, on the morning of 4th May; secondly, we will need to have someone attending the church throughout the three day event (10 am to 4 pm each day) and are hoping to put together a rota for one or two hours at a time. If you can spare any time at all to help with either of these tasks we would be hugely grateful. Please contact one of the contributors: Mary Dunn, Sarah, Theresa, Geraldine, Marilyn or Annabelle.

**Warm bedding and clothing** There is a list of charities working with the homeless on the noticeboard in the Presbytery. Warm items of clothing and bedding will be gratefully received by any one of them.

Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive by Thursday

## *All Parishes*

### **Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers of the Word**

**(from all parishes):** at the 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March in Our Lady & St Joseph church, Lymington there will be an invitation during the Liturgy to make a devotional renewal of your commitment to your ministry. I greatly encourage you all to be present, if you can.

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Mary Scales, Alfreda Collins (24th), Herbert Cull, Pauline Stevens, Rosemary Pepler (25th), Ethel Woodford (26th), Patrick Carroll, Antoinette Hacker (27th), William Mate (28th), Palatiano Russell (30th)

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will be on Good Friday at 10am in Our Lady & St Joseph's church

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** This will resume on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April; same time, same place.**

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**TENEBRAE SERVICE: GOOD FRIDAY AT 8pm in Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington** – "A time for shadows before the glorious light of Resurrection morning". An atmospheric and moving journey with Jesus from darkness towards the light. You may want to bring a torch or smart phone.

**Mrs Allies, Head teacher of Our Lady & St Joseph Primary school,** would like to thank those parishioners who have answered the appeal for volunteers to read with the children. She will be contacting you to arrange your initial visit to the school. In the meantime, if there are any other volunteers who would like to read with the children please contact her on 01590 672711

**FIRST AID TRAINING – DATE NOW CONFIRMED:** it will be the First Aid training on Sat, 21<sup>st</sup> April, and will take place in the Maryland Room, at St Francis of Assisi church, Milford-on-Sea

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** The Diocesan Safeguarding Office will be conducting two refresher courses in our Parish on the following dates:

Thursday 19th April from 7pm-9pm on Child Protection

Thursday 26th April from 7pm-9pm on Vulnerable Adults

Please let Cathy Pickles know which of the courses you will be able to attend.

Parishioners from Brockenhurst & Milford are also welcome to attend.

**Exploring Mark - The Gospel of St Mark:** Mark is the shortest of the four gospels but often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail. The Catholic Church of England and Wales has posted a series of short films on its website, called 'Exploring Mark'. The films aim to bring us a little closer to Mark the Evangelist and his account of Jesus, his life and His ministry. The commentary is provided by the excellent Nicholas King SJ - an eminent author and Bible scholar. Watch online at [www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/Featured/Lent/Exploring-Mark-The-Jesus-of-St-Mark-s-Gospel](http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/Featured/Lent/Exploring-Mark-The-Jesus-of-St-Mark-s-Gospel).

**DATE FOR THE DIARY - PRAYER IN THE FEMININE VOICE: 5th to 7th May 2018** at St Anne's Brockenhurst from 10am to 4pm. Both men and women can experience their relationship with God in a "feminine" way. A small number of parishioners at St Anne's will have prepared Prayer Stations that express their prayer. All welcome.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Parish Summer Lunch, Monday, 14 May 2018, 12 noon for 12.30pm at Brockenhurst College. More details to follow after Easter. This is being organised from the Lymington parish but everybody from St Anne's & St Francis will be most welcome to enjoy what will be a very fine meal.

**PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE:** the latest issue is now available at the back of the churches.

**SOCIETY OF ST GREGORY: LITURGY IN-SERVICE DAY.** This year the day will focus on planning and preparing the Liturgy, exploring what is needed to highlight the Readings of the day. The Talks and Workshops will be very practical and last year the day was found to be really informative. If you want to gain a better understanding about the formation of Liturgy today then come along for this one day, 10am – 4pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. If you wish to know more, apply for more details to Paddy Lark, [greenoaks@waitrose.com](mailto:greenoaks@waitrose.com).