

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:

Saturdays at Our
Lady & St Joseph
10-10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 18th August - 26th August

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	20 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	19 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	20 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	For Parish Families	DMA
SUN	19 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	20 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	20 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	20 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Bernard, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	21 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Pius X, Mem, (W)	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
WED	22 nd	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	The Queenship of Mary, Mem, (W)	N/A	
WED	22 nd	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	The Queenship of Mary, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	22 nd	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	The Queenship of Mary, Mem, (W)	Winifred Denise Brand RIP F/M	DMA
THU	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Rose of Lima, Mem, (W)	Monique James RIP	DMA
FRI	24 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Bartholomew, Feast, (R)	For Basics Bank Volunteers	DMA
SAT	25 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	20 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	For Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	25 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	21 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	26 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	21 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	For Parish Families	DMA
SUN	26 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	21 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	26 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	21 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	as per celebrant	PWR

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Sept 8th/9th - SVP Appeal; Sept 15th/16th Home Missions

JESUS' FLESH & BLOOD: Jesus' language in John chapter 6 is surprisingly dramatic and risks being shocking and offensive (see next week!). This is because we can only receive and appreciate the Good News of God's love for us and God's life in us if we accept on faith: 1) that the Divine Word has really taken flesh & blood in Jesus; 2) that the Divine Word is flesh and blood in us; & 3) that the Divine Word gives life and being to all things, such that creation is God's "Body". These are not three separate "mysteries" but one mystery of the Divine presence in all things. Faith alone sees the true reality of the flesh and blood in Jesus, in us and in the bread and wine. To eat and drink is to believe and to believe is to eat and drink the whole Mystery, to absorb it on every level.

Eating the Flesh and Blood of Jesus is not a mere ritual action isolated from the rest of life. It is a personal, but not a private, encounter with the Christ. It can never be divorced from the community or from creation. This is why how we treat ourselves, others and how we treat creation are all part of it because they are all the flesh and blood of the Lord.

Jesus was a spiritual genius and artist because he took simple things used in everyday meals and, by a unique association with himself in the death and resurrection he was to experience, he created a transformational ritual. This ritual which we have come to call the "Mass" has been at the centre of Western Catholic Christianity since the beginning.

The Eucharist is first of all the celebration of God's work in Jesus freeing us from sin and death and sharing with us Divine life. For this free, undeserved grace we can only give heartfelt thanks, which is in fact the meaning of the word Eucharist. Secondly the Eucharist is invitation and challenge. The invitation is to be "one body, one spirit in Christ" so that we can no longer regard ourselves as separate from others. Rather we are invited to recognise our responsibilities for others and to others. The call is to treat others as ourselves, to love others as ourselves. This way of love is a challenge to accept the sacrifices love may ask of us. As Jesus gave his life and death for us, so we are called to give our living and our dying for one another.

In this way the Eucharist expresses something that is happening in our every day lives: a growing experience of gratitude to God and a growing capacity to love as Jesus has loved us. All this is made possible by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Eucharist reveals the ultimate pattern and purpose of our lives.

In the Eucharist we celebrate the gift of ourselves in God. Holy communion makes a powerful statement that God's life is in us, as the prayer at Mass says: "By the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity". Holy Communion gradually attunes us and confirms us in this mystery of loving union with God. If God can take simple bread and wine and make them his body & blood how much more does God take us and delight in us being the "body and blood of Christ" in the world today. This is not our doing, it is by God's graciousness alone. We are no better than anyone else, it is just that by faith, we are made aware of this relationship. This is the Good News to be shared respectfully with others.

God's big HUG and EMBRACE which is the Eucharist accompanies us at every stage of our lives. It is the hug and embrace of unconditional love which desires the best for us and nurtures the best in us. When we're very young its all hugs and kisses and comfort. As we grow its all hugs, kisses, comfort and encouragement. As we get older its all hugs, kisses, comfort, encouragement and challenge. As we get older still its all hugs, kisses, comfort, encouragement, challenge and a call to loving service and responsibility. We are never ready for so great a gift or for so much love. We respond gradually, sometimes enthusiastically, sometimes indifferently, sometimes we rebel, maybe upset at God for not making things go as we would like. As long as we keep returning to the Source in humility with as much acceptance as we can muster the grace continues its work. Everything is turned to our good once we allow ourselves to be caught up in the flow of God's love which fills the whole creation. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Marcella Mary Morgan (20th)

Sick & Housebound: Gill Boddington, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday,, Margaret Langford, Sean McVeigh, Sarah Nicholls & Hilary Sendall.

Calling all Quizzers - Reserve the date! Friday September 14th in All Saints Church Hall 7pm. A big quiz night is being organised for St Francis Parishioners plus as many friends and family as we can accommodate – Spread the word! **Lymington and Brockenhurst all welcome.** All proceeds will go to our African Charities. Roger Maughan will give an update in the next few weeks about the wonderful fundraising results achieved over the last few years. Tickets for our **Quiz** are on sale from the end of Mass today. Ticket Price is £6.00. We hope to be able to make a big contribution to our Africa Charities from the proceeds. We hope you will support us, and remember your friends and families are all welcome.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: John Syrett (19th), Terence Filbee (20th), Mathilde Sweet (21st), Helen Webb (22nd), William Jackson (25th)

Sick and housebound Please keep Anna Hubbard and Deacon Hilary in your prayers.

Fr Quarmby's Masses for the coming week: Mon – 10am; Tues & Wed – 8am; Thurs & Fri – 10am; NO MASS - Saturday

The Rosary continues to be said at 9.30 am on Wednesday morning before Mass and all are welcome to join in.

House Mass: A big thank you to Henrietta for kindly hosting the House Mass in her home on Friday evening and to the Social Committee who organised and provided the abundant refreshments. Special appreciation, as always, to Fr David for finding time to celebrate an additional Mass with us.

Sacristan Rota: Message from Bill Pignatelli: one of the Sacristans has requested that the monthly rota be sent to her by email rather than a hard copy. If you would prefer an email version would you please let me know and let me have your email address. If I do not hear from you I will continue to provide you with a hard copy as usual wpignatelli@gmail.com

Wedding in the church on Saturday, 8th September at 12 noon; the rehearsal will be on Friday, 7th Sept at 4pm.

Illumination: A Festival of Flowers at Winchester Cathedral inspired by the 12th Century Winchester Bible. 5th-9th September 2018.

Any items for the newsletter to anna@boylemellor.co.uk to arrive by Thursday morning

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SPRING CLEAN YOUR MARRIAGE?: August is traditionally the month for weddings, but it's also a good time for us all to give our relationships a 'spring clean'. Marriage Care UK tell us families are often physically together but they are not really focused or paying attention to each other. Research in recent years has shown that the average person can spend up to 8 hours and 41 minutes on electronic devices and that we spend more time with our phones than our partners! The August 'Marriage Care' challenge is to leave the mobile devices at home and go out for the weekend. Visit www.marriagecare.org.uk for ideas.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE EVENT – SEPTEMBER 29th/30th: The Southampton Celebrate Website is now up & running at: www.celebrateconference.org/southampton Full details are on the website where it is also possible to download a booking form and a poster advertising the event. We have been fully booked for the past few years, so early booking is advisable.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES: – St Francis in Milford is having a fun **QUIZ** on Friday, September 14th, at 7.00pm, tickets are £6.00 and available on a first come, first served basis. We'd love to see Parishioners and their families from both Lymington and Brockenhurst joining us. If you would like to reserve tickets for the night, please call Kathryn Fox on 01425 619313. Thank you.

Day for Altar Servers Saturday, 13th October, in Christ the King Church, Reading.
Young People (16yrs – 35 yrs): **Youth Gathering** – Sunday, 25th November, 5pm – 9pm, at Portsmouth Cathedral

Science or Religion – a Symposium, guest speaker Dr Brian Cox, lots of interesting workshops. 3rd Nov at Winchester

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Wilhelmina Garniss (19th), Florence Warrilow (20th), Ronald Haley, Sean Gleeson (21st), Myra Druitt, Giuliana Maria Kidner (22nd), Hilda Hayles (23rd).

Sick and Housebound: Brian Coyne, Simone Cluett, Concetta Losanno, Terry Iles, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate, Henry Haverty

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Monique James RIP: her Memorial Service will be on Wed. 29th Aug at 3pm in OLSJ. Also pray for the Binoy family who are holidaying in India. Suja's father, PP Abraham has died (in India) has died. Also, some of you will remember Dr Peter Horsfall who lived in Kenya. Nick Chater informs us that Peter has died after a long illness. May God comfort the families and may Monique, Abraham & Peter rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

THE BIG PICTURE: This exciting new 12week program will start in early September. To find out more please go to <http://www.thebigpicturecourse.org/> to watch the trailer. If you are interested in the course charting our salvation history, through bible study, then please indicate on the list at the back of the church your preference for attending. Weekly sessions will be held on the day/time deemed most popular.

ART EXHIBITION – PAUL DUFFY ROOM: from 16th August until 28th August the Paul Duffy Room will be used exclusively for an Art Exhibition. The Exhibition will be open from 10am -4.30pm from Sat 25th August until Tues 28th August, excluding Wed 22nd Aug when it will be closed. During the whole period (16th – 28th) the Paul Duffy Room will be locked & only opened for the exhibition times. The Julie Griffiths room will be available as usual.

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A MESSAGE FROM FR PETER RYAN: There is an organisation in the Catholic Church in England and Wales well known by its initials -**Mmac** - which stands for the **Movement for Married Clergy**. It was established in the mid 1970's and its purpose is to further the discussion of, and to promote the cause for, the acceptance of Married Priests within the Catholic Church in England and Wales in order that we might meet the needs of the Church in our time. The Eucharist is at the heart of the Christian Mission, and **Mmac** asks that those who are called to be priests should have the choice of leading either a married or celibate life. The time has surely come to revoke a discipline that has become a hindrance to vocations and an unfair limitation of individual freedom.

Fr David and I have both been members of **Mmac** for many years and would like to extend an invitation to parishioners of the three parishes to join with us in this valuable organisation. If you should decide to join, you can obtain an application for membership form from the Fr David or myself.

A MAP OF THE SOUL: JUNG AND PRAYER: Saturday 15th September at the Wisdom Centre, Romsey. The day is led by Mary Dunn; Mary is a retired Clinical Psychologist and Cognitive Analytic Therapist and is now a Spiritual Director, living in the New Forest. Mary leads various workshops on Prayer. She has a particular interest in Carl Jung.

As a philosopher once said, 'The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.' The Swiss psychologist Jung wrote extensively about religion and developed a 'Map of the Soul.' Jung's work has great bearing on prayer as part of our spiritual search. During this Day we will discover Jung's ideas on the 'self', on how we think, and how prayer may positively influence our everyday patterns of thought. Richard Rohr the Franciscan writer refers to prayer as a "transformation of the consciousness of the one doing the praying". During the day we will consider if this is true.

EVENTS AT WISDOM CENTRE:

Our **Quiet days** for the rest of the year are as follows:
Saturday 15th September **A Map of the Soul: Jung and Prayer.**
Saturday 13th October **Prayer: Heart Speaks to Heart.**
Saturday 17th November **Advent: Make your Own Advent Wreath.**
Saturday 24th November **Celtic Advent - A Winter Quiet Day**
All days run from 10am - 4pm with tea and coffee from 9.30am.
Suggested offering £29 which includes all refreshments and lunch. See website for more details: www.wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

EXAM RESULTS: For those of our young parishioners who have just received exam results or are just about to receive them, remember that our prayers are with you now. For those who feel they could have done a little better, take heart from the life and words of Sir John Lubbock. Sir John Lubbock was a wise and tender-hearted man whose works and ideas have had profound effects on education through his scientific discoveries and through the textbooks that he wrote. He was also keen to challenge people to better themselves and to help shape a better society. His words of advice to you right now would be to remember: "Those who have not distinguished themselves at school need not on that account be discouraged. The greatest minds do not necessarily ripen the quickest."