

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
Park Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 OPT

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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:

Saturdays at Our
Lady & St Joseph
10-10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 27th October - 4th November

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	27 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	30 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	Mrs Ellen Emmett RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	28 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	30 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	28 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	30 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	28 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	30 th Sunday of the Year B (G)	Jo Cole (Private Intention)	DMA
MON	29 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	30 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	30 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Bl. Winchester Martyrs, Mem, (R)	N/A	
WED	31 st	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	30 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	31 st	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	30 th Week in Ordinary Time (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
WED	31 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	All Saints (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THU	1 st	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	All Saints (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
THU	1 st	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	All Saints (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	1 st	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	All Saints (W)	Leo & Elizabeth O'Connor RIP	DMA
FRI	2 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	All Souls (P)	All the faithful departed	DMA
SAT	3 rd	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Bl. John Body, Mem, (R)	N/A	
SAT	3 rd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	31 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	Michael Lynch RIP	DMA
SUN	4 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	31 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	31 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	4 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	31 st Sunday of the Year B (G)	Michael Reardon RIP Anniv	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Nov 3rd/4th Bamenda

PRAYER FROM AN HONEST PLACE

Today's Gospel needs to be seen in its broader context. It comes at the end on a section (chaps. 7:24 – 10:45) in which Jesus is journeying with his followers outside of Galilee. Jesus is teaching his followers. The journeys outside of familiar territory are symbolic of the spiritual journeys of the followers themselves. Jesus is trying to get them to see things in a new way and from different perspectives, mainly from God's perspective. The followers are constantly getting it wrong, objecting and missing the point. At one stage it seems Jesus is driven to exasperation: "Do you still not understand, still not realize? Are your minds closed? Have you eyes and do not see, ears and do not hear?" (Mark 8:17). Peter's thinking is "not as God thinks but as human beings do" (Mk 8:33). At another point they "did not understand what Jesus said and were afraid to ask" (Mk 9:32).

At the beginning of this section a blind man is healed at Bethsaida, but we do not know his name (Mk 8:22ff). The healing has to be done in two stages. At first the man begins to see dimly. Finally he can see everything plainly and distinctly. Once again the physical healing also expresses the spiritual healing. The disciples are beginning to see in a different way but it is difficult for them. It goes against everything they have been taught and everything they expect.

At the end of this section we have the healing of another blind person. This time we know his name, Bartimaeus. He acknowledges Jesus as "son of David" in other words as the Messiah, the Anointed One of God and he cries out for pity. He refuses to be discouraged by the crowd who tell him to keep quiet. There are also some other interesting features of his story. He is at Jericho, which is near the Dead Sea, geographically it is a low place. Bartimaeus is a blind beggar. Socially you couldn't get much lower. The only thing he possesses is his cloak which he throws off in his desire to meet Jesus. He responds to the call of Jesus. Jesus asks him "What do you want me to do for you?" (Jesus will ask us the same question too. What would our answer be?). Bartimaeus replies: "Master, let me see again." Jesus acknowledges his faith and restores his sight. Bartimaeus then follows him along the way. The first disciples of Jesus were called "followers of the Way". So Bartimaeus becomes a kind of model disciple.

When we begin to let go of all pretensions and all claims to power and privilege; when we begin to realize that as far as the things of God go, we are blind and totally destitute, then we are ready to learn from our Master, our Teacher, Jesus. If we can vocalize our faith in humble prayer and not be discouraged by conflicting voices we can receive the healing of Jesus and be ready to follow him along the Way. DMA

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Pat Marshall (27th), Reginald David Freemantle, Francis Edgar Pearson, Douglas Parker (1st), Kathleen Monaghan, Patrick d'Amore Lister (2nd)

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

INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: The total collected for this appeal was £255.60p. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

SWEET MUSIC FOR CHARITIES: Close to £1000 was raised by the St Francis concert, "An Evening with Total Voice", on 19 October. This record sum goes to *Footprints* to help street kids in Zambia and a Local Women's Refuge. Huge thanks to all who attended and enjoyed Total Voice choirs perform a wide repertoire of songs. Also those – including non-parishioners - who freely gave their services to stage the concert. It is such generous support that makes our ministry in aid of these charities possible.

DAY OF REFLECTION on Saturday, 17th November, 10.30am to 2pm, with a short break for lunch (bring your own) in the Maryland Room. Dr Fiona Randall (retired palliative care consultant) will present a talk entitled **Life Beginning at the End** on the legal and ethical context of end of life care, followed by reflection and discussion chaired by Fr David. Dr Fiona has suggested an article to read that would be helpful preparation. Copies of this and the timetable are available at the back of church. If further copies are needed please speak to Fr David.

Di & Nick Mussert's 50th Wedding anniversary blessing will be during Mass on Sunday, 18th Nov.

Finance Committee Report: at the end of Mass on Sunday, Nov. 18th

Parish Pastoral Council, AGM report to the parish on Sunday, 25th Nov at the end of Mass.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Leonard O'Donnell (30th), Stuart King (31st) Edward Knight, Kathleen Knight (1st) Margaret Ferguson, Michael Reardon (2nd)

Sick and Housebound Please hold Deacon Hilary and Anna Hubbard in your prayers.

Fr Quarmby's Masses: 10am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; no morning Mass this Tuesday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: A silent hour of Exposition will take place before Mass on Sunday, 11th November between 4.30 and 5.30 pm.

Parish Pastoral Council AGM will take place following Mass on Sunday, 4th November. All are welcome.

PPC new members: a number of PPC members, including the Chair, will stand down this year as their three-year term has been completed. The PPC plays a central role in the pastoral life of the parish and you are warmly invited to consider becoming a member at the AGM on 4th November. We currently meet four times a year and if you are interested in serving your parish in this way please contact Henry on 01590 624587.

Commemorating the Canonisation of Oscar Romero: See details under *All Parishes*. If you are interested in attending this event at Portsmouth Cathedral on 24th November with others from our parish, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board or contact Annabelle on 624587. If there are sufficient numbers we will look at hiring a mini bus at a small cost to each person.

Centenary of the end of WW1: Together with other churches and organisations in the village, St Anne's will mark the centenary of the end of the Great War in November 1918 by displaying poppies in the church throughout the month of November.

Parish Lunch on Tuesday, 30th October at 12 noon at the Foresters Arms, Brookley Road. No need to book - just come along and enjoy good food in good company.

Brockcare - Brockenhurst Parish Church (St Saviour's) warmly invite you to take part in any of their activities designed to offer friendship and hospitality. Please see notice on the board in the porch.

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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Joseph Walsh, Audrey McCann (27th), Agnes Kealey, Claude Seton-Dry (28th), Lily Kathleen Osborn (29th), Maurice Bogget, Iris Simpson, Stewart Charles James King (30th), Francis Gurd (31st), June Parkin, Thomas McCarthy (1st)

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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The next gathering is on Monday 5th November. We will be taking bookings for those wishing to go to the following concerts. Wednesday 12th December @ 2pm. Jubilee Singers at New Milton Community Centre tickets £6.00 each. Sunday 19th January @ 3pm Bournemouth Concert Brass New Year Viennese Concert tickets £6.00 each. We have a limited number of tickets provisionally booked for both concerts so we will need you to pay for your tickets on 5th November

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Dates for the Diary:

Youth Mass: on Sunday, 25th Nov the 10.30am Mass will be a celebration of our young people.

Parish AGM will be held on Sunday, 20th January 2019 in church, immediately after the 10.30am Mass. It will include reports from the PPC & Finance Committees.

All Parishes

CELEBRATING THE CANONISATION OF OSCAR ROMERO: You are invited to a Thanksgiving Mass for the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero. This Mass will take place at the Cathedral on Saturday 24 November 2018 at 2.00pm and will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan.

WERE YOU AWAY THE LAST 2 WEEKENDS? If so you missed filling in the form with your contact details which we need as a result of the recent changes to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Diocese suggested that we use this time, not only to get your express permission to hold data about you, but to spring clean our parish registers. *If you do not fill in the form your contact details will not be on the parish register*, so it is important that you fill it in. If you take Holy Communion to anyone who is housebound, or just make a social visit, then please take a form with you. **Spare forms will be at the back of church.**

DID YOU KNOW - the Catholic churches in the New Forest have a website? Why not have a look and find out what's happening in your area. www.nfwp.org.uk.

Catholic Legacy Week: Please consider your parish church & community when making your will. Every little helps to keep our churches well maintained.

Natural Family Planning: Please refer to the NFP page on the Diocesan website (www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/marriage) for more information about natural ways of family planning & how to become a teacher of NFP.

LYMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY: welcomes you to a **CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 7pm, 1st December 2018** at St Thomas' Church, Lymington. *Gounod Messe Solennelle Ste Cécile (St Cecilia Mass) and music by Berlioz, Fauré, Franck.* *Lymington Choral Society conducted by Michael Goldthorpe presents a seasonal programme of French Romantic Music for choir and orchestra.* *Soloists from The Royal College of Music, London:* Charlotte Bowden (Soprano), Richard Pinkstone (Tenor), James Atkinson (Baritone) with Timothy Rice (Organ), Lymington Classical Players, leader Marjory King. Local school children and the audience are invited to participate in some French carols. Tickets: £12.50 (restricted view) £15 includes a glass of wine or soft drink; accompanied children free. Available on the door, from Maxwell Hamilton, Milford Community Centre, New Milton Stationers or phone 01590 679161. www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk