

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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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:

Normal service will
resume on Sat 5th
Jan.

Masses & Services for the Week: 29th December - 6th January

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	29 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Holy Family (W)	People of the Parishes	SB
SUN	30 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Holy Family (W)	People of the Parishes	SB
SUN	30 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Holy Family (W)	People of the Parishes	SB
SUN	30 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Holy Family (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	31 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Proper of the Day (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	1 st	10.00am	Mass	Our Lady	Mary, Mother of God, Solemnity, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	2 nd	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Ss Basil & Gregory, Mem, (W)	N/A	
WED	2 nd	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Ss Basil & Gregory, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	2 nd	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Ss Basil & Gregory, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	3 rd	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (W)	N/A	
FRI	4 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
SAT	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (W)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	5 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Epiphany of the Lord (W)	People of the Parishes	PWR
SUN	6 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Epiphany of the Lord (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	6 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Epiphany of the Lord (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	6 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	baby Abigail West	N/A	DMA
SUN	6 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Epiphany of the Lord (W)	as per celebrant	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 6th January - SPUC White Flower Appeal; 26th/27th Jan - For our Cathedral

CHRISTMASTIME QUESTIONS

Can God really become one of us? And if God was among us would that person be what we were expecting or would they completely surprise us? Are the fullness of Divinity and the fullness of humanity aspects of the same mystery? Is the fullness of our humanity its capacity to image the Divine in both strength and weakness?

The prologue of John's gospel tells us that the reality that gives life and expression to all things is the same reality that gives life and expression to Jesus. This reality is the Word, the Mind, the Intelligence of God. God becomes flesh in Jesus. God becomes bread and wine in the Eucharist. God becomes you and me in this moment. Here we are on some little planet, in a little solar system on the edge of a little galaxy, in a vast universe of countless galaxies and stars. There was Jesus, a baby, born in an obscure region of the Roman empire in a far off time. Here are bread and wine, simple everyday things. Here we are with our ordinary lives, our ordinary virtues and our ordinary sins. Just because we are insignificant doesn't mean we aren't loved and valued.

We are a little part of a great mystery but because we are a part we also share the greatness and the glory of the whole reality, the whole mystery of God. God in Jesus, God in Eucharist, God in you and me - its all part of the same awe inspiring, mind boggling mystery. It just seems to be the way that we have to see it out there in Jesus, out there in the Eucharist before we can believe it and see it in ourselves and in others too. Do we want to see this? What is it that makes us hesitant, slow to believe that this is true? Why would we not want it to be true? How can we receive this gift if we won't accept it? If not now, when? If not here, where? If not in these circumstances, then in what? If we want God to act we must let God act through us. If we want things to change we must be the change. (DMA)

THANK YOU EVERYONE

For you kind prayers and good wishes, your generous gifts and Christmas Offering. It is very much appreciated. I hope you all had a happy Christmas and will continue likewise in Christmastide & the New Year. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kevin Andrew Ford, Eve Brown (30th), Mary Elizabeth Woolgar (3rd)

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

COFFEE MORNINGS: every 1st and 3rd Sunday after 9:00 am mass at St Francis Milford on Sea. The 2019 Coffee Rota Lists are in the church front porch, helpers please take a copy, many thanks. Maggie.

NO COBWEBS ON ST FRANCIS! That's all thanks to our church cleaning teams. Please consider offering your help, by giving your name to Leah, if you feel you can join one of the teams. It involves being called on, several times during the year, on dates to suit, for dusting and vacuuming tasks. Apart from our lovely church, we also keep the Maryland Room spic-and-span for our social events. Your offer of help will be very welcome. Thank you.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Sheila Dot Thatcher (31st), Joseph Williams (2nd), Maria Wingate, Rosamund Biltcliffe (3rd), Mary Syrett (4th), Winifred Chainey, Mary Olney (5th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep Deacon Hilary and Anna Hubbard in your prayers

FR QUARMBY'S MASSES: all daily weekday Masses this week are at 10 a.m. including TUESDAY 1st JANUARY 2019 – The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and New Year's Day.

FR. QUARMBY WISHES TO THANK all the kind people who sent him Christmas cards and gifts and hopes they will understand he cannot reply directly to them but promises a prayer at the Crib for every single one.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday after Mass, 10.30 to 11 am.

New Forest Basics Bank Appeal: There is a basket at the back of the church to collect food items throughout Advent and we ask you to give as generously as you can. There is a list of most needed items on the board in the porch. Alternatively, you may prefer to make a financial donation directly to the NFBB. Your help and support is deeply appreciated.

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

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FLOWER ARRANGERS: A great big thank you to all the Flower Arrangers in our three churches for the glorious and beautiful displays. Everyone has said how lovely they are. Thank you for all the hard work and artistry.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: Once again a short note in the newsletter to thank those parishioners who were kind enough to give me a Christmas card and/or gift this Christmas - much appreciated. I have already thanked those whom I have recognised, but as I have said before, one of the problems of being a retired Priest is that one learns to recognise many parishioners by face without ever learning their names - so if you fall into this category, please accept my thanks through this note in the newsletter and my apologies for not being able to be more personal. With all good wishes for the New Year, Yours sincerely, Father Peter.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Patrick 'Paddy' McClean (29th), Henry Hunter, Martha Lally (30th), Sydney Teague (1st), Daniel Walsh, Mollie Rosina Hayles (4th).

Sick and Housebound: Mike Hedges, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Simone Cluett, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate.

TERRY ISLES RIP: We were sad to hear of the death of Terry Isles who was in his nineties. He was active in the parish for many years before his health declined and will be remembered by long serving parishioners. As soon as we get details of his funeral arrangements we will put them in the Newsletter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION: Application forms for this year's programme are available at the back of church. Please complete the form and return it to Cathy Pickles **BEFORE 6th January**. Details of the dates and times are on the form.

CWL: The next meeting of the CWL will be on Tuesday 8th January at 2.15 in Joseph's Place. Happy Christmastide & New Year to all.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY COFFEE TEAM: - our heartfelt thanks to all the marvellous people who make us welcome and serve us so cheerfully every Sunday after Mass in Joseph's Place. The parish is indebted to you for giving so freely of your time and service. There is always space on the rota for anyone who would like to join the team.

FOOD DONATIONS - New Forest Basics Bank are very grateful for the food donated by Parishioners but we should like you to check the use by date before giving it to us as we cannot give out food that is out of date.

FUND-RAISING: Our next fund-raising event will be on Saturday 29th December when we will be raising money to help provide a prayer area for Our Lady & St Joseph's Primary School. Do come along for a cake or a bowl of soup and support our local school.

Dates for the Diary: 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.

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DO YOU REJOICE IN THE LORD? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke, vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT: The KS2 Carol concert was a great success and enjoyed by all. This was thanks to great collaboration between the school and the parish. It was a fitting end to the school year which included a good number of parish / school events and links:-The whole school Mass at OLMSJ church; season of Lent activities; KS2 – Stations of the Cross; KS1 doing a day visit to St Anne's, Brockenhurst; KS1 making crosses with a prayer to be taken out to the sick & housebound in our three parishes. Class 3 making of rosary rings which were sold in aid of CAFOD at OLMSJ church; how the children have improved their understanding of the Mass by participating whole heartedly in school Masses. Indeed, links are growing so well that the parishioners are in the process of raising much needed funds for an outside prayer garden at the school. Parishioners are always invited to school Masses & thanks to those who do join us there. Thanks also to the SVP for their discreet financial support.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS & OUR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: from our three parishes who support the school and enable it to fulfil its mission as a Catholic educational community.

WISDOM HOUSE, ROMSEY – QUIET DAYS:

Thursday 17th January - Who am I Lord? You are My Beloved.

Saturday 19th January - Twelve Step Spirituality.

Saturday 16th February - A New Way of Looking at Genesis - The Cosmic Walk.

Saturday 16th March - Forty Days of Lent to the Celebration of Easter.

All our days run from 10am - 4pm with tea and coffee from 9.30am.

Suggested offering £30 which includes all refreshments and lunch.

Further details of these days can be found by visiting

www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk

and going to the 'New Look' Wisdom Centres 'Wellbeing and Spirituality' section. Please be aware that the rest of the website is still in the process of being rebuilt. You can also contact us on 01794 830206 for more details on any of the above.