

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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

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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:

After Mass on Saturday morning from 10.00am - 10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 9th February - 17th February

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	9 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	Bp P
SUN	10 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	10 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	Bp P
SUN	10 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 th Sunday of the Year (G)	as per celebrant	Bp P
MON	11 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Our Lady of Lourdes (W)	N/A	
TUE	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	13 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	13 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
WED	13 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day (G)	Ray & Joan Lyons 59 th Wedding Anniv	PWR
THU	14 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Ss Cyril & Methodius, Feast (W)	N/A	
THU	14 th	4.00pm	Reception of Dec'd	Our Lady	Reception of Mary Hart "May" Norton RIP	N/A	TT
FRI	15 th	1.00pm	Requiem Mass	Our Lady	Requiem Mass	May Norton RIP	DMA
SAT	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day (G)	Kate Warren RIP	DMA
SAT	16 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of the Year (G)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	17 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	6 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	17 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of the Year (G)	For Teresa Connolly (Int)	DMA
SUN	17 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of baby Luke Hedges	N/A	DMA
SUN	17 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	6 th Sunday of the Year (G)	People of the Parishes	PWR

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 16th/17th March - CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

CALLED BY THE HOLY ONE

The 16th century Spanish contemplative, St Teresa of Jesus in writing of our prayer relationship with God says the following: "you will be able to endure the embarrassment of being with One who is so different from you when you realise how much God loves you".

The experience of the Holy is personal to each individual and yet it is always an experience of otherness & uniqueness that can be soul melting, awe-inspiring, enrapturing, humbling and terrifying. It can be any one of those and all those together too. It completely dismantles all the ego defences, securities, survival strategies and deceptions. The false self is exposed and can only seek to hide or flee. "Woe is me" Isaiah says; "Depart from me for I am a sinful man," is Peter's reaction. The only way our little egos can survive is to remain separate from the Holy One! But then what future is there in being separate from God?

God knows us through and through warts and all. Jesus knows us. He says: "If you who are evil know how to give good things to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him". Our sins and weaknesses are not a problem for God. They are a problem for us and others of course and by God's grace and without guilt or anxiety we must struggle to be free. However as long as we are willing to go along with God, God is more than happy to befriend us and give us important work to do: "I will make you fishers of people".

Jesus chose women disciples from all walks of life, he chose fishermen, tax collectors, freedom fighters (or terrorists depending on your point of view).

They were uneducated, working people – no theological training – people who were despised by the religious elite and the temple authorities. We definitely know that Peter was married and probably many of the other apostles too. Paul, in a letter to the Christians in Corinth wrote: "Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? (1 Cor 9:2)"

The Pharisees prided themselves on separation from sinners. The shocking revelation of Jesus was that far from wanting to be separated from sinners God wants to be involved with sinners and calls them to work with him. Jesus sought out their company and ate and drank with them. It was scandalous behaviour.

So when in the circumstances of our lives we hear a call to prayer or action of some kind, a call to get involved with God's work, its no use saying to God "I'm not worthy". First because God knows that long before we do. Secondly because our unworthiness its not an issue for God.

When we are ready to follow Jesus we begin to discover that God's holiness is everywhere and everything reflects God's goodness and holiness in a unique way. As we grow stronger in our conviction that we are loved unconditionally then without fear, guilt or anxiety we work to bring our behaviour, attitudes and relationships more and more into harmony with the love that has been lavished on us. This is the Good News! And when we have experienced it we are ready to share it. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Frederick William Skinner (11th), Herbert John Gallagher, John Edwin Jeckway (13th), Margaret Dodd (14th)

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

Margaret Langford RIP: There will be a Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday, 7th March at 10.45am. On Friday, 8th March there will be a Memorial Mass in St Francis at 11.30am. May Margaret rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

(Women's) World Day of Prayer: In our time of equality this special day has now been reborn as the 'World Day of Prayer' in order to stress the inclusivity and welcome to everybody, irrespective of gender, race or denomination. As we participate in this service, we will be part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe- starting as the sun rises over Samoa and ending some 38 hours later back in the Pacific, as the sun sets over America Samoa. We will be praying and sharing with people in over 120 countries and islands round the world. This year the service has been put together by the people of Slovenia and at its heart is an open invitation for all to come to God's table; 'Come-everything is read'. The service here at **Milford will take place at St. Mary's at Everton at 10.30 on Friday 1st. March**, after which there will be a light lunch with a presentation about Slovenia. All the Christian Churches are taking part as usual and we look forward to seeing you there. Any queries- please see Di.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Edwin Ward, Stanley Perry (10th), Catherine Whatman (13th)

Sick and Housebound Please keep Deacon Hilary, Anna Hubbard and Sean Dunn in your prayers.

Fr Quarmby's Masses: for week commencing 10th February: 10am – Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat; 8am Tues.

The Rosary: is said every Wednesday morning at 9.30 am before Mass. You are most welcome to join us.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting of the PPC will be held on Thursday, 28th February at 7.30pm in the main parish room. If anyone has something they would like raised, please contact Ian Holden, our new Chair, or a member of the PPC and it will be added to the agenda.

Repairs to the Parking Areas: Work to stabilise the soft ground area at the left-hand side in front of the garage and to fill in the potholes in the car park outside the church gate has now been completed. In addition, the hedges have been cut and encroaching branches trimmed back. Our thanks to the Fabric & Finance Committee and particularly Cedric for progressing this work.

Eco Church: is an award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that they care for God's earth. It would provide a framework for us, together as a Parish, to 'go green' in all aspects of our church life from worship to building management, outreach to personal lifestyle thereby responding to the call from Pope Francis to everyone on the planet to care for our common home. The first step is to look at the feasibility of our Parish taking on this initiative and we would like to form a steering group to put together a proposal and some ideas to take to Fr David and the PPC. If anyone is interested in joining this group please speak to Annabelle after Mass or contact her on 01590 624587. The invitation is open to everyone and we would particularly welcome the involvement of our young people.

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

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GDPR: Did you fill in the GDPR form with your contact details in October? You may have been away or ill. If you didn't fill one in, please take a New Parishioner form from the back of the church and hand it into the parish office. Under the new GDPR regulations if you haven't signed the form to give permission for us to put your details in the parish register, you will not be on the register. Thank you.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: John 'Jack' Joseph Hoey (10th), Fr Bernard Heeran (11th), Monica Hay (13th), Philomena Elizabeth Cutler (15th)

Sick and Housebound: Neil Jenkins, June Siddall, Mike Hedges, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Patricia Mate.

A GENEROUS DONATION: One of our parish couples has made a very generous, gift-aided donation of £2500 to the parish. The money will kick start our church renovation fund. This follows our parish AGM & the decision to begin the process of fund-raising. More details will follow in due course.

CWL AGM – CHANGE OF VENUE: Due to unforeseen circumstances the **CWL AGM** will now be at Eileen Rayner's house, 4 Court Close, Lymington on Tuesday 12th February at 2.15 pm. Do hope you will be able to come.

The **CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL)** are now on FACEBOOK so members of the parish can find out what we do all over the country. There are many items that you might find interesting.

NEW FOREST BASICS BANK: Thanks to all those who have volunteered to make the deliveries. We now have enough people to cover the week our parish is responsible for this worthwhile charity. Pam Gorman 01590 678798.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (formerly Womens World Day of Prayer) will be celebrated this year at St John's Boldre on Friday, 1st March at 2pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019 ARE NOW DUE: To join the club, or renew your membership, the cost is still £15 per number. Subscriptions can be paid by cash, cheque or bank online transfer. Please make cheques payable to: PRCDTR LYM 100 Club. Forms and envelopes are available at the back of the church. For online bank transfer, the sort code is 30.93.04, Account No: 07408758, Reference: 100+Your Surname. Thank you to everyone who supports the club which provides valuable revenue for the parish. For further information, please call 678525 or email: fran.walker@talktalk.net

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THIS WEEKEND: We welcome Bishop Philip Egan and his secretary Fr Phil Carroll to our three parishes. You may address Bishop Philip as "Father". An episcopal visitation usually takes place about every 5 years. The visit is to ensure that the parishes are functioning as they should, to give the Bishop an opportunity to meet the people and to encourage us communities of faith and evangelisation.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Bishop Philip will be hearing confessions on Saturday, 9th February from 5.15pm until 5.45pm in OLSJ.

BISHOP PHILIP'S VISIT: TIME FOR ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: There will be Adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for vocations in Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph church at 3.30pm on Sunday, 10th February. Please do your best to come and take part in this prayer time.

BISHOP PHILIP MEETING YOUNG PEOPLE: The Bishop would love to meet with the youth of our parishes. There will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop on Sunday, 10th February at 4.30pm in Joseph's Place, Lymington. It would be great to see you there.

MGR EDWIN BARNES RIP: Sadly, we heard that Fr. Edwin had died last Wednesday, the morning of his 84th birthday. He was formerly an Anglican Bishop, joined the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham and was ordained both deacon and Priest in the Catholic Church at St John's Cathedral by Bishop Crispian Hollis in 2011. He and his wife Jane lived in Lymington and only moved to Salisbury in 2017. He was always happy to help out in the parish and regularly celebrated the Monday morning Mass at Lymington. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

NEW FOREST CATENIANS: invite you to share a **Day of Reflection on Love - God's love for us and ours for our neighbours** on SATURDAY 23rd FEB. All are welcome. The day will be lead by Fr Des Connolly at St Joseph's Centre for prayer and missionary outreach in Ashurst, a place of such outstanding work supporting those most in need. We will start at 11:00hrs and end the day with Mass at 16:00hrs. Please bring your own lunch; tea and coffee are provided. A £10 contribution to the work of the Centre would be greatly appreciated. St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU. Like to join us? - Please phone MICHAEL JONES on 01590-623573.