

# 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 0PT

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**Website:** www.nfw.org.uk; **Parish Blog:** www.lymrcchurch.blogspot.com. **Registered Charity No:** 246871/2

**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:** Vanessa Dugdale (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:*

After Mass on Saturday morning from 10.00am - 10.30am

## *Masses & Services for the Week: 16<sup>th</sup> February - 24<sup>th</sup> February*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	16th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	6th Sunday of the Year ( G )	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	17th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	6th Sunday of the Year ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	17th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	6th Sunday of the Year ( G )	For Teresa Connolly (Int)	DMA
SUN	17th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of baby Luke Hedges	N/A	DMA
SUN	17th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	6th Sunday of the Year ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	For those who are unwell	DMA
WED	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	N/A	
WED	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	Mary Stephenson RIP	DMA
THU	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Liturgy of the Day ( G )	For the bereaved	DMA
FRI	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Chair of St Peter, Feast, ( W )	Intentions of Pope Francis	DMA
SAT	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Polycarp, Mem, ( R )	Elizabeth O'Donnell RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Baptism	St Anne	Baptism of baby Adam Pace	N/A	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year ( G )	Angela Campbell (Intentions)	DMA

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

### BLESSINGS & CURSES – HAPPINESS & WOE

Not everything is as it seems. The most colourful and attractive plants can turn out to be the most poisonous. Simple, ordinary unattractive things sometimes prove to be the most important. Nothing can be taken for granted. Things have to be tested, experienced and evaluated. What may be helpful at one stage in life can be harmful later on. What at first may seem a strength, or a gift or a special talent may later become a burden, a limitation or a source of pain.

Life is dynamic. It is always moving, growing and changing. We never really stand still, we change, our relationships change, our needs and capacities change. The need for comfort today can become the addiction of tomorrow.

The deeper wisdom of life and the gifts of the Spirit are not automatically transmitted from one generation to another. They have to be personally communicated and actively received. Girls do not automatically become mature, responsible and free women. Boys do not automatically become mature, responsible and free men. The whole person has to be nurtured and developed according to their capacity, physically, emotionally, intellectually socially and spiritually.

The particular quality of tolerance that has evolved in European society has enabled diverse peoples to live together in peace and even to celebrate difference as a gift from God. It has taken hundreds of years to reach this point and hopefully the spiritual attitudes that express true tolerance will help humanity attain a whole new

level of consciousness. There is a growing awareness of the need to actively work for peace, to remove causes of hatred and oppression, to challenge the abuse of power. There is a greater awareness of the need to cherish the earth and its environment.

There is greater openness to see goodness and truth in those who are different. There is a growing hunger for spiritual depth, meaning and vision. But this growing spiritual movement is fragile. The baton of wisdom and faith has to be handed on to each successive generation or the consequences could be dire. Just one individual wounded by a lack of hope, love and self-esteem can do untold damage to themselves and others.

When the dominant forces in society place too much value on the superficial and material then the blessings of wealth, comfort, power, good looks and celebrity can soon become curses. Being inherently transient any one who seeks their identity in them will be like the person who built their house on sand. This self or ego becomes insecure and transient, prone to anxiety, fear, defensive anger and aggression. Conditions that at first seem limiting can be the ones that allow love and relationship to flourish where the person is valued above all and where there is space for the Divine encounter. A heart that is full, satisfied and comfortable only in passing created things has little room or desire for God and God's deep, unfailing joy. There is also little room for real relationships with others except as ego enhancers and satisfiers of one's needs. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Susanne Hare, Margaret Lilian Sexton Clark (17<sup>th</sup>), Ralph Featherstone Walton (18<sup>th</sup>), Charles Patrick O'Neil McCoy (21<sup>st</sup>), Edith Beeching (22<sup>nd</sup>)

**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, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am. On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

**FOR YOUR DIARIES:** Our PPC has arranged a Quiet Day for the parish in the Maryland Room on **Sat 6th April**, 10:30 to 4 approx. (with a one-hour break for lunch and a walk) no charge. A helpful addition for your Lent exercise. The day, called "Breathing In - Breathing Out," will be led by Pastor David Cole of Waymark Ministries who we had a few years ago and should be very helpful for developing our spirituality. Please try to come - you won't be disappointed! More details later.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Mary Hemelryk (17<sup>th</sup>), Frederick Mayer (20<sup>th</sup>), Francis O'Donaghue (21<sup>st</sup>), Elizabeth O'Donnell (23<sup>rd</sup>)

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

**Fr Quarmby's Masses:** for the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> February: 10 a.m. every day except Tuesday when it is at 8 a.m.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The next meeting of the PPC will be held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm 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.

**World Day of Prayer:** This is a women led global ecumenical movement which invites all Christians, regardless of gender, race or denomination, to share in a day of prayer around the world for freedom, justice and peace. Each year the service is put together by a different country; this year, it has been written by the women of Slovenia. In our local area, this united service will be celebrated at St John's Church, Boldre, on 1st March at 2 pm. You are warmly welcome to join us. Light refreshments will follow the service. Please see the notice on the board in the porch.

**New Forest Basics Bank:** If anyone has any queries about items for the Basics Bank or the collection basket in the porch please contact Theresa Baker on 01590 622975.

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

## All Parishes

**OLSJ SCHOOL: Full Time Year 5/6 Class Teacher**

**Required from September 2019 (MPR or UPR).** Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged. Please phone the school and ask to speak to Mrs Nanette Allies to arrange a visit. Application forms, job description and person specification are available on the school website: [www.olsjschool.co.uk](http://www.olsjschool.co.uk) or you can request an application pack from the school office. Please note we do not accept CV applications. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 5th March 2019 (12 midday). Please email your application to [adminoffice@olsjschool.com](mailto:adminoffice@olsjschool.com) or send hard copies to Mrs Nanette Allies, Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Primary School, 83a Ramley Road, Pennington, Lymington, SO41 8GY. Interviews: Tuesday 12th March 2019

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Philip Smith, Mary Josephine Walby (17th), Sarah Walsh, Dorothy Teague, Margery Thwaites (18th), Douglas Webb (19th), Julia Rosa Ermalinda 'Erma' French (20th), Michele Palmieri (21st), Yvonne Chamberlain, Rosita Evans (22nd)

**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.

**MARY STEPHENSON RIP:** We were all very sad to hear this week that Mary had died unexpectedly as a result of a fall. A lovely lady who was loved by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with John & his family. Details of Mary's Requiem will be announced in due course. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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

**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.

**100 Club membership for 2019 closing soon.** If you wish to join or renew your membership, we will be attending the weekend Masses to collect subscriptions of £15 per number. Envelopes and forms for payment are at the back of the church. You can also pay by online bank transfer as follows:  
- Bank Account Name: PRCDTR LYM 100 Club: Sort Code: 30-93-04:  
Account Number: 07408758: Reference: 100+your surname. Many thanks to everyone who supports the Club which generates valuable funds for the parish. For information, call 678525 or email [fran.walker@talktalk.net](mailto:fran.walker@talktalk.net).

## All Parishes

(from the Diocesan E-News - 12th Feb). **Pastoral Visitation of Lymington, Milford on Sea and Brockenhurst:** This last weekend, I undertook the Pastoral Visitation of three parish communities in the New Forest joined together under the pastoral care of one parish priest, Fr. David Adams: Our Lady and St. Joseph's, Lymington (a fine Victorian church tucked away on the High Street between the shops), St. Anne's Brockenhurst (where they have to close the gates during Mass in case animals wander in from the forest) and St. Francis of Assisi, Milford on Sea (a pretty village church just along from the green). The first thing that strikes me is the energy of Fr. David Adams! He has both Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses in Lymington, plus a 9 o'clock Mass in Milford and a Sunday evening Mass in Brockenhurst, in addition to weekday Masses and the care of three distinctive communities with their particular needs and a primary school. The parishes are small, yet vibrant and full of enthusiasm. I met with parochial representatives on Saturday evening after Mass to talk about mission and evangelisation. On Sunday afternoon, we had a holy hour of prayer with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction for vocations. I then met with twenty young adults from across the parishes to talk about the future. The Pastoral Visitations follow the same template, which includes Sunday lunch with the clergy - always a great moment to share together. Linda, Fr. David's housekeeper, looked after us royally and we had a lively time! There is now a deacon in Lymington, Deacon Anthony Cairns, who moved into the area with his wife just before Christmas and also two retired priests, who help out, Fr. Peter Ryan and Fr. David Quarmby.

## PRIMARY CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP – TEACHER TRAINING

**INFORMATION EVENTS:** Would you like to train as a primary teacher with an Ofsted Outstanding Catholic partnership? Come along to find out more on Monday 4 March 2019. You can attend an afternoon taster session from 12.00-14.00 or an evening information session 17.00-19.00. We offer personalised, school-led training, rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and can arrange placements in schools across Hampshire as well as in Dorset and parts of Wiltshire. You will be taught by practising teachers and leaders in a high-quality training centre with family-friendly hours. If you have an honours degree and you're keen to teach primary children, we would like to meet you. You can learn more by calling 023 8077 9753 or at [www.pcp-scitt.org.uk](http://www.pcp-scitt.org.uk)