

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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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: 23rd March - 31st March 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	23 rd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	24 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 th	1.00pm	Baptism	St Anne	baby Kian Pearson	N/A	DMA
SUN	24 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 rd Sunday of Lent (P)	Angela Cambell RIP (1)	DMA
MON	25 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Annunciation of the Lord, Sol, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	26 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd week of Lent (P)	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
WED	27 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the 3 rd week of Lent (P)	N/A	
WED	27 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 3 rd week of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	27 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 3 rd week of Lent (P)	Intentions of Pope Francis	DMA
THU	28 th	2.00pm	School Mass	Our Lady	OLMSJ School Lenten Mass	OLMSJ Staff & Pupils	DMA
THU	28 th	7.00pm	Rehearsal	St Anne	Wedding Practice	N/A	DMA
FRI	29 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd week of Lent (P)	For International Co-operation	DMA
FRI	29 th	12.30pm	Wedding	St Anne	Wedding Service	N/A	DMA
SAT	30 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd week of Lent (P)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	30 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Those suffering from conflict or disaster	DMA
SUN	31 st	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	31 st	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	31 st	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Florence Esme Morrison RIP F/M	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Obligatory Diocesan) Clergy Assistance Fund 30th/31st Mar

Jesus and the Cross - Changing Perspectives

When we look at history, it's clear that Christianity is an evolving faith. It only makes sense that early Christians would look for a logical and meaningful explanation for the "why" of the tragic death of their religion's founder. For the early centuries, appeasing an angry, fanatical Father was not their answer. For the first thousand years, most Christians believed that the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross—the "price" or the ransom—was being paid not to God, but to the devil! This made the devil pretty powerful and God pretty weak, but it gave the people someone to blame for Jesus' death. And at least it was not God.

Then, in the eleventh century, Anselm of Canterbury (c. 1033–1109) wrote a paper called *Cur Deus Homo?* (Why Did God Become Human?) which might just be the most unfortunately successful piece of theology ever written. Thinking he could solve the problem of sin inside of the medieval code of feudal honour and shame, Anselm said, in effect, "Yes, a price did need to be paid to restore God's honour, and it needed to be paid to God the Father—by one who was equally divine." I imagine Anselm didn't consider the disastrous implications of his theory, especially for people who were already afraid or resentful of God.

In authoritarian and patriarchal cultures, most people were fully programmed to think this way—working to appease an authority figure who was angry, punitive, and even violent in "his" reactions. Many still operate this way, especially if they had an angry, demanding, or abusive parent. People respond to this kind of God, as sick as it is, because it fits their own story line.

Unfortunately, for a simple but devastating reason, this understanding also nullifies any in-depth spiritual journey: Why would you love or trust or desire to be with such a God?

Over the next few centuries, Anselm's honour- and shame-based way of thinking came to be accepted among Christians, though it met resistance from some, particularly my own Franciscan school under Bonaventure (1221–1274) and Duns Scotus (1266–1308). Protestants accepted the mainline Catholic position, embracing it with even more fervour. Evangelicals later enshrined it as one of the "four pillars" of foundational Christian belief, which the earlier period would have thought strange. Most of us were never told of the varied history of this theory, even among Protestants. If you came from a "law and order" culture or a buying and selling culture—which most of us have—it made perfect sense.

The revolutionary character of Jesus and the final and full Gospel message has still to dawn upon most of the world. It is just too upending for most peoples' minds until they have personally undergone the radical experience of unearned love. And, even then, it takes a lifetime to sink in. (*Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Tuesday, February 5, 2019*)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Douglas Victory Hutchinson (26th), Kenneth Webdale (27th), Piotr Rowinski, Patrick Debonaire Maunsell, Ellen Elizabeth "Bela" Wesborn (29th)

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

BREATHING IN – BREATHING OUT: Balancing a life of intentional contemplation with compassionate action. A quiet study day, led by Pastor David Cole, **on Saturday, 6th April, 10am -4pm in the Maryland Room at St Francis Church.** Bring a packed lunch. No set fee but please contribute to costs if you can. Please register your intention to attend by email to Anthony at a.kirke@talktalk.net or phone 01590-645521

Prayer Powerhouse: Out of sight is NOT out of mind! Please help yourself to Prayer Cards on porch noticeboard, for any parishioner you know who cannot manage to attend our services in person. Our home-based parishioners are a powerful part of our worshipping community, and we would really appreciate their prayer support, at the same time as we pray for them. Thank you.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Rosa Palmieri, William Nicholas (25th), Florence Morrison (26th), Mary Jackson, Jill Laloi (28th), Mary Westby, Bridget Holland (29th).

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

Fr Quarmby's Masses: Weekday Masses in Brockenhurst for the week commencing 24th March:- 8 a.m. Tuesday; 10 a.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat. **Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary:** Wednesday 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. Stations of the Cross: Friday 10 a.m. followed with Mass.

Stations of the Cross: will take place every Friday throughout Lent at 10am. See Fr Quarmby's Mass times for each week on that day.

Wedding: There will be a wedding in our church on Friday, 29 March at 12.30 pm. The rehearsal will take place on 28th, Thursday evening at 7pm.

Canon Hally: Monday, 25th March will be the 150th Anniversary of Canon Hally's birth in 1869. For those less familiar with him, Canon Hally was central to the building of our beautiful church and is buried beneath the brass plaque in the aisle.

Christian Aid: will be holding its Lent Soup Lunch on Thursday, 28 March at 12 noon-1.30pm at St Saviour's Church Hall. Donation £5.

Parish Lunch The next Parish lunch is on Tuesday, 26 March at 12 noon in the Forresters Arms, Brooklyn Road. It is always held on the last Tuesday of each month except December. No need to book - just come along and enjoy good food in good company.

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

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FROM THE DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PROMOTER: "I AM sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name 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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Archbp John Henry King (23rd), Mary Scales, Alfreda Frances Collins, John Jenkins (24th), Herbert Cull, Pauline Dorothea Stevens, Rosemary Pepler (25th), Ethel Woodford (26th), Patrick Carroll, Antoinette Hacker (27th), William Mate (28th).

Sick and Housebound: Simone Cluett, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - after 9.30am Mass on the Fridays during Lent.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION: We will be having a collection point for MISSIO Red Boxes at the back of the church at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses on 23rd & 24th March and on 30th & 31st March. If you have a Red Box and are able to bring it along, it would be much appreciated. Please ensure that your box has your name on it before handing in, so that we can identify your donation. Any queries, please contact Jenny on 07518898384.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: If you wish to receive the newsletter by email each week then please send an email request to lymbrock@sky.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Parish Lunch at Brockenhurst College on Thursday 16th May 2019. More details to follow, so please watch this space!

Parish Retreat Day: for Lymington Ministers of Holy Communion; Readers & SVP members, Saturday, 18th May.

Anniversary of the consecration of Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph church, Sunday, May 19th, special Mass at 10.30am.

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"On the Prisoner of Hurst Castle": Penny Tyas of the Lymington Historical Society, is to give a talk on at 7.15pm on 29th March in the Robert Hole Room of the Lymington Community Centre. Fr. Paul Atkinson was incarcerated in Hurst Castle 'in perpetuity' for practicing Popery. He was a Franciscan Priest in the early 1700's who spent thirty years as a prisoner in the Castle! There will be a small admissions charge.

ALLOWING THE LAITY TO SPEAK: A meeting to discuss this issue. How can we enable people's concerns, perspectives, experiences and contributions to be shared in our faith communities? **Thursday, 4th April at 2pm** in Joseph's Place, Paul Duffy Room. An evening meeting will be organised asap for those who work.

Dates for your Diary:

Mass for the Sick: On Sunday, 19th May at Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton at 3pm.

June 9th Sway Open Gardens in aid of Oakhaven Hospice. Please support this fundraiser if you can.

ST NICHOLAS SINGERS SPRING CONCERT: The St Nicholas Singers bring you a selection of "Music from Stage and Screen". Saturday 27th April, St Johns Church, Boldre at 12.30pm. Tickets £12 including light refreshments, from Pilley Community Shop, Maxwell Hamilton or Rosie Adams on 01590 677068. All proceeds to local charities.

ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY – BANK HOLIDAY OPEN DAY, 6th May 2019, 10am – 2pm. Food, stalls, games & activities. Come with your family & friends to meet the Sisters.

FANNING THE FLAME – CATHOLIC MISSION (www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk) An Amazing Adventure Summer Camp, 19th-23rd August, for ages 10 – 25yrs. Mass, Teaching, Crafts, Workshops, Sports, Horse-riding, Talks, Dramas, Great Food, Q&A, Music, Adoration, Team Activities, Confession