

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; Ian Holden, 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: 30th March - 7th April 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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)	For All Mothers, Natural & Spiritual	DMA
SUN	31 st	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	4 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Florence Esme Morrison RIP F/M	DMA
MON	1 st	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the 4 th week of Lent (P)	N/A	
TUE	2 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 th week of Lent (P)	Jean Trewin RIP	DMA
WED	3 rd	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the 4 th week of Lent (P)	N/A	
WED	3 rd	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 4 th week of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	3 rd	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 4 th week of Lent (P)	Hanora Teresa Dunne RIP F/M	DMA
THU	4 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 th week of Lent (P)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 th week of Lent (P)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
SAT	6 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 4 th week of Lent (P)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	6 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Elizabeth Goodhew RIP	DMA
SUN	7 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Sam Randle RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	7 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	7 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism of baby Denis Michael Payso	N/A	DMA
SUN	7 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	5 th Sunday of Lent (P)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Obligatory Diocesan) Clergy Assistance Fund 30th/31st Mar For Easter Flowers - 13th/14th April

Jesus and the Cross - A Bigger God

Our predestination to glory is prior by nature to any notion of sin. —

Blessed John Duns Scotus

The Franciscan School, led by such teachers as Duns Scotus, refused to see the Incarnation and its finale on the cross as a mere reaction to human failure. God was much more than a problem solver. Instead, Franciscans claimed that the cross was a freely chosen revelation of Love on God's part. In so doing, they reversed the engines of almost all world religion up to that point, which assumed humans had to spill blood to get to a distant and demanding God. On the cross, Franciscans believed, God was "spilling blood" to reach out to us! This is a sea change in consciousness. Instead of being a theological transaction, the crucifixion was a dramatic demonstration of God's outpouring love, meant to utterly shock the heart and mind and turn it back toward trust and love of the Creator.

In the Franciscan view, God did not need to be paid in order to love and forgive God's own creation. Love cannot be bought by some "necessary sacrifice"; if it could, it would not and could not work its transformative effects. Duns Scotus and his followers were committed to protecting the absolute freedom to love in God. If forgiveness needs to be bought or paid for, then it is not authentic forgiveness at all. Love and forgiveness must be freely given or they do not accomplish their deeply transformative healing. Self-serving love does not change the heart. It must be free and undeserved love or transformation does not happen. (Think about that and you will know it is true!)

I'm not sure many Christians recognize the dangers of penal substitutionary atonement theory. Perhaps the underlying assumptions were never made clear, even though thinking people throughout the ages were often repelled by such a crass notion of God. This theory has become a nail in the coffin of belief for many sincere, thoughtful individuals today. Some Christians just repress their misgiving because they think it implies a complete loss of faith. But I would wager that for every person who voices doubt, many more quietly walk away from a religion that has come to seem irrational, mythological, and deeply unsatisfying to the heart and soul. And these are usually not "bad" people!

Christianity can do so much better and doing so will not diminish Jesus in the least. In fact, it will allow Jesus to take on a universal and humanly appealing dimension. The cross cannot be an arbitrary and bloody sacrifice triggered by a sin that was once committed by one man and one woman under a tree between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Frankly, that idea reduces any notion of a universal or truly "catholic" revelation to one planet, at the edge of one solar system, in a universe comprised of billions of galaxies with trillions of solar systems. A religion based on required sacrifices is just not glorious or hopeful enough or even befitting the marvellous creation. To those who cling to Anselm's understanding, I would say, as J. B. Phillips wrote many years ago, "Your God is too small." (*Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Wednesday, February 6, 2019*)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Raymond John Salt (1st)

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: will take place this week on Thursday, 4th April at 7pm in the parish meeting room.

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

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Cordelia McFadden, Clement Brand (1st), Joseph Weeks, Maria Pinn (2nd), Maria Anna Foley, Christian Manley (3rd), Anthony Thorpe (4th), Michael Lane (6th),

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

Fr Quarmby's Masses: for the week commencing 31st March:- 10 a.m. Monday. Wednesday Thursday, and Saturday, 8 a.m. Tuesday. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary: Wednesday 9 a.m. Stations of the Cross: Friday 10 a.m. followed with Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary: Wednesday, 9.0am - 9.45 am during Lent

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

Gift Aid Envelopes: Boxes of Gift Aid Envelopes will be available at the back of the church before and after mass on Sunday, 31st March 2019 for everyone who gift aids. If you pay by direct debit you may still wish to take your envelopes to use for special collections and Easter and Christmas Offerings. If you occasionally attend mass in Lymington please use your envelopes and they will return them to us.

More than half of all our parish income comes from gift aided offertory and the tax we reclaim, so this money is a vital source of income for our church.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gift aid their offertory for their generous support. It is important that our church in Brockenhurst continues to be financially strong and with your help it will continue to be so.

If you do not gift aid at present but would like to joint, the only requirement is that you are a UK Taxpayer and sign a declaration. No personal or financial details need to be given.

I will be delighted to help anyone who has any questions. Bill Pignatelli, Parish Treasurer, St Anne's Brockenhurst.

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 the light of the world, says the Lord." Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

VACANCY FOR A LEAD CHAPLAIN: at St Peter's School, Bournemouth. Required from 1st September 2019. Unqualified Teacher Pay Scale Grade 1 to 6 (currently £17,208 - £27,216 gross per annum). Permanent and Full Time. Age Range of Pupils: 4 to 18 Years. Closing date: Midday on Tuesday 23rd April 2019. Full details and application information is available from www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk/staffvacancies.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Palatiano Russell (30th), Tiffany Read (31st), Margaret Monica Light (2nd), Charles Cull, Doris Smith (3rd), Joan Felicity Martine Hoyle, John Bodell, Anthony Bonett (4th), Bishop Anthony Emery (5th)

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.

FIRE WARDENS MEETING: Next Sunday, 7th April, after the 10.30am Mass in Joseph's Place to prepare for the Holy Week Services.

COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS: The retiring collection on weekend 13/14th April will be for our Easter flowers to enhance the beauty of our Churches over the Easter season.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next meeting of the CWL will be on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 2.15pm in Joseph's Place. We hope you can all come.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: will be meeting next Monday April 1st at 2pm in Joseph's Place. In addition to the quiz, raffle, tea and good company we have the singing group Straight Banana performing for us.

PARISH SUMMER LUNCH: Thursday 16th May 2019, 12 noon for 12.30pm at Brockenhurst College. £19.00 per person for three courses, tea/coffee & petit fours, and gratuities. Bar available at your own cost. Menus available at the back of the church. Please make your choices on the reverse and return to the Parish Office with your cheque made payable to PRC DTR Lymington Our Lady. Family and friends are welcome to attend. 40 places available so first come first served. The bus parking at the rear entrance is available to us but please enter via the main entrance and bear to the right. Parishioners from St Francis & St Anne's are most welcome.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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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FOUNDATION GOVERNORS NEEDED: Our local Catholic Primary School, Our Lady & St Joseph's, are looking for two new Foundation Governors. This is a very important service to our school on behalf of our local Catholic community. Full training will be given and interested applicants can contact Pam Morrissey Chair of Governors for more information. pam.morrissey@hotmail.co.uk

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.

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