

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
132 High St, Lymington, SO41 9AQ

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; 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:

Saturday Morning
from after Mass until
10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 25th May - 2nd June 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	25 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	26 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	6 th Sunday of Easter	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	26 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	6 th Sunday of Easter	Iris Olga Gates RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	26 th	3.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	For a group of Italian students	as per celebrant	AV
SUN	26 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	6 th Sunday of Easter	Tessa Joan Nally RIP F/M	DMA
MON	27 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Augustine of Canterbury, Feast, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	28 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 6 th Week of Easter	Deceased of the Adams Family	DMA
TUE	28 th	1.00pm	Funeral Service	Our Lady	Funeral Service for Jane Fletcher RIP	N/A	DMA
WED	29 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the 6 th Week of Easter	N/A	
WED	29 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 6 th Week of Easter	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	29 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 6 th Week of Easter	Macey McCormack (Intentions)	DMA
THU	30 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	The Ascension of the Lord, Holyday, (W)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
THU	30 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	The Ascension of the Lord, Holyday, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	30 th	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	The Ascension of the Lord, Holyday, (W)	Cathie Quinn RIP	DMA
THU	30 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	The Ascension of the Lord, Holyday, (W)	Blythe McCormack (Intentions)	DMA
FRI	31 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Visitation of the Bl. Virgin Mary, Feast, (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	31 st	4.30pm	Rehearsal	St Anne	Wedding Rehearsal	N/A	DMA
SAT	1 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Justin, Mem, (R)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	1 st	1.00pm	Wedding	St Anne	Marriage of Nicky Brooks & Ross Pike	N/A	DMA
SAT	1 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	7 th Sunday of Easter	Adam Putyra RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	2 nd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	7 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	2 nd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	7 th Sunday of Easter	Christina Mann RIP	PWR
SUN	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	7 th Sunday of Easter	Sally Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 1st/2nd JUNE - VERONA FATHERS - MISSION APPEAL

FINDING A WAY FORWARD

Today's first reading, which presents disagreement in the infant Church followed in the second by an account of the heavenly Jerusalem, commonly understood as the Church glorified, is a clear reminder that the Church on earth is neither perfect nor omniscient. Disagreements arise over new situations in the community to which answers are not immediately obvious. It is worth reading the whole of Acts 15:1-29 to get the sense of interaction between the different parties, and the overall mix of relating and listening, discussion that includes different perspectives on the problem, and authoritative decision. We find evidence of similar arguments elsewhere in the New Testament, for example in Galatians 2:12 Paul recounts the division caused in the church of Antioch when some people came from James (Jerusalem) demanding that Jewish Christians stop sharing meals, probably including the Eucharist, with Christians of Gentile origin. The core question was whether Gentile Christians must observe the entire Mosaic Law. The need for circumcision in accordance with Mosaic practice was a theological issue, not just a social custom, hence the fierce dissension it evoked.

It is also possible that Paul and Barnabas did not welcome intrusion on their patch by visitors from Judaea. The story has all the elements for appeal to tradition and a good power struggle, yet at the centre is concern for the new converts on whom too heavy demands were being made that unsettled their minds, and a solution acceptable to both parties is agreed and authoritatively proclaimed. (cont/.)

Current situations need similar attention by church pastors and those in authority. Appeal to tradition is not enough. Where the law is too heavy a burden and unsettles the minds of those trying to live a Christian life, Scripture teaches that action is needed on the part of those in authority to lighten the burden, and support and encourage these children of God.

In the Gospel Jesus begins to talk of the Spirit whom the Father will send in his name. There are many rich strands in this passage from John: love, peace, remembrance, and above all promise. Jesus promises the Spirit and all that flows from that: indwelling of the Trinity, being taught and reminded of all that Jesus said, and a peace that the world cannot give. In scripture, covenant, the faithfulness of God is the ground on which the Judaeo-Christian faith is founded. Promises are made at key stages in Christian life – baptism, confirmation, priestly ordination and marriage, and in profession of the evangelical counsels.

Promise in human relationships has been described as the translating of desire into fidelity that sustains the parties through good and bad, through sickness and health. In this reading there is a sense of being overwhelmed by Jesus' love for the disciples. It is warm and tender, strong and full of promise.
(Preaching and teaching the Word by Bridget Tighe FMDM, in Priests and People)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Phillips (30th), William Francis Presland (1st)

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

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH: SUN 26TH MAY 6pm: Taize Service for Ascension and Pentecost with prayer, readings and time for quiet reflection. We are warmly invited to attend.

COLLECTION FOR REFUGEE FAMILY -Very many thanks for the generous donations amounting to £384.12p. We will ensure it is put to good use.

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA: We look forward to social event that will take place on Saturday, 27th July. We are very grateful to Anne-Marie & her family for offering once again to host the event at their house. More details will follow in due course.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Catherina Playford (1st)

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

FR QUARMBY'S MASS TIMES: For the week commencing 26th May 2019 Mass times will be:- 8 a.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. **ROSARY & ADORATION** from 9am on Wednesday.

Date for your diary: A charity lunch is being put on at the home of Henrietta Reynolds, together with the Social Committee, on Wednesday, 19 June. £16 a ticket for a two-course meal with wine. There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board in the porch if you would like to attend.

The Time is Now: mass climate change lobby of Parliament on Wednesday, 26 June. See item under All Parishes. A coach is being organised by CAFOD Portsmouth from Ringwood but if you would like to join a group from St Anne's travelling to London by train please speak to Anna Mellor or Edelweiss and Michael Jones (Michael Jansens, our CAFOD rep will be on holiday).

Church garden: Help needed for watering: Anne Woolhouse would be most grateful if you would consider joining a rota to help with this task in the event of a heat wave or when she is away. There is a hose front and back and the whole process should not take longer than 30 mins. Please speak to Anne after Mass or call her on 624265 or sign the sheet on the notice board.

INDUCTION OF NEW VICAR: The Revd Simon Newham will be inducted as Vicar of Brockenhurst on **Thursday, 13th June 2019 at 8.00pm.** St Saviour's Church, Wilverley Road, Brockenhurst. I am sure many of you will want to attend this celebration.

100 CLUB: This week is the last draw for the current year so it is time to contribute for next year. The cost is £24 per person per year. Cheques should be made payable to "PRCDTR -Brockenhurst-St Anne" or cash placed in a sealed envelope with name and telephone number and handed to Anne Woolhouse (624265) or Ian Holden. New members would be very welcome - cash prizes are drawn on the last Sunday of every month.

Dates for the Diary: Churches Together (Sway, Brockenhurst, Boldre & South Baddesley) – **Songs of Praise**, outside in St Saviour's Church garden, Brockenhurst, (inside if wet) with the Salvation Army Band, Sunday, 21st July at 3pm. refreshments will be served afterwards in the church hall.

We will be celebrating the **75th Anniversary of St Anne's** on 28th July 2019. The **Summer Fete** is now planned for 7th Sept 2019. There will be a sign-up sheet available for stall-holders & helpers ASAP.

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

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Iris Olga Gates, Bridie Heneghan (25th), Donald Paul Wilson (27th), Ann Patricia Hooker, Mary Ellen Kyte (28th), Catherine Ann Lowe (29th)

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23RD JUNE OLMSJ: PLEASE NOTE - The church will be full that day with the families. If possible, please attend another Mass that weekend.

THANKS FOR EM & READERS DAY: Led by renowned Liturgist and Musical Director Paul Inwood, many of our Parishioners came together last Saturday for a day of retreat which we hope rejuvenated us spiritually and spurred us on to do our very best in our ministries. Well done Cathy Pickles for making the day happen.

FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN: Thank you to all those who attended the Fund Raising campaign meeting. However, not including the Finance Committee there were still less than 30 people. A report has been produced for this weekend which will make the information available to everyone in the parish.

DONATIONS: We are very grateful for two donations of £250 to our church building fund. One donation was made anonymously, the other was by cheque and gift-aided as well Thank you to those persons.

HEALTH & SAFETY – LYMINGTON: We have been instructed to keep candles in our sand trays at least 3 inches (approx 7cm) from the edge of the tray and to keep candles no closer than 3 inches (approx 7cm) to each other. When you light a candle please note the above. We have had one candle which was near the edge of the sand tray and fell onto the wood in front of the statue the wood was found smouldering. Luckily, it was found in time causing minimal damage. There have been two occasions recently when we have found several candles tightly bundled together going up as one huge flame. Luckily they were spotted and split up. The act of lighting a candle is a great comfort to many and often assists with prayer, but please remember to take great care when lighting them.

All Parishes

NEW FOREST CATENIANS: Our monthly Circle meeting will take place at 7.00pm on **TUESDAY 28th MAY** at the Crown Manor Hotel, Lyndhurst. Our ladies are meeting at the same time in the 'Imperial China' restaurant which has proved so popular! If you are interested in learning more about the Association please join us: phone Nick Coghlan 01425 673906

THANKS: to all involved with the beautiful Mass of the Sick for our Pastoral Area last Sunday afternoon in Our Lady of Lourdes. Special thanks go to Fr David who concelebrated the Mass with Frs. George Ngwa and David Quarmbly. The Sacrament of the Sick was administered to those requesting it during the Mass.

HEALTH & SAFETY: The latest bulletin from the Diocese has instructed that all votive candles still alight when the church is locked, are to be extinguished. This is to prevent a potential fire from happening. This is a directive from the Insurance company as two candle-related church fires have recently resulted in claims of around £400,000 and £80,000.

CALLING FIRE WARDENS: OLMSJ, ST FRANCIS & ST ANNE'S : There will be a Refresher Course for all Fire Wardens on Friday 7th June at 7.30pm at OLMSJ church with the Diocesan Fire Officer Deacon Stephen Short. *All are asked to attend.* Please ring the parish office 01590 676696 and leave a message for Linda as to whether you will be attending or not.

WE NEED MORE FIRE WARDENS- We *urgently* need more Fire Wardens for 6pm Saturday Mass OLMSJ and 6pm Sunday Mass at St Anne's Please consider being a Fire Warden. If you would like to be a Fire Warden please ring the parish office for details.

THE TIME IS NOW!! " - CLIMATE CHANGE LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT. See item in St Anne's section.