

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
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Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils: Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Ian Holden, 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday Morning
from after Mass until
10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 3rd August - 11th August 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	3 rd	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	18 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	4 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	18 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	18 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	4 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism: - baby Dylan Christopher Orr	N/A	DMA
SUN	4 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	18 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	6 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast, (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	7 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	7 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	For those who are unwell	DMA
WED	7 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Dominic, Mem, (W)	Michael Hedges RIP	DMA
FRI	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Teresa Benedicta, Feast, (R)	CWL - past & present members	DMA
SAT	10 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Laurence, Feast, (R)	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
SAT	10 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	11 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	19 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	11 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	Michael Hedges RIP	DMA
SUN	11 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism: - baby Edith Rose Tui Kosh	N/A	DMA
SUN	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	19 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA

OUR NEW PARISH EMAIL: lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
(Do not use lymbrock@sky.com it is no longer accessible and any emails sent there will be lost)

EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY!

'Eat, drink and be merry,' says the rich man to himself. We almost automatically supply the proverbial conclusion: 'for tomorrow we die'. The prophetic critique of the lifestyle of the rich and reckless is a common biblical theme, and it's not surprising in this context that the self-satisfied farmer is about to meet a sticky end.

It's not comfortable reading in the height of the holiday season, because it addresses attitudes that govern much of our modern Western existence. The world we live in seems an increasingly insecure place: we're continually reminded of the menace of terrorism; ongoing conflicts around the globe seem insoluble; and climate change, which is exacerbated by our Western lifestyle, also threatens the survival of that same way of life.

And what is our response in the face of these dangers? It is to put our trust in acquisition. The more we have, the more secure we feel. Our consumer culture constantly encourages us to want more, to acquire more, to keep up to date with the 'must-haves' of today. A recent trend among the young urban rich is to rent warehouse space to store their possessions so that their city apartments appear fashionably uncluttered. It all sounds reminiscent of the man in today's Gospel.

The rich fool doesn't supply the ending of the proverb, because his own mortality has never entered his mind. He can enjoy the present, for his wealth gives him the assurance that the future too will be bright. The rich tend to think that they are in command of their own lives, whereas those who live close to poverty may have a truer realisation of their dependency on others, and on circumstances beyond their control. But in the words of a contemporary of Jesus, the Roman philosopher Seneca, 'How foolish it is to plan out the years ahead when you are not even master of tomorrow.'

And the rich man is about to encounter a short, sharp shock. It is also a shock to those who hear the parable, because this is a unique occurrence in the Gospels – the only occasion when God himself appears in a parable and speaks. The intention is to convey an essential truth about human existence. However rich and successful we may be, however much we may have surrounded ourselves with the security of wealth and possessions, we cannot be in control of the future.

At some point, all of us will realise that our supreme security, our ultimate fulfilment is something that we cannot achieve through our own efforts. Sometimes that only happens when we experience some kind of disruption in our lives, a 'short, sharp shock' of one sort or another. The parable today gives us due warning, and, unlike the rich fool, the opportunity to reflect before it is too late. As Paul says, it's time to 'put on a new self', and to make ourselves rich in the sight of God. (From *Priests and People* by Fr. Peter Edwards)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Decima Mary Bidwell, Marjorie Dora McCoy, Mary Beatrice Lister (9th)

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

THANK YOU: Just a quick note to say thank you to everyone for your support and hard work on our Strawberry Cream Tea at the weekend. We were blessed with such lovely weather and a great team effort was made by everyone in every way. Barring any possible future donations we have made £805.20 which is a fantastic amount so thank you once again- we couldn't have done it without you! (from Di Mussert).

Brilliant outcome not only the money raised but the turnout of so many parishioners, so important as we have so many who are living on their own. (Roger Maughan).

TAIZE SERVICE 6PM : every 4th Sunday at All Saints'. Beautiful service of prayer, Taize chants, readings and time for quiet reflection. Next one will be **25th August**. We are warmly invited to attend.

YOGA CLASSES: Starting on Tuesday 6th August, **new Yoga classes** will be happening in the Maryland Room for a trial period of six weeks! The classes will be led by Alison Metcalfe who lives locally and will start at 11.30 am for one hour. There will be a charge of £5 per session on a "pay as you go" basis. The group is unlikely to exceed 12 people and will be open to the general public as well. Alison is a qualified practitioner of Dru yoga and is fully insured. Her classes will include yoga stretches and sequences with a short relaxation at the end. From personal experience I can say it will be a wonderfully calming session.

If you like the sound of this, please contact Alison direct on alisonmetcalfe8@gmail.com or **07709 314222** for more information. Places will have to be allocated on a "first come, first served basis" so don't delay! Alison will be making a generous donation to Parish funds for use of the room. For your further information, yoga classes are also being held in the Maryland Room on Monday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30 on July 29, August 5, 12 and 19. This is an established class that needs to relocate from the Community Centre for these four weeks. It is possible there may be a few places available on this class as well. Contact Alison if you are interested.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Paul Mangran (5th), Olena Konsaniak (7th), Eileen Dunham (8th), Hermione Bocchesse (9th), Richard Last (10th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers Anna Hubbard, Sean Dunn and Linda Reardon.

FR QUARMBY'S MASSES: My weekday Mass times for the week commencing 4th August:-

10 a.m. every day except Tuesday when it is at 8 a.m.

Fr Charlie Beirne: is a member of the De Montfort Order who has been doing missionary work in Africa for a number of years. St Anne's parish has been generously supporting his work over this period. Fr Charlie will be celebrating the 10 am Mass at St Anne's on **Thursday, 15th August**, the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady. There will be a collection for Fr Charlie's work this Sunday, 4th August and a further opportunity to contribute on Sunday 11th August.

House Mass: The Shearer family have kindly offered their home for our House Mass which will be held on Friday 6th September. More details to follow.

100 Club: The winner of the July draw is Henrietta Reynolds with no. 42.

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

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Diocesan Property Manager: The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Diocesan Property Manager providing an effective property management and advice service to the Parishes and Schools of the Diocese and protecting the interests of the Portsmouth Diocese. The role is a challenging opportunity for a self-motivated individual with considerable experience and a relevant property qualification. While a background in estate management is desirable, your experience could be in surveying or property management. Much of your work will require liaison with priests and parish volunteers, so a commitment to the ethos of the Catholic Church, and excellent communication skills are required. Ability to manage own diary and ensure all tasks completed. Salary £25,000-£35,000 dependant on qualifications and experience. Due to the nature of our work with schools and vulnerable adults a DBS check will be required. For informal enquiries please contact Hilary Foley (Director of Estates) **02392 825430**

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Joseph Manghan (3rd), Charles Frith (4th), Elizabeth Powell (5th), Henry Lang (6th), Emma Segato Barbieri (7th), Patricia Myers, Charles Moverley (9th)

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

MICHAEL HEDGES RIP: Sadly Michael, Pauline's husband, died last Wednesday in Southampton General. Michael & Pauline moved over to Lymington from the other side of the New Forest a couple of years ago. The Requiem Mass for Michael will be on Tuesday, 20th August at 10.30am at Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington, followed by cremation at Test Valley Crematorium. In the meantime, we will keep Pauline and family in our prayers. We pray also that Mike may rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: will be meeting next Monday August 5th at 2pm in Joseph's Room. In addition to the usual Quiz, Raffle and Tea we will be having a talk by Stephen Beal with his dog about Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

HUGE THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS: to parishioners who helped with coffee/lunches last Saturday when we broke our record and raised £272. This was given to Going for Bust, the only charity which supports breast cancer, on behalf of the people of the parish. Thanks to everyone who supported this super effort. Our next coffee/lunches fundraiser will be on Saturday 31st August and will be for Honeypot.

RAFFLE PRIZES: We need quality items for our fund-raising events. If you have any item which you feel would make a good raffle prize please hand it to Linda or hand it into the parish office. Thank you.

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE PARISH EMAIL

ADDRESS: The new parish email address is: lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk The old email address is no longer functioning. Sky-Yahoo have had a major problem with their email system. The old email address is not now recoverable. Any emails sent to lymbrock@sky.com after 23rd July have not been received (even if they have not "bounced back") and cannot be recovered. Please update your email address list accordingly.

PARISH BBQ: Tickets for the parish BBQ will be on sale from today.

GAZEBO NEEDED: If anyone has a Gazebo we could borrow for the BBQ on 18th August, please see Gerry Heneghan or Mike Reynolds.

FUNDRAISING FOR MAJOR REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS OF OUR CHURCH & PRESBYTERY: So far we have:

Pledges: 9 pledges, 8 of which are gift aided. The value of these pledges after 5 years, including Gift Aid, will be £23,050.

Anticipated Funds: remainder of our Living Our Faith which is £3,230.

Donations received:

Cash and cheques Received Aided	£4,694.75 of which £4,350.00 Gift Aided
Gift Aid Recoverable on above	£1,087.50
Fundraising Event (Saturday lunches)	£230.00
Smarties Tubes	£240.52

Green envelopes will be available shortly for people wishing to donate to the Building Fund on a one-off basis.

May I ask you to please consider pledging. See Frances Walker for more information.

A BIG thank you to all those who have contributed so far. We have a long way to go but we're off to a good start.

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FUNDRAISING: OLMSJ has to raise £300,000 towards essential repairs. There are several ways we are hoping to meet that target, but one of them is through a series of social events. These social events are open to parishioners from St Anne's and St Francis. We hope you will see an event you like and will buy a ticket. All details will be in the newsletter. If you would like a ticket, please ring the parish office. Thank you for your support.

Events so far:

18 th August	BBQ OLMSJ
29 th September	Curry Night
19 th October	Quiz night
17 th December	Angel fest @ OLSJ school 2.30pm-4pm

Churches Together Annual Holiday Club at the URC, Lymington on Thursday mornings during August. Free and available to all. Helpers also sought. For more information contact childrenfamiliesurclym@btinternet.com or ring 02380284342