

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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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. Exec. Head: Gerida Montague
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 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: 28th September - 6th October 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	28 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	26 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	Hubertus & Clasina van Kesteren RIP Anrv	DMA
SUN	29 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	26 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	Conor McCormack	DMA
SUN	29 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	26 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	29 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	26 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	30 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Jerome, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	1 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Therese, Mem, (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	2 nd	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	The Holy Guardian Angels, Mem, (W)	N/A	
WED	2 nd	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	The Holy Guardian Angels, Mem, (W)	deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
WED	2 nd	10.00am	W & C	St Anne	The Holy Guardian Angels, Mem, (W)	N/A	
THU	3 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	James Barry-Ball RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	4 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Francis of Assisi, Mem, (W)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday, Mem, (W)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	5 th	1.00pm	Wedding	St Francis	Sarah Richens & Sven Blenko	N/A	DMA
SAT	5 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	6 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	27 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	6 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	27 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	6 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	27 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA

MASS COUNTS AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKENDS NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION: CAFOD AUTUMN COLLECTION - 5th/6th OCTOBER

Prayer for Creation: Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that you give us as stewards of your creation. In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering. Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future. Teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all you have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us. Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

INDULGENCE BEGETS BLINDNESS

It is very easy to become "ensconced so snugly" as the first reading puts it. We isolate ourselves from other people's problems and sufferings. We perhaps unconsciously bury our own fears and anxieties by constant distraction, busyness or indulgence. In Jesus's time some people reassured themselves that if they were materially blessed it meant that God was smiling on them. That delusion is still around today under different guises, e.g. the so-called "prosperity Gospel". In a rather shocking way Jesus destroys that self-justifying fantasy. However, in exposing one injustice it seemingly creates another. The poor person's sufferings were at least temporary; those of the heartless, indulgent person are apparently endless. There will only be love in heaven. Everything that is not held in love will pass away. The old self or the ego will pass away, the true self, the Christ-self in us will remain.

The gospel parable is also a comment on the question why only a few of the Jewish responded positively to the proclamation of Jesus's Resurrection. The reason given is that they had not listened to Moses or the prophets.

So let us open ourselves to God's grace which alone can transform us and create us anew. Grace helps live according to our Christ-self. It unmask the ego as an empty impostor.

Let us work to build faith communities that are open and inclusive yet dedicated and responsible. We want commitment but not judgement, strong faith but not narrow-mindedness. We want love that is neither cliquy nor cloying; service of others that is not proud, patronising or self-serving. We want patient compassion with strong ideals. We want to be in fellowship with the national and universal church not as mindless slaves but as brothers and sisters who share the one Spirit.

Such a community is ultimately the work of God's Spirit but God cannot do it without us. For our part there must be some reality to our faith. Are we keen to worship and celebrate the Eucharist? Are we striving to put the word of Jesus into practice through caring and compassionate action? Are we strangers to our faith community or do we support it and take part in it? (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Daphne Rose Igoe (30th), Kathleen Teresa Baker (1st), Ethel Maud Jackson, Robert Francis Norman Lester (3rd), Arthur Rowland Bryant (4th)

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

WEDDING NEXT SATURDAY: We pray for Sarah & Sven who will be married at St Francis on Saturday, 5th Oct. at 1pm. May they have a joyful day and a long & happy life together

GOLDEN SOUNDS at ST.FRANCIS: "Voice & Brass Concert" October 5th at 7.30pm. Our friends, Total Voice Choir, join with Haven Brass Quartet for a delightful evening of mellifluous music. Tickets £8 children free. Available from Milford Community Centre or Rita Ford.

Ecumenical Service 6pm: The regular 5th Sunday service in the Community Centre, Sea Road, for all denominations, with be on **Sunday 29 Sept.**

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Margaret O'Donnell, Ellen Clevedon Skellon, Evelyn Mary Wardale (3rd), Max Mueller (4th)

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

FR QUARMBY'S MASSES: on Monday 30th September at 8 a.m. NO Masses Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. (Away on Clergy Retreat). Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary Wednesday 9 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. led by the laity. Mass on Saturday at 10 a.m.

The Rosary: October is a special month of the Holy Rosary and for devotion to Our Lady.

Care for Creation: was launched in our Parish last Sunday at a special Mass celebrating the gift of creation and giving thanks for the harvest. We thank Madeleine & the parish youth group who led the Mass and especially Tabitha who gave us an inspiring presentation on the destruction of our planet and why we need to take action. **Care for Creation** gives us the opportunity, as individuals and together as a parish, to act on the issue of climate change through prayer, love of our neighbour and practical actions. Do please join in, we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas and keep an eye out for our next meeting.

A Prayer Vigil: including Eucharistic Adoration, will be held in the church on Sunday, 6th October at 4 pm to 5 pm. This is an ecumenical service to mark the Feast of St Francis and the end of the Season of Creation. For those who want to stay on for Mass at 6 pm there will be tea and coffee available in the Parish Rooms after the Vigil.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 2019: on Friday, 4th October. Please pick up your envelopes from the back of the church.

Eco-education talk by earth protector and ecologist Ivan Anjo Dinis who lives and works in the Brazilian Amazon, at the Methodist Church Hall, Avenue Road in Brockenhurst on Thursday 3rd October 10am-12 noon. This is a rare opportunity to hear about life in the Amazon Basin at this time and all are welcome.

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

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"The Future of the Church - Walking Together. Well known theologian Prof. Tom O'Loughlin will be leading the conference along with mini presentation of parish projects on: Caritas, Live Simply, Laudato Si & refugee project. Sat 5th October, 1030-1615, finishing with Mass at 1630. At Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Fareham, Hants, PO17 5HA. Please bring lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Please ring 07917 845184 to reserve your place.

EXTRA ORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION OCTOBER 2019: As an act of Solidarity with the whole Church, on Mission Sunday, Bishop Philip invites you to join him to celebrate Mission Sunday Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, 20th October 2019 at 2pm, followed by Refreshments in the Discovery Centre..

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Hannah Moon, Albert Ernest 'Ernie' Borrie (28th), Eva Walsh, Elizabeth Salmon, Daniel Reginald Murphy (29th), William Young (30th), Brynley Jones, Elizabeth Ellen Hutchins, Sheila Angela Theresa Cozens (1st), Ruth Gallagher, Joseph Dyer (3rd), Rosina Dorothy Morton Hughes, Mary 'Molly' Holliday, Elizabeth 'Betty' Iles (4th)

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: We would like to start our new programme for the 2019/2020 Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are aged 13+ and would like to take part in the programme please complete the form at the back of the Church and return it to Cathy Pickles no later than Sunday 29th September.

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 next weekend (28th & 29th September). If you have a Red Box and are able to bring it along, it would be much appreciated. Please make sure that your box has your name on it before handing in, so that we can identify your donation. Any queries, please contact Jenny on 01590:610413.

THE PLEDGES KEEP COMING IN: Please consider giving an amount each month over 5yrs. You can always alter or cancel if your circumstances change. See the green forms at the back of church.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We now have 19 pledges which will realise £47,575 over five years including Gift Aid. Bank Account Receipts: Ordinary donations - £5,387.59; Gift Aided donations - £8,350.70; Fund Raising events - £1,444.80; Book Sales - £356.63; Smartie Tubes - £401.71; Total at Bank - £15,941.43. Anticipated Income: Remainder of Living Our Faith - £3,230; Gift Aid on above donations - £2,087.68.

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THANK YOU: to all our friends at St Anne's and St Francis who are supporting our building fund. Jo Cole's Coffee morning at Sway raised an amazing £300. Thank you to all who supported & who provided the lovely cakes & goodies and preserves and craft items for sale.

BEAUTIFUL HAND-MADE QUILT: by renowned seamstress, Eileen Griffiths, 49" wide by 50" long; £1 per ticket. A picture of the quilt will be on display on Saturday & Sunday mornings in Joseph's Place. All profits to the Building Fund. The draw will be on 1st December. Tickets on sale now from Eileen Griffiths or leave contact details at the Parish Office.

BASICS BANK APPEAL: I need to make an appeal on behalf of New Forest Basics Bank, your local food bank. The ravages of very high demand on our food parcels over the summer due to introduction of Universal Credit combined with an unhappy economy have left our stocks terribly diminished. I am therefore asking you, that when you next visit the supermarket you buy some of the things which are on our list, bring them to church and put them in our crate in your church or in the crate at Waitrose. Following the English tradition of Harvest Festival, this is an opportunity to thank God for his generosity to us and for us to hand that generosity on to others less fortunate. A large number of you are already generously giving to Basics Bank by monthly Standing Order. Please may I ask you to re-visit those donations and consider whether you might just be able to increase them by a pound or two – Every little helps, as the saying goes. As a result of your generosity and that of other local churches this Harvest, I am hoping that the shelves of New Forest Basics Bank will thankfully be re-stocked. *Anthony Kirke, Hon Treasurer, NFBB. Sept 2019. Tel: 645521.*

QUIZ NIGHT: The quiz night is on Saturday 19th October at Joseph's Place , OLMSJ. Tickets are £30 for a table of 6 people (£5 a head). No more than 6 to a table. Please gather your team together and give the team a name. If you are on your own and need to join a team, or haven't got 6, please let the office know and we will try to match you up. **Please bring your own food and drink and all that entails.** **There will be a prize for: The best dressed table!** (Not necessarily the best dressed people, but if you want to dress up too that's fine!). **There will be prizes for** the winning team and the losing team. There will be a raffle.