

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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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; 12th October - 20th October 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	12 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	28 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	13 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	28 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	13 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	28 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	13 th	2.00pm	Baptism	Our Lady	baby Audrey Jane Wheeler	N/A	DMA
SUN	13 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	28 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	14 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	15 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Teresa of Jesus, Mem, (W)	The Carmelite Spiritual family	DMA
WED	16 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	16 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	Peace in Syria	DMA
WED	16 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Ignati us of Antioch (R)	deceased clergy of the Province	DMA
FRI	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Luke, Feast, (R)	for the spreading of the Gospel	DMA
SAT	19 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday (W)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	19 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	29 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	20 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	29 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	DMA
SUN	20 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	29 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	PWR
SUN	20 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	29 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA

MASS COUNTS - THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND; NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: FOREIGN MISSIONS - 19th/20th OCTOBER; BAMENDA - 2nd/3rd NOVEMBER

OUR FAITH SAVES US

One of the more frequent sayings of Jesus is: "Go in peace, your faith has saved you." Usually Jesus has given a gift of healing. He doesn't say: "Go in peace and remember that Jesus of Nazareth has healed you." Nor does he say: "Go in peace and remember that God has healed you," even though both these statements are true. God in Jesus did, does and will continue to heal and bless us.

This faith that saves is a recognition that God is acting through Jesus and that God will act on our behalf for our salvation and our blessing. This faith is not a work that earns us God's attention. It is not a psychological attitude that we can train ourselves to accomplish. It is the look from the helpless to the Helper. It is the offering of nothingness from the creature to the Creator. It is the messy, emptiness of the sinner who seeks to be filled with the mercy of God. It is the cry of pain from the lonely or bereaved.

The purpose of the Church is to invite faith and to nurture faith. Its role is to help people enter into a relationship with God and one another (the two relationships are always inseparable). It should be a community where God's love and grace can be shared. People aren't made for the Church. The Church is made for people.

Some times we think we can get along fine without the community of faith. We think God is everywhere so we don't need to go to church to pray. But in reality we gradually stop praying altogether. We think God is with us always so we don't need to receive Holy Communion. But we gradually forget God is with us and with others and we sink further into a shallow mentality.

We think God will always forgive us so we don't need to change. But in reality our bad habits & sins just get stronger and more destructive. We can fall into a negative attitude to others, only seeing their faults. We forget that we have gifts to share and others have gifts that will benefit us.

If, on the other hand, our faith is growing we will have a greater dependency on God, a growing sense of God loving us and being with us always, a growing desire to communicate with God and be in union with God. We will also have a growing practical love for our brothers & sisters in the faith and for all humanity. We will appreciate and use the ordinary helps to salvation, which the Church offers: fellowship, worship, prayer, Scripture and the sacraments. However we will see them as a means to an end, which is union with God and one another in faith, hope and love. More and more we will see God acting through them but not being limited by them.

We will be grateful for the services of the priest but we will remember that it is Christ who loves and saves us. Christ is in fact the only Priest. And, if necessary, the Christ can come to us without intermediaries. We can always seek forgiveness in prayer: "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you." We can express our sorrow for sin and we can ask for the grace to change. Whatever our circumstances we can make a spiritual communion. We ask Jesus to fill us with all the graces that would be given were we able to receive sacramental Holy Communion. We can pray for the healing of others and ourselves. We can pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit too! All we need is the nothingness of faith. Jesus will never leave us alone: "Come to me, all you who are burdened." (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Ethelfrida Davies (13th), Marjorie Leila Brown (14th), Dorothy G. Lynch, Dorothea Winifred Hamblett (15th), Muriel Felicity Davey, Kenneth John Taylor (16th), Mary Cecelia Harding (17th)

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

Autumn Bible Study: 7:30pm at the Methodist Church, Monday 14 Oct for 4 weeks; and at St Mary's Everton 11:30am Thursday Oct 24, 31; Nov 14, 28. Based on the film Victoria & Abdul.

Zozulanka Concert: 7pm at All Saints, Fri 18 October. Full details on poster in Little Assisi Room.

Quiz Night: 7pm at Methodist Church, Fri 18 October. Full details on poster in Little Assisi Room.

Taize Service: 6pm All Saints Sunday 27 October. This will be a Healing Service. Full details on poster in Little Assisi Room.

YOGA CLASSES – MARYLAND ROOM: The Tuesday Yoga classes are proving to be very popular and Alison Metcalfe is now proposing an additional session on Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 10.30, with effect from the 10th October. She will be making further generous donations to the parish. She will run the new classes on a trial basis until December, at the same price of £5 per session and with a similar "yoga stretch" theme to the Tuesday class. If you need more information or wish to book yourself a place, please call Alison on 07709 314222.

Alison will also be running a one-off Aromatherapy Workshop in the Maryland Room on Friday 8th November between 2pm and 4pm. Contact her for further information.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Ruby Alice Clifford (13th), Jean Gordon Brand (15th), John (Jack) Edward Olney (19th)

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

Fr Quarby's Mass times: for the week commencing 13th October: Masses in Brockenhurst – St Anne's: - 8 a.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.

Eucharistic Adoration: every Wednesday at 9.00am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

October is a special month of the Holy Rosary and for devotion to Our Lady. Do please join us if you can.

Date for your diary: A day of information and reflection on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* will take place on Saturday, 30th November. A simple lunch will be included. More details to follow.

Recycling crisp packets: In addition to the collection of plastic bottle tops which has been so successful, we will now also be collecting empty crisp packets. Despite their appearance, crisp packets are actually made from metallized plastic film. Tetracycle accept the crisp packets - any size, any brand including multi-pack outers - process them and turn them into basic, long-lasting products. They give a small payment in return which will go to one of our local primary schools. There will be a bag in the porch in which to deposit your crisp packets, so let's start collecting!

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

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BASICS BANK APPEAL: I am 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.*

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: William Leonard Green (13th), Madeleine Fielding-Blandford (14th), Margaret Mary Wildegger (16th), William Andrews, John Ryan, Paul Pastor (18th)

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.

KNIT & STITCH: will meet next Friday 18th October 2019 in Joseph's Place from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

Quiz Night is NEXT SATURDAY!

Have you booked a table yet? At the time of printing, only 4 tables left. Prizes for winning table and losing table.

Prize also for the Best Dressed Table! (Not obligatory) Bring your own refreshments.

£30 a table (£5 each person) 6 max to a table.

Fill in the booking form at the back of the church, see Linda or ring the parish office- but be quick!

SPOT THE BABY COMPETITION STARTS NEXT WEEK!

For £2 you will receive a set of baby/young child photographs of some of our well known parishioners.

Match the names to the photographs and you could be a winner!!

The winning entry will have the most correct matches.

Prize: a £20 Marks and Spencer voucher and a photo frame!

So don't forget your £2 next week!

All proceeds to the Building fund- Prizes have been donated.

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 **29 pledges which will return £64,065**, including gift aid, assuming all pledges are maintained over five years.

Actual Bank Account Receipts to date:-

Ordinary donations (including pledges) £5,433.09

Gift Aided donations (including pledges) £9,925.70

Fund Raising events £1,936.80

Book Sales £356.63

Smartie Tubes £401.71

Total at Bank **£18,053.93**

Anticipated Income:

Remainder of Living Our Faith £3,230

Gift Aid on above donations £2,481.43

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK: beginning in November, each weekend, after one of the Sunday Masses I will be offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, a sacrament both of healing and forgiveness. It is for serious conditions of mind or body and can be received more than once. It should not be delayed, as they say: "the sooner the better". The particular Mass will be identified in the Service schedule. Over the course of a month I will try to include, at least once, each of our three churches and each Sunday Mass time. The first opportunity will be on Sun., 3rd Nov. after the 10.30am Mass at OLMSJ; then after the 6pm Mass at St Anne's, on 10th Nov; then after the 6pm Mass at OLMSJ, on 16th Nov; then after the 9am Mass at St Francis, on 17th Nov; then after the 6pm Mass at OLMSJ, on 23rd Nov. Depending on numbers the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick takes about 10-15 mins.

CREATING AND HOLDING SPACE FOR OUR BROKENNESS: Copies of an article by Fr Ron Rolheiser are available at the back of church. Its about supporting one another in the burdens of life: grief, pain or anxiety etc. What can we do for our 3 parishes in this respect?

PRAYING FOR & SUPPORTING THE MISSIONS: On the penultimate Sunday of October, every Catholic parish prays for the global mission of the Church. And every parish contributes to the Pope's fund for world mission - known in England and Wales as *Missio*. Even the poorest community gives what it can, then each receives according to its needs. As we continue this Extraordinary Month of Mission, please continue to join in praying for missionaries around the globe. With the Synod on the Amazon taking place in Rome at this time, we are reminded of the continued need to reach out to some of the remotest places in our world in response to Jesus Christ's command to 'go and make disciples of all the peoples'.

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 will be on sale again next week.