

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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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

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 after Mass until 10.30am or by arrangement.

Masses & Services for the Week: 9th November - 17th November 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	9 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday (P)	All the departed	DMA
SUN	10 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	10 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	10 th	6.00pm	Mass + AS	St Anne	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday (P)	All the departed	DMA
MON	11 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Martin of Tours, Mem, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Josaphat, Mem, (R)	Harry Newenham RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
WED	13 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	13 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	Dec'd of the Adams & Moore families	DMA
WED	13 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	14 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Celine MacCay RIP	DMA
FRI	15 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Dec'd of the Manghan & Warrilow families	DMA
SAT	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Edmund of Abingdon, Sol, (W)	Patience Nicholson RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	16 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	33 rd Sunday of the Year C (G)	Maude & Joseph Fojt RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	17 th	9.00am	Mass + AS	St Francis	33 rd Sunday of the Year C (G)	Olive Hunter RIP	DMA
SUN	17 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	33 rd Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	17 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	33 rd Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA

THIS SUNDAY (9th/10th Nov) - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY & ALL SOULS THE MASS READINGS WILL THOSE FOR ALL SOULS & LEAFLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN : What do we do, as Christians, on Remembrance Day & All Souls Day? We may remember those who are no longer with us on this side of life, people we knew & loved and miss; we may remember those who died in war. We may honour extraordinary courage and self-sacrifice and mourn tragic sequences of events, cruel and merciless carnage or a staggering blindness that led to folly on a monumental scale. Whatever the experience of our remembering & our mourning, it will doubtless move us deeply whether we are alone, or with others, being silent or joining together in words & music, shedding tears without or within.

The follower of Jesus can never see war as anything but a fruit of failure and tragedy. As a well-known song puts it: the military solution always leads to something worse. War is never a good thing. In some extreme situations it may be a necessary evil. War invariably creates as many problems as it tries to solve, often it creates more. We can never celebrate it or glory in it. It always represents a failure of the ideal, which is peaceful coexistence. Both innocent and guilty are swept up in its turmoil and become victims. Bodies are broken, scarred and maimed, souls are numbed and traumatised and spirits soar either to heights of self-sacrifice and courage or sink to depths of dark, demonic brutality. This means that mourning invites us to take a prophetic stance against the cultural and economic dynamics that rely on and exploit war. It calls us to challenge politics of hate and oppression. It calls us to expose the lie that creates an enemy "over there" in order to absolve us from facing our own darkness & problems "over here".

So we mourn and we pray for all the departed and especially for those who lost their lives as a result of war. We are united with the whole of humanity in creation, in sin and death, and united with humanity in redemption and resurrection. Our trust & confidence is based on God's love: *When I am lifted up from the earth, says Jesus, I shall draw all people to myself* (John); *God has imprisoned all people in their disobedience only to have mercy on all people* (Romans 11).

Sin and death are God's enemies and our enemies and God wants to do away with their destructive power. God has done this by taking away the "sting" of death which is the power of sin to separate us from God. God reconciled us while we were still enemies. So the experience of death is transformed. It no longer symbolises separation from God but now, in Christ, it becomes the path to eternal life.

Prayer touches the point where all time meets eternity, meets God. This is why we have to pray according to God's possibilities not according to our own impossibilities. That is why the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. So our prayer is not our own it is the prayer of the Spirit praying within us. The Spirit yearns for the revealing of God's children. The Spirit intercedes according to the mind of God. It is an expression of the eternal desire of God to unite all things in peace (cfr Eph 1; Col 1). We can no more refuse to pray than we can refuse to let God's love flow through us. Just as we have no excuse for withholding God's love from anyone, we have no excuse for blocking the desire of God for them, which is the prayer of the Spirit. The Spirit prays that all will be alive to God (Luke 20:37) (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Lavinia Noble (13th), Dennis Hayward, Eric Rees Jones (14th), Wazyl Mandzj (16th)

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

NEXT SUNDAY: There will be a Finance Report with an outline of the proposed improvements to the facilities at St Francis.

After Mass Fr David will be available for those who wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick

GOOD IDEA FOR YOUR 5P PIECES! Please can I persuade you all to keep a jar in your kitchen to collect 5p pieces for a very deserving charity, "Freedom from Torture", which is based in London. It gives psychological support and healing to many people who have fled torture from different parts of the world. Any number of 5p pieces will be appreciated, it all adds up! Please contact Judith Kirke. 01590 645521.

Taize Service 6pm: All Saints Church: Sunday 24 November: "Advent Preparation".

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Helen Frances Thompson (10th), Jean Heritage (12th), Douglas Cooper (1943) R.A.F. Beaulieu (15th), Patience Graham Nicholson (16th)

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

Fr Quarmby's Mass times: For the week commencing 10th November: 8 a.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. (No Mass here on Monday 11th). Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 9.0am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

Anointing of the Sick will be available from Fr David for parishioners after Mass this evening. Stay behind & sit near the front of the church.

November is the month when we especially remember our departed family and friends. A Book of Remembrance has been placed on Our Lady's altar. If there are any corrections that need to be made please contact the parish office.

Table Top Sale: in the parish rooms will take place after Mass this evening (10th November) to raise funds for the Christmas lunch and hampers.

Day of Reflection and Information on Saturday, 30th November, 11.0am to 3.30pm at St Anne's (tea/coffee from 10.30am). Meeting Pope Francis' passionate challenge to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Come and watch *Global Healing*, a filmed resource for parishes and groups, interspersed with reflection and discussion. A simple meal will be included in the day. Details and sign-up sheet on the notice board in the porch or contact Marilyn Kinnon on 01590 672425, email: marilynkinnon@gmail.com.

Parish AGM: will be held after Mass on Sunday, 17th November in the parish rooms. All welcome.

100 Club: The October draw was won by Anthony Whelan with number 16. Congratulations Anthony!

Wildlife Garden: Andrea Janssens would like to again say a huge thank you to all those who have given plants and bulbs for our church wildlife garden initiative. No more plants are needed for the time being.

Date for your diary: Christmas lunch on Sunday, 15th December in St Saviour's Church hall at 12.45 for 1.0pm. Tickets at £8.50 will be on sale from 17th November.

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

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OPEN DAYS AT OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH, CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: on **Wednesday, 13th November at 9.30am; Thursday, 5th December at 9.30am.** 83a Ramley Rd, Pennington, Lymington, Hants SO41 8GY; Tel. 01590-672711; email: adminoffice@olsjschool.com; website: www.olsjschool.co.uk.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS: "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God." Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

HAND MADE QUILT RAFFLE: This weekend Eileen is continuing to sell raffle tickets for her beautiful handmade quilt. £1 a ticket. A photograph of the quilt is displayed in Joseph's Place. It is not its actual size. The true size is 49" wide by 60" long. The draw will take place on 1st December. Tickets will be on sale at all churches. Net proceeds will go to the OLSJ, Lymington Building Fund.

ST NICHOLAS SINGERS bring you Another Christmas Cracker, their annual festive concert. Saturday 8th December at 4pm in St Johns Church, Boldre. Tickets £12 available from Pilley Community Shop, Maxwell Hamilton or Rosie Adams 01590 677068. Mulled wine and mince pies. All proceeds go to Local Charities.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Mary Wyatt (9th), Silvio Chiavari (10th), Arthur Aylward, Gladys Doughty, Brian Frith (11th), Joanna Finn (12th), Frank Ashworth (13th), Mary Nutt (14th), Maud Christie, Ronald Twitchett (15th)

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, Patricia Mate.

CWL (CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE): The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 2.15pm in Joseph's Place, OLSMJ, Lymington. Our Speaker will be ROS BRUNDRET who will be giving us an account of her life and reading some of her poems at approximately 3pm. Members of the parish are welcome to come and listen to Ros.

MISSIO CALENDARS: are available at the back of the church. Please help yourself to a free calendar and keep up to date with the wonderful work of the Missions throughout the world.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL: raised a whopping £899.99! Thank you all so much for your kind generosity. CAFOD supporters across England and Wales have recently raised over £500,000 to help communities who are most in need to build safer houses following the recent disaster in Indonesia. Thank you once again. (Patricia Emmett)

BASIC BANKS: Many thanks to all the volunteers who delivered parcels for Basic Banks last week. This meant we met our obligation which only occurs four times a year. (Pam Gorman)

KNIT & STITCH: will meet next Friday 15th November 2019 in Joseph's Place from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

DO YOU ORDER ITEMS OVER THE INTERNET? If so, you could earn some **free money for our building fund!** It is very simple: go to giveasyoulive.com to register. Sign up for free. Choose the charity: **Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph church.** Click -support us. Enter your details to create an account. Each time you shop on line a box will appear in the right hand corner asking if you would like to earn money on that transaction. Follow the instruction. Bingo! Free money! It does not cost you anything. The money earned for each transaction goes straight to our account.

Spot the Baby Competition: LAST DAY TODAY! Please hand your entries in to the office, Fr D or Linda by *Friday this week.*

BUILDING FUND UPDATE:

Pledges: No. of pledges: 30; Expected return over 5 years including gift aid: £74,415

Bank: -Actual Bank Account Receipts to date:-

Ordinary donations (including pledges)	£5,696.09
Gift Aided donations (including pledges)	£12,525.70
Fund Raising events & book sales	£3,454.14 (see details below)
Remainder of Living Our Faith	£3,230

Bank Balance at 8/11/19 **£24,905.93**

Further information: Amounts promised or due:- Gift Aid on above donations £3,131.43.

Analysis of Fund-raising Activities Income:- Coffee/Lunches £230.00; BBQ £474.80; Book Sales £356.63; Curry Night £1092.00; Quiz £373.00; St Anne's Coffee Morning: £328.00; Quilt Raffle £152.00; Spot the Baby £46.00; Smartie Tubes £401.71. Total: £3,454.14

IT'S A FIVER! Please see if you have anything you think could be sold for a fiver. Hand it in to the parish office, or any of the fundraising committee mentioned below, **between now and the end of November** and the items will go on sale each weekend from 1st December onwardsfor a fiver each!! You might pick up some great bargains! Thank you!

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Day of Reflection and Information: on Saturday 30th November at St Anne's Brockenhurst. Parishioners from OLSJ and St Francis are very welcome. See details under St Anne's section. Please contact Marilyn Kinnon as shown if you would like to attend'

TO ALL READERS: To mark the Year of the Word the diocese of Portsmouth is launching Readers' training workshops. Our Pastoral area has been booked in for the workshops at St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms Road, Lymington, SO418NH, **Workshop 1:** 7th March, 10 am to 1 pm (arrival from 9.30 am). **Workshop 2:** 14th March, 10 am to 1 pm (arrival from 9.30 am). *You have to attend both workshops. There are limited places* so to make sure you get a place please email Chris Peacock: readers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk as soon as possible. If you have not got access to a computer, please contact the parish office.

Caritas Event "World Day of the Poor" - next Sunday 17th November 2019: On the World Day of the Poor, 17th November, between 1pm and 5:30pm, Caritas Portsmouth are holding an afternoon in St. Peters, Winchester where we can all come together to share experiences and encourage new ideas around the issue of poverty. For further information contact Kevin Gallagher from Caritas at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07388994057.