

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
Park Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PT

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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: 16th November - 24th November 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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
MON	18 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	19 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Maria Magdalena Pawlowski (Peace)	DMA
WED	20 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	20 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	20 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	Ted & Kitty Hayward RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	21 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary, Mem, (W)	Mary Adair RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	22 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Cecilia, Mem, (R)	Members of the Weld Family Living and Dead	DMA
SAT	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	23 rd	6.00pm	Mass + AS	Our Lady	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Yr C	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Yr C	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Yr C	Our Confirmation Candidates	DMA
SUN	24 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Yr C	For All Benefactors of the Parish	PWR

Day of Reflection and Information on Saturday, 30th November, 11.0am to 3.30pm at **St Anne's** (tea/coffee from 10.30am). Come and watch **Global Healing**, a film for parishes and groups, interspersed with reflection and discussion. A simple lunch will be included. Details and sign-up sheet on the notice board in the porch or contact Marilyn Kinnon on 01590 672425, email marilynkinnon@gmail.com. **ALL WELCOME**

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.

WHEN OUR WORLD IS SHAKEN

At this time of the year the Scripture readings and the prayers invite us to focus on the "end times". Texts of Scripture are selected from the apocalyptic writings of the Bible. These are books, which concentrate on what God will do to bring an age, or era, to a conclusion. They also describe typical human responses to situations of upheaval and massive change: fear, faith, awareness, spiritual blindness, repentance, hardness of heart etc. The writing is necessarily obscure and mysterious. The descriptions are symbolic so as to be applicable to all times and situations. The Bible is as true here as anywhere else. The Bible is always true because it is revealing our truth – the truth of God's relationship to us and our relationship to God.

When we read apocalyptic literature we are tempted to ask when and how. We want to know specific dates. Perhaps the origin of such questions is the attitude that I will only worry about it if it is going to happen in my lifetime. If it is not happening in my lifetime I can forget about it. The point is, it will happen in our lifetime. It happens in everyone's life. Our task in prayer and meditation is to discern how the symbols apply to our life and times. What is beginning and what is ending in our life; what is growing and what is decaying? What movements of culture are working in harmony with God

and what is working contrary to the way of Jesus? The changes and insecurities of the world may arouse fear. What is my fear saying to me? Can I identify where I have invested my hope and trust? Am I really trusting in God? Do I need to let go of things that are not helping the growth of God's kingdom among us?

Am I prepared to witness to Jesus? Am I ready to rely on the help of the Holy Spirit? Am I prepared for the negative reaction of people who are close to me? They may not understand the faith I have. They may not be ready for the choices I have to make. Also I may not be ready for the choices they have to make. Am I receiving all the peace that Jesus is offering? Do I experience a growing calm, trust and determination to endure? Can I share this peace and fortitude with others?

These are the kinds of questions we can bring before God in prayer. God can and will take away our fear and strengthen us to persevere even when following Jesus is unpopular. We will discern which movements can be trusted and which must be rejected. The kingdom of God can only be within us and among us, in the blessings of love and friendship that God gives. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Anne Scarnell (18th), Theresa Myrtle Watson (19th)

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

THIS 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: Kenneth Ephraim Stanfield, William Joseph Hacking, Helen Bodkin, Jeanette Irwine Boylan (17th), Teresa Hobbs (19th), Dr Gilbert Owen Morse (22nd), Teresa Gertrude Morse (23rd)

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 17th November: 10 a.m. every day except Tuesday. Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 9.0am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

All Parishes

OPEN DAY AT OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH, CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: on 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: "I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking." Are you considering a call to proclaim the gospel as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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: Patrick Heath-Saunders (16th), Beatrice Hodgerinson-Price, Nicholas 'Nick' John Filose (17th), Lancelot Fishbourne (18th), James Osborn (19th), George Scales (20th), Anthony Gerachty, Veronica Lane-Ryan, Edith Mary Turnbull (21st), Johanna Maclean, Agnes Matthews (22nd)

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.

FOR OUR YOUNG CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: The Feast of Christ the Universal King is celebrated on Sunday 24th November. Traditionally the church has designated this day as Youth Sunday. Our 2020 Confirmation candidates will be serving our Community during and after the 10.30 Mass on that day. Please offer words of encouragement to our young parishioners on this journey to complete their Baptism.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY: This event is being organised under the banner of "Christians Together" so we have many guests and volunteers from all faiths in Lymington. On Sundays 1st, 8th and 15th December we would be grateful for any suitable gifts (or an appropriate donation) for the Christmas tree, wrapped and labelled for a lady or gentlemen (value about £2-£4) for our guests to take home. We thank you. Mike and Ann Reynolds 01590 679084. **We will have room for late guests.**

FINANCIAL SAFEGUARDING: A member of the Trading Standards office will be giving a talk on Financial Safeguarding and how to recognise phone/computer scams this coming Monday (18th November) at 7pm. This talk will be prior to the monthly SVP meeting but it would be open for all to attend.

PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2018-9 are published this week. They come in our standard format of an Income and Expenditure Report and are generated from our Annual Return to the Diocese. The report has been emailed to all recipients of the newsletter. Spare copies will be available at the back of the church this weekend. Parishioners are invited to respond with feedback and/or queries. All comments and information requests will be published together with answers. Messages can be left at the Parish Office or emailed to fran.walker@talktalk.net.

FUND-RAISING UPDATE: Pledges - Number of pledges: 30
Expected return over 5 years including gift aid: £74,415
Actual Bank Account Receipts to date:-

Ordinary donations (including pledges)	£6,026.09
Gift Aided donations (including pledges)	£13,185.70
Fund Raising events & book sales	£3,454.14
Remainder of Living our Faith	£3,230.00
Bank Balance at 14/11/19	£25,895.93

The Spot the Baby: winner will be announced this weekend- 16th/17th November.

The Quilt Raffle: Eileen will be selling tickets up to the end of November and the draw will be on 1st December after Mass.

It's a Fiver: Items which can be sold for £5 are being donated by parishioners. We will continue collecting them until 30th November. The sale will begin after 10.30am Mass on 1st December in Joseph's place. As the name implies everything on the table will cost a fiver each. Come and bag yourself a bargain!

ANGELFEST: (think Christmas fayre with Angel theme) Please come along to Angelfest on **Tuesday 17th December 3.15 – approx. 4.30pm at Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic primary school, Pennington.** The new Head, Gerida Montague, is very keen to support our fundraising. There will be many items for sale, most with the Angel theme, including some beautifully crocheted items by Jill Heneghan. There will be a cake stall, games, the 'Best dressed Angel competition' (thanks to Keith Stuttaford for making the bases for the Angels) and the school choir will be singing Carols. You could find some Christmas bargains! 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.