

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: 23rd November - 1st December 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	23 rd	6.00pm	Mass + AS	Our Lady	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Yr C	Charles McCartan RIP F/M	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
MON	25 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	26 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Tony Warrilow RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	27 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	27 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	For those who are unwell	DMA
WED	27 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	28 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Anne & James McGarty RIP Anniv	DMA
FRI	29 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Rosalind Adams RIP	DMA
SAT	30 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Andrew, Feast, (R)	Jane Fletcher RIP	DMA
SAT	30 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	First Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	1 st	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	First Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	1 st	10.30am	Mass + AS	Our Lady	First Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	1 st	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	First Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA

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.

RECOVERING THE GOSPEL PRIORITIES OF THE KINGDOM

However much we may resent the idea, reality is essentially hierarchical. A human cell in the body is an individual entity but it exists only as part of a higher organising principle - an organ of the human body, e.g. heart, lung, etc. The individual organ has a wholeness of its own but it is only a part of the human body which is itself a whole. A human being is biologically part of the planet, genetically a link in the evolutionary process, emotionally, psychologically, culturally and spiritually part of a family / tribe / society / religion / ideology. The planet is part of the solar system, the solar system part of the galaxy, the galaxy part of the Universe. And for those with faith the Universe is the finite manifestation of the Infinite, the Divine. The laws of nature as we have come to understand them on this planet, with its unique set of conditions, have enabled a marvellous, beautiful and terrifying complexity of life at all levels of being. Given the right conditions the Universe has an incredible capacity to enable life which emerges from within the dynamics of its own potential. God has created a self-creating Universe. **What we discern are hierarchies of enablement and empowerment.**

In the ancient world sovereigns could be tyrants, dictators, absolute rulers and they usually created **hierarchies of domination and control** ruled by both fear and favour. For the Jewish people, once they had adopted the rule of the sovereign, monarchy could be a blessing or a curse, or a bit of both. As their history progressed its wise people longed for a sovereign who would be faithful to God and act justly towards the people.

The followers of Jesus, experiencing his goodness, love, freedom, holiness, his universal acceptance and embrace of all of humanity, came to realise this was the only kind of sovereign, priest or prophet they wanted. He proclaimed the Kingdom of God which cannot be outwardly observed because it only exists in the relationships that people have among themselves and with God (Luke 17: 20-21). It is the Holy Spirit binding us together in love. In John's Gospel (10:10) the Divine Word says: I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. The creative Word (the Christ) is an enabler, an empowerer, a giver of life.

At long last a change is happening the Church. People are no longer accepting hierarchies of domination and control. They acknowledge only leadership that listens and learns, that shows respect, that is humble, that is enabling and empowering, that is inclusive of everyone, that proclaims the priority of love, mercy and compassion. Theologies of fear or favour no longer terrorise or seduce.

People are recognising their God-given baptismal dignity and responsibility as priests, prophets and sovereigns. The Church has to detach itself from its alliance with the rich and powerful and shed the trappings of patriarchal power. Pope Francis is inviting the universal Church to live the Gospel imperatives & priorities by serving God in the poor, extending God's compassion to all and giving voice and empowerment equally to women and men. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Eileen Taylor, Gladys Murphy, Margaret Louise Jansen, Thomas Phelan (26th), Thomas Frank Leaman Abbott (27th), John Garth Davies (30th)

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

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: Yvonne Joyce Sutton (24th), Doris Christy (25th), William Herbert Clark (30th)

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 24th November: NO MASS AT ST. ANNE'S THIS MONDAY 25TH Nov; then 8am Tues, Thurs & Friday; 10am Wednesday & Saturday. Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 9.0am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

Parish pub lunch: on Tuesday, 26th November at 12 noon at the Forrester's Arms, Brookley Road. All welcome.

New Forest Basics Bank Christmas Donations - a message from Theresa Baker: This year we hope you will participate, as a family or individually, in the Reverse Advent Calendar scheme whereby you can donate an item of food every day in December leading up to Christmas. Just add the item on your calendar (or an item of your choice) to your 'Advent box' each day then bring your collection to church and place it in the basket at the back of the church. Enjoy and thank you in advance! Reverse Advent Calendar slips will be handed out this Sunday or can be found at the back of the church.

Christmas Lunch on Sunday, 15th December in St Saviour's Church hall at 12.45 for 1.0pm. Tickets at £8.50 are now on sale.

Table Top sale: in the parish rooms after Mass this evening. Last chance to buy gifts to raise funds for the Christmas lunch and hampers.

More dates for your diary - all details on the board in the porch:

Christmas Day lunch at St Saviour's Church Hall, Wilverley Road (12.00 for 12.30pm). Tickets £10 each. To book, phone the Church Office.

Churches Together Advent Carol Service on Sunday 1st December at St Mary's Church, South Baddesley at 6.30pm

Christmas Carol Concert at Lymington New Forest Hospital featuring our local Total Voice Choir on Thursday 12th December at 3pm

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

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VOCATIONS AWARENESS: "Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom." Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered 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: Bessie Walsh (24th), John Fiffins (26th), Philip Manghan, Anthony Warrilow (27th), Robert Keen (28th), Jean Proctor (29th)

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 this Sunday. 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.

ADVENT SERVICE: will be on **Friday 13th December** at 7pm in the Church. Please come along and join this beautiful candlelit preparation for the birth of Our Blessed Lord. You may want to bring a small torch.

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.**

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)	£6,045.09
Gift Aided donations (including pledges)	£13,750.70
Fund Raising events & book sales	£3,454.14
Remainder of Living our Faith	£3,230.00
Bank Balance at 14/11/19	26,483.93

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.

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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.

FREE 2020 DIARIES: are available from the back of the church. Because of a change in supplier, there are fewer diaries available than in previous years, so first come, first served.