

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 after Mass until 10.30am or by arrangement.

Masses & Services for the Week: 7th December - 15th December 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	7 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Second Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	8 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Second Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	8 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Second Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	8 th	6.00pm	Mass + AS	St Anne	Second Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Immaculate Conception of Bl. Virgin Mary	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	10 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Swi thun Wells, Mem, (R)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	11 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the 2 nd week of Advent (P)	N/A	
WED	11 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 2 nd week of Advent (P)	for the poor & suffering	DMA
WED	11 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 2 nd week of Advent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 2 nd week of Advent (P)	for the people of the U.K.	DMA
FRI	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Lucy, Mem, (R)	for those who are unwell	DMA
FRI	13 th	7.00pm	Service	Our Lady	Advent Service: Awaiting the Birth of Light	N/A	CP/LT
SAT	14 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St John of the Cross, Mem, (W)	Betty Cawley (Get well)	DMA
SAT	14 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	baby Eliza beth Lucy Antonia Hoogewerf	N/A	DMA
SAT	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Third Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	9.00am	Mass + AS	St Francis	Third Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Third Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	15 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Third Sunday of Advent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA

A Thought for Advent from Father Peter:

There is a well-known hymn which contains the words:
*Redeem thy misspent time that's past,
 And live this day as 'twere thy last.*

These words catch one of the Advent themes very well. Why not learn them by heart and briefly reflect on them each day in Advent?

ADVENT SERVICE

A beautiful candlelit preparation for the birth of Our Blessed Lord.

7pm Fri, 13th Dec

Our Lady & St Joseph's Church, Lymington

WORDS THAT OPEN THE HEART & LIFT UP THE SPIRIT

I am not very knowledgeable when it comes to poetry, but I can appreciate why many people, like St John of the Cross (14th Dec) feel it's the language that best connects us with or points us to the Divine. Poetry invites us to digest its words slowly, to think about them, picture them, ponder them and treasure them. (Like Mary who ponders & treasures God's word)

In poetry words are like precious stones of various colours and intensities. You can turn them over, this way or that and see different dimensions of light and colour. In poetry words are fluid and flexible, metaphoric and symbolic. They can be evocative of many things at the same time, bringing together thoughts, feelings, emotions of every shade, sights, sounds, memories, dreams, intuitions, intimations, aspirations, deep stirrings of the heart and flights of the spirit.

Poetry requires time, patience, attentiveness and inner stillness. These things are often squeezed out by our current way of living which demands everything immediately. We want quick convenient answers, easy solutions, remedies that do not demand any change of us, do not challenge the status quo, do not invite us to re-think our identities, our priorities, our allegiances and alliances, our addictions and compulsions.

Poetry can unveil capacities we never knew we had, possibilities we didn't dare dream about, powers that come to us from above. When poetry combines with music it can be doubly powerful for music itself is a form of poetry.

Our first reading today (Isaiah 11: 1-10) has the power of poetry: "the wolf lives with the lamb.... a little boy to lead them". Sometimes there are video clips on YouTube etc showing babies and animals just playing together. A child presents no threat and usually arouses no fear. Jesus said that unless we change and become like little children we won't enter the Kingdom Heaven. In other words, we won't experience the peace, joy and fulfilment that is possible for us unless we learn to live in harmony with each other and with all of God's creation. Together we must become curators of the planet not exploiters, respectful users but not callous abusers. This is a wisdom that is necessary on both the personal and social levels. We can't be peacemakers on the outside if we are at war on the inside. By God's gracious loving in us we have to be reconciled with all the energies of our own humanity. We have to peacefully resolve the apparent contradictions and conflicts within ourselves. If we can't see and remove the "plank" in our own eye we usually end up hitting someone with it, judging them for the "speck" we think we see. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Mary Harriet Tickle, Tim McArthur (8th), Elisabeth Plympton (10th), A Lyons, Vera May Slocombe, Paul Walter Edward Murphy, David Wearne (14th)

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

FILM ON POPE FRANCIS – PART TWO: The 2nd half of the film “A Man of His Word” about Pope Francis, will be shown in the Maryland Room after Mass today (with refreshments!).

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: A Minister writes - *it is such a joy and an honour to take Holy Communion to fellow parishioners who have become unable to get to Mass either temporarily or long-term.* Please consider joining this wonderful ministry, or extending your existing ministry if your circumstances allow you to give time to serve out in the community. Fr David, Anthony and Helen can give you more information.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Jessica Rita McNaughton-Smith (11th), Phyllis Bailey (13th), Nancy Marjorie Last (14th)

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

Fr Quarmby's Mass times: weekday Mass times for next week commencing 8th December:- Monday – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – transferred Solemnity – 10 a.m., Tuesday and Friday – 8 a.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday – 10 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 9.0am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

Day of Reflection and Information: The Care for Creation group want to thank all those who came to this event last Saturday and contributed to its success. Thank you also for your donations which came to just over £100. This will be shared equally between CAFOD (at Maureen Thompson's request instead of a fee) and the OLSJ Primary School to help with the development of their wildlife garden.

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.

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.

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

Attention all Readers on St Anne's rota: The diocese is requesting us to make early bookings for this course to be run on 7th and 14th March 2020. Email Chris Peacock at readers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk as soon as possible.

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

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ANGELFEST: Please do your best to attend **Angelfest** on Tuesday, December 17th-think Christmas Fayre with an Angel theme. Our Lady & St Joseph School is hosting and supporting it. We need **YOU** to support it too. You will find some nice gifts for Christmas. It will be from 3.15-4.30pm. All proceeds to the OLMSJ Building Fund. There is a car park but it will get full quickly so you may have to park in the road.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS: “Are you called to be “A herald's voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

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.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: John Alan Curtis Read (7th), Dorothy Borrie (8th), Ernest James Batson, David Philip Jeffcock (9th), Eunice Kelleher (10th), Madeleine Garth (11th), Marianne Winifred 'Mary' Aylward (12th), John Lloyd, Pamela Joan Hoey (13th)

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.

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.

CWL: The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 10th December at Eileen Rayners house. 4 Court Close at 10.30 am for coffee and mince pies.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH 2019 – a reminder that on Sunday 8th and 15th December we would be grateful for any suitable gifts (or appropriate donation) for the Christmas tree for our guests to take home. The gift, value £2-£4, should be wrapped and labelled for a “lady” or “gentleman”. Thank you, Mike and Ann Reynolds 01590 679084

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL at St Thomas from 6-10 December. Come and see our Childrens Liturgy Group presentation - it is number 37 by the front altar and the theme is Angels (many made by our children). You can also find out why we put angels on a Christmas tree! Many thanks to the Childrens Liturgy Team for their hard work and service to the parish and our children during the year.

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. There will be many items for sale, most with the Angel theme, including some beautifully crotched 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!**

IT'S A FIVER IS STILL ON! We open this weekend after 6pm Mass and then after 10.30am Mass on Sunday. As the name implies everything on the table is being sold for a fiver. All proceeds towards the building fund. We shall carry on selling until all items are sold. So be quick and get a bargain!

MANY THANKS to everyone who helped and/or supported our Saturday coffee/lunches, in Joseph's Place, which raised £200 for Shelter Charity for the Homeless. We will be providing coffee/lunches again on 21st December for a local charity.

WHEELCHAIR NEEDED: Does anyone have a wheelchair that I could borrow for our Christmas holiday? Needed from December 15th until after New Year. We were going to take our own but have lost the foot plates! (don't ask!) Many thanks Jill Heneghan (if you can help please contact the parish office)

100 CLUB DRAW will take place after Mass next Sunday 15th December. The final draw of the year will include the star prize of £75! Thank you to all members of the 100 Club who have helped raise funds for the parish. We are receiving subscriptions for 2020 and will be in touch with members in January.

FUND-RAISING UPDATE: Pledges - Number of pledges: 31
Expected return over 5 years including gift aid: £75,915
Actual Bank Account Receipts to date:- **£27,445.53**

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THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets for the **Quilt raffle**. It raised £513.40 for the Building Fund. It was won by John Stephenson. Huge thanks to Eileen Griffiths for not only making such a beautiful quilt, but for selling tickets week in, week out. Thanks to Nichola Kirby for her assistance.