

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: 14th March - 22nd March 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	3 rd Sunday of Lent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	10.30am	Mass + AS	Our Lady	3 rd Sunday of Lent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	3 rd Sunday of Lent Yr A (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Patrick, Feast, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	18 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	N/A	
WED	18 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	18 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	For those who are unwell	DMA
THU	19 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Joseph, Solemnity, (W)	For those who are unwell	DMA
FRI	20 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	as per celebrant	PWR
FRI	20 th	5.00pm	Rehearsal	St Anne	Wedding Rehearsal	N/A	DMA
SAT	21 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the 3 rd Week of Lent (P)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	21 st	1.30pm	Wedding	St Anne	Alex Brown & Danielle Sugrue	N/A	DMA
SAT	21 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Lent Yr A (P)	Jimmy & Kathleen Swinden RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	22 nd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	4 th Sunday of Lent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	22 nd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	4 th Sunday of Lent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	22 nd	6.00pm	Mass + AS	St Anne	4 th Sunday of Lent Yr A (P)	People of the Parishes	DMA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 21st/22nd MARCH - CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

ALONE WITH NONE BUT THEE, MY GOD

If I take the wings of the dawn and dwell at the sea's furthest end, even there your hand would lead me, your right hand would hold me fast. ...For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation

(Psalm 138 vv9-10, 13-14).

In times of crisis we can feel very alone. In the present situation this feeling can be sharpened when we need to limit our social contacts, either for our own sake or for the sake of others who may be vulnerable. It is at times like this that we need to delve into the storehouse of wisdom and grace and find salutary "treasures" both new and old (Matt 13:52).

Psalm 138, quoted above, captures the wisdom and wonder of our creation. We are created good, "indeed very good" (Genesis 1:31). We are loved into being and held in being by God who is love (1 John 4:16). And from all eternity we have been graced with mercy and forgiveness which we do not, nor could not deserve (2 Tim 1:9; Eph 1:3ff; Col 1:15ff).

Our Saviour, Christ Jesus bids us come to him when we are burdened with fear or anxiety. He is gentle and humble of heart and will give peace and rest to our souls (Matt 11:28).

So do not be anxious if you cannot receive the Sacraments because of these circumstances. Our tender, compassionate and loving God is closer to us than we are to ourselves. God's relationship with us is direct and immediate. Everything we need (forgiveness, healing, Communion, help & strength etc) has already been given to us from all eternity in Christ. We only need to ask humbly & sincerely and "to trust in God's goodness alone" (cfr Preface to the 1st Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation).

Our Catholic faith is never "either / or", it is always "both / and". The fact that we are "parts of one Body" and always in relationship with God, others and everything doesn't negate the fact that God is also personally present to each one of us as if we were the only thing in creation.

Ordinarily God works through creation and community (Church). People, words, rituals, sacraments, gatherings are all there to help us. But should we be literally or metaphorically on a "desert island" the veil of intermediaries falls away and our tender, compassionate Father / Mother God holds us lovingly in the palm of his/her hand. (DMA).

(See the item on making a spiritual communion opposite)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Louisa Maud McNeill, Norman Anthony Davies (9th), Pamela Rosemary Greenwood (12th), Isobel Maud Baker (13th), Joseph John McGowan (14th)

Sick & Housebound: Sr Rosaleen, Josie Warren, Richard Blacklock, Daphne Jones, Colin Stack, Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday & Sean McVeigh.

PARISH LUNCH on Wednesday 22 April 2020 at Brockenhurst College, 12 noon for 12.30pm. £20 per person. Booking forms are now available at the back of OLSJ church & from Fr David. Only 40 places available. **All welcome from Brockenhurst or Milford.**

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Mary Ann Hurt, James Emery (9th), Laura Bartram, Patrick Whelan (10th), Helen Beatrice Margaret Mary Parsons (11th), Percy Edward Charles (13th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Sr Rosaleen, Helen Pignatelli, Edelweiss James, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon and Mary Byrne.

Fr Quarmby's Mass times for the week beginning 15th March: Mon 10am; Tue 8am; Wed 8am Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary every Wednesday at 9 a.m.; Thur 10am; Sat 10am. **DURING LENT: STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 10.a.m.** followed with Mass or Liturgy of The Word. **PLEASE TRY TO COME TO THE ABOVE DURING LENT.**

NIGHT PRAYER: (based on the office of Compline) will be held on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent at either St Saviour's or St Nicholas Church at 7pm. On 18th March, one of the sisters from St Dominic's Priory will give the address. The schedule is on the porch notice board.

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS AT ST ANNE'S IN 2020: all weddings unless otherwise stated: Sat, 21st Mar at 1.30pm; Sun, 5th Apr at 3pm; Sun, 19th Apr at 1pm (Baptism); Sun, 26th Apr at 1pm (Baptism); Sat, 16th May 2pm; Sat 30th May time TBC; Tues, 9th June at 2pm; Sun, 19th July at 2.15pm, Sat 3rd Oct at 11.30am

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

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DOMINICAN SISTERS AT SWAY: are looking for old white flat sheets to be used as background for our themed Fanning the Flame Camp later this year. Unfortunately, fitted sheets are no good. If you can help, please drop them off at the Priory.

MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

A spiritual communion is not the actual physical reception of the Eucharistic Bread & Wine (the Body & Blood of the Lord) which we do so when we approach the sanctuary at Holy Mass.

A spiritual communion is a devotion that we can perform on our own whether we are at Mass and not receiving the Eucharist sacramentally or if we are anywhere else. We may make an Act of Spiritual Communion while watching a broadcast of the Mass on the Internet or even in our morning or evening prayers. As His Holiness Pope Pius XII wrote in *Mediator Dei*, we may make this pious devotion in any place and at any time so long as we do so with "renewed faith, reverence, humility and in complete trust in the goodness of the divine Redeemer," and so long as we are "united to Him in the spirit of the most ardent charity." As a result, through a spiritual communion, we embrace and receive the same Lord whom we receive sacramentally in the form of bread and wine. **Spiritual communion is available to everyone including those who are not able to receive sacramental communion because of Church law.**

A suggested prayer we could use to make a spiritual communion:

Dear beloved Christ Jesus, Son of the eternal Father, all things were created in you and you hold all things together (Col 1:15ff). In your Divine presence we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). By your gracious love you made us parts of your Body (1 Cor 12:12), part even of your very self (2 Tim 2:13). As you offer yourself to us sacramentally in the consecrated Bread & Wine, your own Body & Blood, so now be pleased to graciously give yourself again spiritually to one who is unworthy to receive you. Lord, only say the word and my soul shall be healed and I will long for your Divine embrace and will be filled by your Spirit with life, love and mercy. Amen.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Helena Jenvey (14th), Constance Martell, Joyce Laura Ambrose, Mary Symons, Mary Noelle Symons (15th), Ellen Leech, Bernard Finn, John Francis Joseph Phillip O'Connell (17th), Margaret Clement (18th), Agnes Panniah, Vera Martin MBE (19th), Kathleen Harper (20th)

Sick and Housebound: Keith Stuttaford, Sr Rosaleen, Gerry Heneghan, 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.

LENT COURSE: Our 2020 Lenten course will continue on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm in Joseph's Place. The course, '*Another Story Must Begin*', follows the 2012 film *Les Miserables*.

Stations of the Cross: Friday 20th March 10am - on behalf of the SVP & led by Cathy Pickles & Patrick Swindon

MISSIO Red Box Collection: There will be a collection point for MISSIO Red Boxes at the back of the church at Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses next weekend (14th & 15th March) and the following weekend (21st & 22nd March). If you are able to bring your red box along for emptying, it would be very much appreciated. Please make sure that your box is named before handing it in, so that we can identify your donation. If you do not have a box but would like to make a one-off donation to the Missions, there will be a donation box available. Any queries, please contact Jenny on 01590 610413.

KNIT & STITCH: has been cancelled until further notice.

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WOOL OR YARN NEEDED: The Knit & Stitch group are holding a sale of work in aid of the Building Fund later in the year on Oct 30th. Have you any wool/yarn that you could donate for us to make up into items we could sell. Any colour or ply, even unfinished projects can be utilised. Also if you are a craftsperson could you contribute some of your work to the sale? Anything hand made. Please contact Jill Heneghan 07503682669 or jillb8man@hotmail.com

FUND RAISING UPDATE: We currently have 41 Pledges which will realise £88,000 after five years including Gift Aid. Building Fund Bank Account income at 6th Mar 2020:- Donations/Pledges - £7,086.89; Gift Aided Donations/Pledges - £18,169.70; Fundraising - £5,638.14; Living our Faith - £3,230.00; Bank Balance: £34,124.73.

GO TO CHURCH WITH AN EGG: Thank you to all those who have donated an Easter egg so far. Please continue! The envelopes to win an egg will be on sale after Mass for £1. Winning tickets end in 0 or 5. You may buy as many envelopes as you like! As a well known Supermarket says - 'Every little helps!' **Please do not lose your winning ticket(s) or you can't claim your egg on Palm Sunday.**

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Dedication of England as Mary's Dowry: With the support of the Bishop's Conference, every Catholic in England is being invited to participate in the public rededication of our country to the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mary's Dowry. This will be by a solemn act on Sunday 29th March 2020, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Sunday nearest to the Solemnity of the Annunciation. In preparation for this, everyone is encouraged on each of the three days leading up to 29th March to recite once a day a special form of the Angelus. These will be available in the parish on the weekend 21st/22nd March.

HERITAGE - Are you interested in helping to identify or share the heritage of the Church or the School in Lymington? Do you have any memories, photographs or items you could share with us as we build our story? In the first instance please contact Nichola Kirby on 07710 156087 or by email on nicholakiby@outlook.com

CHRISM MASS: on Tuesday 7th April at the Cathedral. Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton, are offering to organise a coach to Portsmouth if there is enough interested parties wishing to attend this Mass. Please either let Cathy Pickles know (via Parish Office) or phone Catherine d'Espagnac direct on 07565 505608.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: As we go to print with this newsletter it has been reported in the news today that: **The Catholic Church is preparing to suspend Masses.** So please listen out for any news updates in the coming week from the Catholic Church as the situation could change quickly.

MASSES ON THE INTERNET: You can find many daily Masses from different Catholic parishes available on the internet. Go to www.churchestv.com; www.churchservices.tv; www.mcnmedia.tv