

# 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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## Parish Contacts:

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**Website:** www.nfwp.org.uk; **Parish Blog:** www.lymrchurch.blogspot.com. **Registered Charity No:** 246871/2

**School:** Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. **Head Teacher:** Kirstie Richards

**Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils:** Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Henry Mellor, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Cathy Pickles (Lym); Susan McCabe (Brock); Rita Ford (Mil).

**For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound:** Contact the parish office.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

after 9.30am Mass on Saturdays in Lymington or by appointment

### Masses & Services for Holy Week

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Palm Sunday ( R )	Maude & Josef Fojt RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Palm Sunday ( R )	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Palm Sunday ( R )	Dorothy Howland RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Palm Sunday ( R )	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
MON	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Proper of Holy Week (P)	Peter Callaghan RIP	DMA
TUE	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	Proper of Holy Week (P)	N/A	
TUE	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Confessions	Our Lady	Sacrament of Reconciliation	from 6.30pm until 7.30pm	DMA
WED	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	Proper of Holy Week (P)	N/A	
WED	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Proper of Holy Week (P)	For those who are unwell	DMA
WED	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Word & HC	St Anne	Proper of Holy Week (P)	N/A	
WED	12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Stations	St Anne	Stations of the Cross	N/A	HP
THU	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Confessions	Our Lady	Sacrament of Reconciliation	from 10.00am until 11.00am	DMA
THU	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Mass	Our Lady	Mass of the Lord's Supper	People of the Parishes	DMA
FRI	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Stations	St Francis	Stations of the Cross	N/A	EH
FRI	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Stations	Our Lady	Stations of the Cross	N/A	DMA
FRI	14 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Good Friday	Our Lady	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	N/A	DMA
FRI	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Tenebrae	Our Lady	Tenebrae Service	N/A	CP
SAT	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Confessions	Our Lady	Sacrament of Reconciliation	from 10.00am until 11.00am	DMA
SAT	15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Blessing	Our Lady	Blessing of the Easter Foods (Polish)		DMA
SAT	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	First Mass of Easter Day - the Vigil	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Mass of Easter Day	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Mass of Easter Day	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Mass	St Anne	Mass of Easter Day	People of the Parishes	DMA

### Forthcoming Special Collections:

### Good Friday

### OBLIGATORY COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES

### Easter Sunday

As is traditional the collection at Easter is for your parish priest and forms a part of his ordinary income for the year. Fr David will be very grateful for whatever you give at this time.

### HOW DOES THE CROSS OF CHRIST SAVE US?

Long before the time of Jesus the prophets of the Jewish religion, especially Jeremiah, Ezekiel & Isaiah, had recognised that the Covenant with Moses was not working. They had reached an impasse. They had fallen into a deep pit and there was no way out. Basically they had broken their side of the Covenant and there was now no remedy. A new beginning was needed but only God could do that.

The problem with the first covenant is that it created sin & guilt. By sin I don't mean wrong or destructive behaviour but behaviour that is deemed to separate us from God and from God's love. By guilt I do not mean personal or collective responsibility but self & social hatred & rejection. Personal responsibility is just a fact that we must come to terms with. Immoral & destructive behaviour has to be recognised, confronted and ultimately changed. Neither of these human experiences can negate God's love for us. If you only read half a story you are liable to get it completely wrong. The Jewish people got it completely wrong when they accepted accusation, judgement & condemnation as the last word. Jesus came to bring the true light to this situation.

When the Christian Bible refers to the death of Jesus it relies heavily on metaphors of ransom, payment and blood sacrifice. This is because the first believers in Jesus had to understand the death and resurrection of Jesus in terms of what went before in their own religion. What preceded it, of course, was the Law and the Prophets and all the ritual of animal sacrifice associated with the Jewish religion before the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. While this provided a rich, interpretative framework for the first Christians it is not so important for us now. *(continued in adjacent column)*

And in some ways it has become a barrier to the proclamation of the Good News precisely because of its richness, complexity and historical remoteness. We really need to leave behind all these metaphors which if interpreted logically end up completely distorting the image of God. Unfortunately many Christians are still unaware of the implications of these crude metaphors which if used unthinkingly without qualification can make God appear as an angry monster demanding a blood sacrifice in order to be appeased.

Abandoning the biblical imagery may appear dangerously presumptuous if it wasn't for the biblical writing itself attributed to John the Evangelist. The text is: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:16). And in another place we are told quite emphatically "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Jesus remained faithful to his Father, refusing to deny his goodness and compassion even when it cost him his life. Jesus' love for the Father is the expression of God's love for us. Jesus' forgiveness of his enemies is God's forgiveness of us. This is the light, the truth of love and this love takes our sins away. They are taken away not by ceasing to be, for what was and what is will always be. They are taken away in the sense that our behaviour no longer has the power to separate us from God. (See Apocalypse 12:10). This power of condemnation was given by the Law but the Law has been abolished as the sole arbiter of our relationship with God. It is replaced by God's invincible graciousness. "Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. *(but now the law is abolished so)* thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:56). God sacrifices God's self for us to bring us the revelation of the love that reconciles and unites all things in heaven and all things on earth (Eph 1:10; Col 1:20). (DMA)

## *St Francis, Milford-on-Sea*

**Anniversaries this week:** Mother Mary Albert, Karl Heinrich Jansen (9th), Anthony John Haywood (10th), William Murray (11th), Clement William Caffyn (12th), Philip Henry Caswell (13th), Barry Arthur Macklin (14th)

**Sick & Housebound:** Kathleen Connaughton, Mike Halle & Hilary Sendall.

**HOLY WEEK CHOIR:** - Please see items below or opposite

**GOOD FRIDAY:** 14th April there will be **Stations of the Cross** at **11.00am**. This will finish in plenty of time for people to join the village act of worship on The Green at 12.00pm

### **NEW ROOF COVERINGS AT ST FRANCIS!**

Work will start on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** and continue until the end of June. Scaffolding will be erected right around the church and a temporary compound will be built along the west side for the builders' use. **Masses will continue on Sundays and Wednesdays as usual** and normal access routes including Fire Exits will be maintained throughout.

**On site car parking will be limited** and with your cooperation, priority must be given to parishioners with mobility difficulties and to our priests. The "Old Boy's" Club next door have kindly agreed to allow us to use their forecourt and there is usually road side parking available on Sundays on local roads. Car sharing might be a good idea to consider. It is likely that church cleaning will be more of a challenge. The builders will do their best and will not be entering the church apart from the roof space but some extra dust is to be expected. We have bought dust covers to protect our most sacred and important places. Andrew Fox and I will be available to answer any questions you may have about this very important project for our lovely church. Peter Larke, Chair, Finance & Property Committee.

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – INTERNATIONAL TWINNING PROJECT:** - **CHARITY DINNER** on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Raft Rocks, Milford on Sea. The price is £18 per person for a delicious African themed two course meal with £5 going towards our charities. (payment on the night please). There will also be a fabulous raffle to raise additional funds. Please complete the booking form available in church and hand back to Roger or Liz by 24 April 2017.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Dorothy Howland, Joanne Ward (9th), John Christy (13th), May Bogont (14th)

**Please remember in your prayers** Anna Hubbard and Bliss Morris. Also, please remember to contact Fr David or one of the Lay Ministers if you know of anyone else who needs a visit.

**The Social committee** met last week and among other items, they agreed a date for the Summer Fete. This will be on **Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>**, so do please keep this date in your heads until you get home, then make a clear note of it in your diaries. We try to make this event a really sociable afternoon, as well as an occasion to boost our parish and our charity funds. So now we have a date, start to look for items for this bazaar please and we will give you a date for bringing them to the church porch.

**News from Fr Charlie:** "Thankfully this year we have had a good rainy season, so most people should have an excellent harvest in May, unlike last year when there was no harvest at all, just a prolonged drought. So this month will be the last one for distributing food. Last week we received 151 sacks of maize from Pope Francis! He also sent money to Malawi to assist those parishes most in need of assistance. We like this Pope!"

**Music for Holy Week.** Hopefully, all our choir members will remember the Monday, 2.30pm practise and again on Tuesday at 4.30pm. Both of these held at Our Lady and St Joseph's parish, Lymington. Wednesday at 7.30pm will find many of us gathering at St Anne's with our Ecumenical friends for our Holy Week Stations of the Cross, led by Deacon Hilary. Remember, there will be refreshments in the parish room afterwards for everyone.

**The Triduum** then begins on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm in Our Lady and St Joseph's Church and the times for all the Services of these Three Days are in your news sheet. Please note them all carefully.

**Newsletter items** to Paddy at greenoaks@waitrose.com by Thurs please.

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** George Mould (8th), Peter Brennan (10th), Gladys Bremner (11th), Catherine Mary Hurton (12th), Gertrude McCabe (13th)

**Sick and Housebound:** Terence & Betty Isles, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Patricia Mate.

**HOLY WEEK CHOIR MEMBERS:** The whole choir will get together twice in this coming week, **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in Our Lady and St. Joseph's church and again on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm in the same place.**

**100 CLUB DRAW** takes place after Mass on Sunday in Joseph's Place. Six cash prizes will include the star prize of £70. There are still some numbers available - please call Fran on 678525 or email fran.walker@talktalk.net for information. All proceeds to parish funds.

## *All Parishes*

**FIRE WARDENS TRAINING:** Thank you to all those who accepted the invitation to be Fire Wardens for our parishes. The Diocese requires that Fire Wardens attend a training session. This has been arranged for **Friday, 21st April, from 7pm until 8.30pm at Lymington, Joseph's Place, next to the church.** There will be an opportunity to operate a fire extinguisher! Surely an experience not to be missed!! Please make the effort to attend.

**YOUNG PEOPLE -Your Voice Matters – Mega Youth Poll:** . If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: [synod2018@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:synod2018@cbcew.org.uk).

**HOPE IN DEMENTIA.** Saturday 22nd April 10.00-1.00. Lymington Baptist Church. Do you know somebody with dementia? Do you struggle to communicate with them? Do you know how to support them? Louise Morse is a therapist with wide experience of older people, and communications manager with Pilgrim's Friend Society. She will talk about practical and spiritual support. Dr Jennifer Bute is a retired GP who herself has dementia. She will share from professional and personal experience. Her talk is called 'A glorious opportunity!' This should be a really helpful conference. Do your best to come! £10 per person. Email: [conference@pilgrimsfriend.org.uk](mailto:conference@pilgrimsfriend.org.uk) or through [www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk](http://www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk)

**ETERNAL WISDOM – Spring, New Shoots and Spiritual Growth:** on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 10am-4pm. The day costs £27 and is inclusive of a simple lunch and a booklet to take away. For all the details visit: <http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Eternal-Wisdom-leaflet-pdf.pdf> To book please contact Melanie on 01794832026 or email [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk)

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH: 7pm Saturday 6 May, 2017** St Thomas' Church, Lymington Brought to you by the Lymington Choral Society with its Musical Director, Michael Goldthorpe and Timothy Rice, Organ/Harpsichord. The Lymington Classical Players, Leader Marjory King. Soloists: Eleanor-Rose Sanderson-Nash, Soprano; Rosanna Cooper, Alto; Joel Williams, Tenor; Harry Thatcher, Bass. Tickets £15, £12.50 (gallery restricted view) - includes a glass of wine or soft drink. Accompanied children free entry. Available from Maxwell Hamilton, Lymington 01590 672191, Milford Community Centre 01590 644861, New Forest Stationers, New Milton 01425 620480 and on the door until sold out. Phone for tickets: 01425 614023 Monday to Saturday 9am – 7pm, Sunday 11am – 3pm. More Information: [www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk](http://www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk) Email: [lcspublicity@hotmail.com](mailto:lcspublicity@hotmail.com).