

# 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

## Parish Contacts:

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

**School:** Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. **Head of School:** Nanette Allies

**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); 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:

From 10 - 10.30am after  
Mass on Saturdays  
or by request

## *Masses & Services for the Week: 16<sup>th</sup> September - 24<sup>th</sup> September*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)</b>	Canon A.G.McDonald RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)</b>	Fr Austin Malloy RIP	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)</b>	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
TUE	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Those who are unwell	DMA
WED	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	St Andrew Taegon & alia, Mem, (R)	N/A	
WED	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Andrew Taegon & alia, Mem, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Andrew Taegon & alia, Mem, (R)	People of the Parishes	DMA
THU	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Mass	Our Lady	St Matthew, Feast, (R)	People of the Parishes	DMA
FRI	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SAT	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Pio of Pietrelcina, Mem, (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SAT	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)</b>	as per celebrant	PWR
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**Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:** **Sept 16/17 Home Missions;** **Sept 30 - CAFOD Harvest appeal**  
**Oct 14/15 - SVP Appeal & Collection;** **Oct 21/22 - Foreign Missions Collection;** **Nov 4/5 Bamenda Collection**

**The Power of Forgiveness: Fr Richard Rohr writes:** Among the most powerful of human experiences is to give or to receive forgiveness. I want to share with you a personal story of forgiveness that happened in my family near the time of my mother's death. She was lingering on the threshold, and for several days she had been talking about "a mesh" she couldn't get through. I was sitting by her bed, telling her how much I would miss her. She said she wanted to hear that from my father, whom we always called "Daddy." Of course, Daddy had been telling her that for weeks. So Daddy came over and effusively told her, "Oh, I'm going to miss ya." She replied, "I don't believe it." I couldn't believe my ears! I said, "Mother, you're a few hours from death. You can't say that!" She persisted: "I don't believe it." Daddy redoubled his efforts: "I ask your forgiveness for all the times I've hurt you in our fifty-four years of marriage, and I forgive you for all the times you've hurt me." I said, "Mother, isn't that beautiful? Now say that back to Daddy." And suddenly she clammed up. She didn't want to say it. I said, "Mother, you're soon going to be before God. You don't want to come before God without forgiving everybody." She said, "I forgive everybody." I said, "But do you forgive Daddy?" and she became silent again. Then Daddy jumped in and said, "Honey, I never fooled around with any other women." We all knew that. She even said, "Well I know that, I know that." My siblings and I still don't know how Daddy had hurt Mother. But any married person knows there are many little ways a couple can hurt one another over fifty-four years. Then I said, "Mother, let's try this. Put one hand on your heart, and I'm going to pray that your heart gets real soft."

I placed one of my hands on hers, over her heart, and held her other hand and started kissing it. After about a minute she said, very faintly, "That melts me." "What?" "When you kiss my hand like that, now I've got to do it." After a pause, she continued: "I'm a stubborn woman. All of my life I've been a stubborn woman." (Mother was an Eight on the Enneagram!) "Well, Mother, we all knew that," I said. "Now look at Daddy and you tell him." So she looked over and she didn't call him "Daddy," as she usually did. She spoke to him by name: "Rich, I forgive you." I prompted her again: "Mother, the other half—I ask for your forgiveness." She started breathing heavily and rapidly. Then she summoned her energy and said, "Rich, I ask your forgiveness." A few more moments of laboured breathing, and she said, "That's it, that's it. That's what I had to do." I said to her, "Mother, do you think that was the mesh?" She replied, "It's gone! The mesh is gone! And, God, I pray that I mean this forgiveness from my heart." Then she said, referring to my two sisters and my sister-in-law, "Tell the girls to do this early and not to wait 'til now. They'll understand a woman's heart and the way a man can hurt a woman." Mother was so happy then, and fully ready for death.

That's the power and the grace of forgiveness. But let's do it now and not wait until later! Let's ask for the grace to let go of those grudges and hurts we hold on to. How else will we ever be free? In forgiveness, we live up to our true and deepest dignity. We then operate by a power and a logic not our own. We live out of the True Self and not just the tiny self that is always offended and complaining. Without forgiveness nothing new happens, and we remain frozen in a small past. (August 27, 2017)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Rosemary June Young (18th), Ellen Margaret Caffyn (21st), Rodney Michael King (23rd)

**Sick & Housebound:** Audrey Heneghan, Hannah McArthur, Sean McVeigh & Hilary Sendall.

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT RESPONSE** to Anthony's appeal for Basics Bank. Please return the completed forms to him or to Basics Bank cabin soon!.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Florence Thorne (18th), Doreen Thompson (20th), Aileen Deale (22nd), Johanna Coghlan (23rd)

**Please don't forget** our friends who are house bound due to illness. We may not see them around, but they need to feel that they are not forgotten: Anna Hubbard, Eileen Dunn, Kieran Holland, Bliss Morris and Jo Chatterton, who seems to be settling and now eats very well, which was one of the anxieties when she was home! We are now able to visit her. The phone number of the home in Barton (Ocean Breeze) is 07747 626525.

**Parish House Mass:** it was a lovely celebration with fascinating reminiscences & enjoyable conversation. Our sincere thanks to Cedric & Paddy for making their lovely home available and for the Social Committee for providing the delicious food.

**Weekday Masses:** Fr David Quarmbly will celebrate Mass, Mon-Sat at 10am. Fr David Adams will be principal celebrant on Wednesday.

**How good are you** at reading the section on our news sheet called 'Other Parishes'? It is important for us if we are to be open to all our news and cries for help. This joint parish project for sea farers needs many more helpers from among us if Deacon Roger's project is to work. PLEASE come to a meeting at St Joseph's, Lymington Parish on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. At least see if there is any way that you can help. The more of us there are, the easier it will be for everyone. So please, do come and consider it, at least, on Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Basics Bank.** This is your last half-week to make your generous contribution to the Harvest distribution. It will all be collected on Wednesday! That plastic box at the back of the church needs to be full to overflowing. Good luck with your memory! Many local people hitting hard times will be grateful to you.

**Please remember your sub-editor and keep the sheet alive and up to date.** Just tell me the item and I'll write up the rest. Send it to [greenoaks@waitrose.com](mailto:greenoaks@waitrose.com) before Thursday lunch time. Thank you!

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Canon Archibald McDonald, Diana Elizabeth Dent, Rita Wren (17th), Maureen Risbridger (19th), Muriel Mary Sanders (20th), Kenneth Ernest Eakins (21st).

**Sick and Housebound:** Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Terence & Betty Isles, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Mary Norton, Chrissie James, Patricia Mate, Peter Strubin.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETIN:** From this weekend we will be making available a bulletin specifically for our younger parishioners. 'Ichthus' is aimed at post First Communion children and 'Look' is mainly for pre First Communion children. Please feel free to take whichever you feel is suitable for your child/ren. Coloured crayons are also available from the back of the Church. Parents will please ensure that your child/ren taken their bulletins home with them each week and that they are encouraged to return the crayons to the box. We hope they enjoy this new experience.

**MISSIO Red Box Collection:** We will be having a collection point for MISSIO Red Boxes at the back of the church at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses this weekend 16th & 17th Sept.

If you have a Red Box and are able to bring it along, it would be much appreciated. Please make sure that your box has your name on it before handing in, so that we can identify your donation. Any queries, please contact Jenny on 01590-610413.

## All Parishes

**THANK YOU:** CUF wishes to thank all the people who came to the fund raising dinner on Thursday evening. Thank you for your very generous donations. We ourselves enjoyed the evening so much as I'm sure you did too. Thank you also to all those wonderful people that could not be with us but made such generous donations. **So far this event has raised £1552.55**, which is a fantastic contribution to CUF's projects in South Africa. Thank you all again for your continued support, Keith and Rini.

The **NEW FOREST CATENIANS** have arranged **A GUIDED TOUR OF THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ON 30TH OCTOBER**. It is planned to travel by coach from Lyndhurst to arrive in London in time for the tour at 11.45. The tour lasts about an hour and a quarter and there is free time afterwards until the coach sets off from London at 16.30. The cost of the coach will be £25/£30 depending on numbers while the actual guided tour is free. If you are interested in joining this tour you will be most welcome. *Please contact Bill Pignatelli by 15th September at [wpignatelli@gmail.com](mailto:wpignatelli@gmail.com) or on 01590 623360*

**THE CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL MASS ON SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 2.30 PM AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART & ST PETER APOSTLE, 356 LONDON RD., WATERLOOVILLE, PO7 7SR.** The annual Mass is chiefly for people with disabilities of any kind, their families and friends but everyone is invited so **PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!** Any queries? Contact Dinah Kennedy 01252 842665 or Rev Peter Hollins 01730 262292

## The St Vincent de Paul Society

Helping to Care for the Lonely and Vulnerable



"Christ has no body but ours. He has no feet nor hands but ours. We are His hands and His feet".

**SVP Collection at all Masses on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October - please help us.**

## All Parishes:

**THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA PROJECT, HOLBURY:** Several parishioners from our area went along to Holbury recently to hear Deacon Roger Stone explain his plans for St Bernard's, Holbury to be a centre where the Seafarers who come into Fawley on the tankers can meet, relax, buy refreshments, contact family at home and chat with the volunteers.

The project is a joint one with the Apostleship of the sea -Stella Maris as it is known internationally- and Caritas (Portsmouth Diocese). The plans are great and Deacon Roger Stone, and Kevin from Caritas, have high hopes for this project. However, it is heavily reliant on volunteers, so we need YOU!

The volunteers from each parish, or cluster of parishes, who wish to be involved will have a specific evening allocated to them from 6pm-10pm. The volunteers from Waterside parish will start in a couple of weeks on Monday & Tuesday evenings.

**The volunteers from LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST AND MILFORD ON SEA will be one team and our evening will be Wednesdays, 6-10pm. We will not start until late October/November- date to be confirmed.**

There will need to be at least 3 volunteers each night. One will collect the seafarers in a minibus and take them to St Bernard's for the evening. The other two will run the snack shop and chat with the seafarers. The seafarers speak English and mainly come from the Philippines and parts of India.

But we would need many more than three volunteers per night from all our parishes if we are to help in this ambitious plan. The more volunteers we have the less onerous it will be. We need at least 12 volunteers a month. Can you find one Wednesday evening each month to help?

The working lives of these seafarers is truly grim and some pot-washers on big ocean cruise liners for example, only receive a wage of 69p an hour, well below the minimum wage in the UK; but even so, most of their monies are sent home!

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER IN JOSEPH'S PLACE, LYMINGTON TO SORT OUT THE ROTA ETC.**

**Please come and join our team! The more volunteers we have the easier it will be. Speak to Fr David or leave your name and contact details in the postbox at the back door of the Presbytery, No.132 High St.**