

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

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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: 21st - 29th October

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	21 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Catherine Sanders RIP	DMA
SUN	22 nd	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	22 nd	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	22 nd	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	24 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Margaret Skellon RIP F/M	DMA
WED	25 th	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
WED	25 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	of the Day (G)	Derek Elmer RIP	DMA
WED	25 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	of the Day (G)	as per celebrant	DQ
THU	26 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Our Parish School	DMA
THU	26 th	1.00pm	Wedding	St Anne	Marriage - Sadie Hall & Craig Greenway	N/A	DMA
FRI	27 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	28 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Ss Simon & Jude, Feast (R)	Parish Volunteers	DMA
SAT	28 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Mrs Ellen Emmett RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	29 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
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Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

Oct 21/22 - Foreign Missions Collection;

Nov 4/5 Bamenda Collection

GIVE TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD:

The enemies of Jesus, an unlikely alliance of Pharisees (religious, anti-Roman), and Herodians (ruling classes, pro-Roman) try to trap Jesus. They frame a question in such a way as to force a *damned if you do and damned if you don't* kind of answer. If Jesus says No to paying tax he can be arrested and executed as a rebel (or terrorist in contemporary terms). If Jesus says Yes pay the taxes he will alienate all ordinary people who detested the Roman occupation. (Incidentally, Jewish tax collectors were the most despised people in Israel at that time).

Why did Jesus have these enemies? He was obviously upsetting the system. He threatened the whole religious industry because if God gives freely then you no longer need to pay for it with money or animals. The whole economy of Jerusalem was being turned upside down and people's jobs were on the line! Not only that but people's self-importance, power and faults were being exposed. Few of us take kindly to that!

Jesus accuses the questioners of being hypocrites. First of all because their real intention is malicious – they want to trap Jesus.

Secondly, because they themselves are using the Roman coinage. This was itself tantamount to idolatry (the inscription often referred to the divine emperor) and revealed a practical acceptance of their rule.

Jesus' response to them is a flash of wisdom and inspiration: *Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.*

This can be understood as saying respect the civil authorities, as far as possible, as this is necessary for the smooth running of society. However, we must look to our relationship with God above all else, loving God with all our mind, heart, soul and strength. Living in God's love, doing the will of the God the Father/Mother is what is really important.

Of course, Jesus has much better things to give his followers than money. When we really appreciate the spiritual blessings – God's unconditional love, forgiveness, gift of the Holy Spirit, eternal life – then gold, silver, jewels etc are all very pretty and we can enjoy them and use them wisely but they don't have any real value. God values all the creation and especially people. Each person is a precious gift. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Laurence Ayers (23rd), Margaret Oxland (25th)

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

THANKS TO: everyone who helped to organise the very successful charity concert and all those who supported. It was a great evening.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER: Sunday 29th October at 6pm, usual quarterly Service in the Community Centre, Sea Road. Please try to attend if you can. Clocks will have gone back that morning, so perhaps bring a torch.

THE FUTURE OF MILFORD-ON-SEA HOSPITAL: Community consultation. You are welcome to drop in and talk to us at: **Milford Community Centre**, SO41 0PH, Tuesday 31 October, at any time between 1pm - 6pm. **All Saints Church Hall**, SO41 0SQ, Wednesday 8 November, at any time between 6pm - 8pm.

PARISHIONER CARE: please be aware that there is a **wheelchair** in the Little Assisi Room (**the small extension in the church porch by the main front door**). It is ready for immediate use, for taking to the unwell person, if needs be. The **First Aid Crate** is also in the Little Assisi Room, containing a range of items including blanket, pillow, and drinking water.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Mary Binning ne O'Donnell, Margaret Josephine O'Donnell, Kathleen Weeks (22nd), Margaret Skellon (25th), Kathleen McCabe (27th)

DO YOU READ YOUR NEWSHEET, take it home and fill in your diary where appropriate? I have, almost accidentally, come across several people who do not bother to do so! VERY frustrating for those who try to keep communications open.

Please remember in your prayers: Anna Hubbard, Eileen Dunn, Kieran Holland and Bliss Morris. And do let us know if you know of anyone who needs Holy Communion and/or a visit!

WEDDING THIS WEEK: the rehearsal is on Wed, 25th Oct at 5pm and the Wedding is on Thurs, 26th Oct at 1pm.

Fr Quarmby's morning Mass continues at 10am throughout the week, as does our Parish Mass on Wednesday morning. We have all become too accustomed to no Mass on most weekdays. Maybe we just need to keep trying! Habit-changing is never easy.

Fr Charlie: Sarah remains happy to collect any monies we wish to give towards Fr Charlie's new health clinic and thus ensure that our offerings get gift aided via the Montfort Fathers. Sadly, we don't have a particular parish charity at present, so nothing needs stop us from contributing to Fr Charlie's project. So catch Sarah after Mass, or on her phone: 02380 849258.

Please pray for the people of Bamenda, our sister diocese in Cameroon where the deteriorating political situation is bringing so much suffering!

Our Rosary group will meet at 9.30am promptly, on Wednesday in the Lady Chapel. Already this week has the last Wednesday of October, before we move to concentrating on the Holy Souls for November!

Two dates should now be in your diaries: The Parish Annual General Meeting on Sunday 12th November after the 6pm Mass and Sunday December 17th is the day of the Christmas Lunch.

An Appeal: Two people have been preparing the Intercessions for a very long time now. They would both appreciate it very much if anyone else would be willing to take over this ministry, at least for a while. If you are willing to take on this task for a time, please have a word with Fr David and there will be plenty of help around. The two concerned will be very grateful, even if only for a short break.

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 before Thursday lunch time. Thank you!

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Gabriel Imbert, Charlotte Anne Love, Howard French (24th), Canon Bernard Morris (26th), Joseph Walsh, Audrey McCann (27th)

Sick and Housebound: Marcia Greenwood, Mai Wilson, Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: will be meeting this Wednesday, 25th October at 7.30pm in Joseph's Place.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: will be meeting this Friday, 27th Oct at 2pm in Joseph's Place.

All Parishes

SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSIONS THIS WEEKEND

MASS COUNT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES IN OCTOBER, PLEASE

Service of Thanksgiving for our Healthcare: in the Out Patients department, Lymington Hospital, this Sunday, 22nd October at 3pm. Led by Hospital Chaplain, Linda Lee.

ANYONE WHO KNOWS THAT THEY ARE TO BE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL: is encouraged to contact Fr David via the parish office with the dates and location of the hospital. The Sacrament of the Sick is available for everyone who is ill or frail. It is a sacrament of strength, healing, peace and forgiveness. The sacrament can be given at home or in church after Mass. If anyone needs an emergency admission they are encouraged to instruct their next of kin to let Fr David know so that chaplaincy care at the hospital can be arranged.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: CHRISTMAS GIFTS: The new Stella Maris Seafarers Centre in St Bernard's Church, Holbury is now open to welcome seafarers working on tanker ships that come into Fawley. We have received our first visitors and look forward to welcoming many more. To prepare to welcome seafarers at Christmas and also to enable the Port Chaplains and volunteers to make Christmas special for the seafarers, you are invited to donate the following items: woolly hats, fingerless gloves, bars of chocolate, packets of sweets, diaries, notebooks and Christmas cards. Rolls of Christmas paper will also be welcome. During November and early December volunteers at Stella Maris will wrap the gifts you donate in Christmas paper ready for distribution in the run up to Christmas. Thank you for your generosity to seafarers who will be thousands of miles away from home and their loved ones at Christmas time.

Donated items should be clearly marked "For the Apostleship of the Sea" & can be handed in to the Parish Office or left at the back of church to be collected.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 5-11 NOVEMBER: Gifts in your Will are a very valuable and lasting way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information: contact Your Catholic Legacy on 020 7095 5370, go to www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk or request a leaflet from the Parish Office.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE: Don't forget to check the Diocesan website & sign up for the **Diocesan E news**, if you haven't done so already.