

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
132 High St, Lymington, SO41 9AQ

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. **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: 28th October - 5th November

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
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)	Alan Paul RIP	DMA
SUN	29 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	29 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Josephine Chatterton RIP	DMA
MON	30 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Bl. Winchester Martyrs Mem (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	31 st	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	People of Spain	DMA
WED	1 st	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	All Saints - Solemnity & Holy Day (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	1 st	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	All Saints - Solemnity & Holy Day (W)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
WED	1 st	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	All Saints - Solemnity & Holy Day (W)	Frank Mincham RIP	DMA
WED	1 st	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	All Saints - Solemnity & Holy Day (W)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THU	2 nd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	All Souls (P)	All the faithful departed	DMA
FRI	3 rd	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Bl. John Body, Mem (R)	Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	4 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Charles Borromeo, Mem (W)	Margaret Wildegger RIP	DMA
SAT	4 th	1.00pm	Baptism	St Anne	babies Marcus & Lucas Bourde	N/A	DMA
SAT	4 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Mrs Ellen Emmett RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	5 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	5 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Weld Family Living and Dead F/M	DMA
SUN	5 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	child Adam Perlowski	N/A	DMA
SUN	5 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)	Michael Reardon RIP Anniv	PWR

Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

Nov 4/5 Bamenda Collection

THERE IS ONLY ONE LOVE

The Pharisees (literally "separated ones") were a group that began with the hasidim (God's loyal ones) in the 2nd century before Jesus. They concentrated on control of religious rather than political affairs. Their supreme concern and delight was to keep the law, including the traditions of the elders (Torah) in every exact detail. Most scribes belonged to the Pharisee group. They were model Jews by their own standards. They tended to keep themselves apart from others whom they considered either unclean or sinful in some way. While there were exceptions (e.g. Nicodemus) they were generally arrogant, judgemental and disdainful of others. This arrogance, combined with a dry legalism which put exact ritual observance before love and mercy led them into conflict with Jesus.

It is not clear why they thought the question "Which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" could cause potential embarrassment for Jesus. Perhaps there is a clue in Jesus' answer. Jesus did not give them the answer they wanted because he mentions two commandments: Love God and love your neighbour as yourself. So perhaps we can infer that the Pharisees wanted to drive a wedge between these two commandments & to show that Jesus, by loving people as he did, was somehow infringing the first and greatest commandment.

The greatest temptation of religious people of any time or place is to hate others for the love of God. We can so easily delude ourselves into thinking that our own fears, greed, & hatreds can be justified by appealing to religious duty. Very conveniently, and probably for the most part unconsciously, we excuse ourselves and blame God: "Well don't blame me for trying to kill you, I am only obeying God's commandment. It is a holy duty! I have got to do it!" The cross of Jesus directly addressed this sin of the world. God is always with the victim, always on both sides of any divide.

Jesus' teaching was not dramatically new as our extract from Exodus indicates. However the fundamental shift is that for Exodus "neighbour" meant primarily anyone of your own race – foreigners & pagans were not included. Jesus universalises this commandment & brings it, from a relatively obscure position, to be the second greatest commandment. He then says that all the writings of the law (1st five books of the Hebrew bible) and the prophets hang or rest upon these two. This is an antidote to fundamentalism and legalism because everything has to be referred back to love, love is the greatest law.

God accepts and loves us, so we can love ourselves and others in the same way. Of course there is a deeper truth here. There is a deep unity of all things in God. When you love your neighbour you are, in fact, loving your greater Self. This unity is based first of all at the level of being: All things came into being through him (i.e the Word) John 1:3; in him all things hold together Colossians 1:17. It is finally at the level of love – God's embrace of love for everything & everyone. (DMA).

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Reginal David Freemantle, Francis Edgar Pearson, Douglas Parker (1st), Kathleen Monaghan, Patrick d'Amore Lister (2nd), Hilda Musson (4th)

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: Leonard O'Donnell (30th), Stewart King (31st), Edward Knight, Kathleen Knight (1st), Margaret Ferguson, Michael Reardon (3rd)

Please remember to pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick and housebound at present: especially Kieran Holland and Anna Hubbard, Eileen Dunn and Bliss Morris.

JO CHATTERTON RIP: You'll be sad to hear that Jo passed away peacefully on Friday, 27th October with her family beside her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. As yet there are no details available about Jo's funeral service. There is a photograph of Jo on the porch notice board. She has a favourite companion with her!

The Rosary is to be continued, past the month of October. We certainly have more than enough reason to turn to Our Lady when we look around the world! So please know that you are welcome to join the Rosary group each Wednesday at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel. The position will be reviewed at Christmas time.

Fr Quarby will only be able to celebrate Mass this coming week: on Monday 30th, Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th. He needed the other days at Waterside parish.

Fr Charlie: Sarah is still happy to collect any contributions towards Fr Charlie's health clinic. If you are a tax payer, she will give you a Gift Aid envelope to strengthen your gift. Sarah hopes to send out any monies collected this week.

Dates to remember to note: 1) the parish Annual General Meeting on Sunday 12th November, after the 6pm Mass. 2) the Christmas Lunch, which is usually a very happy occasion, on Sunday 17th December.

Last week's appeal. There doesn't appear to be an over-whelming response to the request for volunteer(s) for the writing of the Intercessions! Please think about it and have a word with Fr David if you are willing to take on this Ministry, even if only for a limited period at first

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.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next meeting is on the **Tuesday, 14th November at 2.15 in Joseph's Place**, Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph, Lymington. After the meeting at approx 3pm in Joseph's Place, we shall be having a talk given by **John O'Malley about the Orangutan Appeal UK** which he runs in Sway. He will be giving a picture presentation of the work they do. All are welcome to the talk.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Lymington Choral Society, **7pm Saturday 2 December 2017 St Thomas' Church, Lymington.** Vivaldi Gloria, Saint-Saëns Oratorio de Noel and other seasonal music brought to you by the Choral Society, Musical Director, Michael Goldthorpe and Timothy Rice, Organ. The Lymington Classical Players, Leader Jack Maguire. Singers from local schools. Soloists from the London Conservatoires. **Tickets £15, £12.50 (gallery restricted view)** accompanied children free - includes a glass of wine or soft drink 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. More Information: www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk Email: sheila.lcs@hotmail.com

All Parishes

MASS COUNT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES IN OCTOBER, PLEASE

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: CHRISTMAS GIFTS: (message from Deacon Roger Stone) 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.

EVENTS AT WISDOM CENTRE, ROMSEY: Join us on Saturday 4th of November for a **Day with Thomas Merton**. The Day is led by Fiona Jenvey and will be a prayerful and reflective day using Merton's writings for inspiration. Lunch and afternoon tea are included. For more information and to book click the link. or call reception at Wisdom Centre on 01794 830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk. Or download a leaflet: <http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Thomas-Merton-Day.pdf>.

Don't forget our **Christian Meditation** every Wednesday Evening - just drop in at 7.20pm for a 7.30pm start. Download the information leaflet: <http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Meditation-Group-Leaflet.pdf>.

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.