

# 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> December - 10<sup>th</sup> December*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Ma ss	Our Lady	<b>1st Sunday of Advent, Yr B ( V )</b>	Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Ma ss	St Francis	<b>1st Sunday of Advent, Yr B ( V )</b>	Brian Boyle RIP	DMA
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	<b>1st Sunday of Advent, Yr B ( V )</b>	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Ma ss	St Anne	<b>1st Sunday of Advent, Yr B ( V )</b>	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent ( V )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent ( V )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Word & H C	St Francis	of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent ( V )	N/A	
WED	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Ma ss	St Anne	of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent ( V )	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent ( V )	N/A	
THU	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	St Ambrose, Mem ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
FRI	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Solemnity ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
SAT	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent ( V )	Hodson Family Intentions	DMA
SAT	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Ma ss	Our Lady	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr B ( V )</b>	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Ma ss	St Francis	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr B ( V )</b>	Michael Halle RIP	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr B ( V )</b>	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Baptis m	Our Lady	<b>Baptism - baby Keira Ella Barnett</b>	N/A	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Ma ss	St Anne	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr B ( V )</b>	as per celebrant	PWR

## *Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:*

## **BASICS BANK LYMINGTON APPEAL 9th/10th DEC**

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ASLEEP?:**

We are rushing around getting anxious and fretful about a whole load of things that “need” to be done. We’re still worrying over the past and all the regrets, sometimes dreaming about how better things could have been “if only”. We’re increasingly fearful of the future. We’re very sensitive about what others say about us on Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat. Without realising how or why we’ve become more angry, upset or frustrated. We haven’t got time for real prayer, the real, heart to heart, honest, “this is me” type of prayer. We only associate with people who think the same way as we do, have a similar standard of living and who don’t demand very much of us. The papers we read, the films and programmes we watch are the sort that won’t disturb or upset us. We’ve become more fearful of strangers and less confident in dealing with life. We are becoming boring even to ourselves, thinking the same things, saying the same things and doing the same things. Life is grey, the world seems a threatening place. There has been too much change or not enough change. If we’re old we resent the young, if we’re young we resent the old! We have stopped thinking for ourselves, stopped searching, seeking, asking or knocking. We just tend to go with whatever is popular, as long as it suits us.

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AWAKE?:**

Jesus said we need to change and become like little children if we want to get on God’s wavelength and discover the peace and joy God wants us to have. The changing, the turning around (i.e. repenting), the being born again are all other ways of describing waking up. By the gift of God’s Spirit, we begin to realise we are loved, we are important to God but also so is everyone else. God’s mercy helps us let go of the past with all its burden of regret. God’s care helps us to stop worrying about the future. We still make reasonable preparation but without the anxiety. Not burdened by either nostalgia or anxiety we can be more present to the present moment. We can be more aware and appreciative of the here and now. Letting go of our fear but also our naivety we can respond to others with a positive, welcoming attitude. Aware of our strengths and weaknesses and our gifts and talents we are more confident about what we can achieve when we exercise determination and perseverance. Increasingly freer from resentment, anxiety, fear, prejudice and self-pity we experience more spontaneous joy and laughter. Less pre-occupied with ourselves and our own needs we are freer to love others and be loved by others. To be awake is to be alive, alert, ready to respond with good-will, compassion and encouragement. To be awake is to be present to God who only meets us in the present moment. (DMA)

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Ernest John Quantrill, Teresa Eleanor Diggins, Christopher Joseph Nagle (4<sup>th</sup>), Joyce Frances Mills (5<sup>th</sup>), Mary Harriet Tickle, Tim McArthur (8<sup>th</sup>)

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

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - REPORT TO THE PARISH:** this will take place on this Sunday, 3rd December and will be given at the end of Mass which will finish earlier to accommodate.

**FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE - REPORT TO THE PARISH:** this will take place similarly on Sunday, 10th December.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Humphrey Nunes, Ralph Ledsham (3<sup>rd</sup>), Cecil Webb, Michael Kelly (4<sup>th</sup>), Richard Power (5<sup>th</sup>)

**Please remember in your prayers** Eileen Dunn and Anna Hubbard, but especially pray for Kieran Holland who is now too frail to receive the Host for Holy Communion.

**Fr Quarmby will celebrate Mass** this week at 10am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. **Also at 8am on Wednesday and Friday.**

**Friday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Immaculate Conception.** To celebrate this beautiful feast of Our Lady, there will be Rosary in the Lady Chapel after the **8 am Mass.**

**Christmas draws ever nearer,** so your help is needed please towards the cost of floral decorations, particularly in the church, but the flower arrangers also hope to add to the festive glory for the parish Christmas lunch. So we will be asking for financial help in a second collection after Mass on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Minstead Trust** – a local Christian foundation charity that St Anne's have supported in the past, is part of the **Big Give Christmas Challenge.** Until mid-day on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. any donation received via the **Big Give** will be doubled. The Trust are trying to raise £6,000 in order to keep their community drop-ins for people with learning disabilities open, so as to reach more people and stop isolation by continuing to offer friendly advice, activities and any needed support for an afternoon each week. Warning: Your donation has to be on-line for it to be doubled: <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/projects/view/28085/> For: [www.MinsteadTrust.org.uk](http://www.MinsteadTrust.org.uk)

**Welcome Forms.** These have been refreshed and renewed. If you simply want to look at one, then please refold and replace on the table. However, if you are hoping to be, or already are a new parishioner, then please take a Welcome Form home, complete page 3 and hand it to the sides person on Sunday. We will look forward to meeting you soon!

**Basics Bank.** Please don't forget to fill the big red bucket with some practical food gifts for Christmas. The bucket has to go on December 17<sup>th</sup>, so please fill it as generously as you can very soon. A list of wanted and practical foods is on the noticeboard in the porch.

**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!**

## *All Parishes*

**FUTURE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS UNDER THREAT:** Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which will effectively preclude new Catholic schools.

**CAROL SERVICE:** Sunday 17th December at 3pm with the Sisters of St Dominic's Priory Sway followed by tea and mince pieces.

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Harold Everett, May Phillips (2<sup>nd</sup>), Patrick Rickman (4<sup>th</sup>), Emily Andrews (6<sup>th</sup>), John Alan Curtis Read (7<sup>th</sup>), Dorothy Borrie (8<sup>th</sup>)

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

**CHILDRENS LITURGY – FESTIVE GATHERING:** At coffee after Mass on **Sunday 10th December** we would like to invite the children to gather in Joseph's Place for some festive treats and a little gift.

**ADVENT SERVICE - Awaiting the Dawn.** A beautiful reflection of Advent in preparation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph at 7.30pm.** As the Church will be lit by candle light only, you may wish to bring a small torch to follow the service.

**MISSIO CALENDARS:** are available at the back of church. Please help yourself to a free calendar and keep up to date with the wonderful work of the Missions throughout the world.

**OLSJ CAR PARK CLOSED: from 12 noon on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December** the church car park must be cleared of vehicles & will remain closed while line painting is carried out. Our thanks to Gerry Heneghan for arranging this.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH on CHRISTMAS DAY in St Thomas's Church Hall:** This event is organised under the Banner of "Christians together" as we have many Volunteers from all Denominations in Lymington. There is a briefing meeting on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.00pm at Best and Co, 29 St. Thomas Street to explain the roles of the Volunteers. On **Sundays 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of December** we would be grateful for any suitable gifts (or an appropriate donation) for the Christmas Tree, wrapped and labelled for a Lady or Gentleman (value about £2.00 to £4.00) for our guests to take home. We thank you. Mike and Ann Reynolds 01590 679084. **We will have room for late guests.**

**BASICS BANK APPEAL:** on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December David da Cunha will be making an appeal at OLSJ, Lymington on behalf of Basics Bank.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** The next meeting of the **CWL** will be on Tuesday 12th December at Eileen's house, 4 Court Close, Lymington at 10.30. for coffee and mince pies.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** meets on **Monday 4th December from 2-4pm** in Joseph's Place for our Christmas celebrations. The program includes a quiz, raffle, charades, a prize for everyone who dresses in red and/or gold, afternoon tea followed by Christmas carols. We will be finalising names for our trip to the Flute Group concert on 9th December, the Victorian Christmas at Beaulieu on 18th December and the New Year Viennese Concert in the Regent Centre at Christchurch on Sunday 7th January. Everyone welcome. For information or transport, please call Fran on 678525.

**THANKS:** to everyone who helped/contributed to the coffee and lunches on Saturday which raised £212.30 for "Nightstop" which provides accommodation and support for homeless young people in the New Forest.

**GRATEFUL THANKS:** to the Isles family for their generous donation of a wheelchair for use in the parish. There are currently three wheelchairs available for use/loan by parishioners. We to remind you that they are to be used at your own risk. Please let the parish office know if you need to remove them for use.

**LEGACY LEFT TO OUR CHURCH:** We are very grateful to the late Monica Hay who recently bequeathed £5000 to our parish. Please do consider whether you can support the church by a legacy gift.

## *Christmas Services*

### **4th Sunday of Advent:**

Mass at 6pm on Sat, 23rd Dec at Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington SO41 9AQ

Mass at 9am on Sun, 24th Dec at St Francis of Assisi, Milford on Sea, SO41 0PT

Mass at 10.00am on Sun, 24th Dec at St Anne's, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SR

Mass at 10.30am on Sun, 24th Dec at Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington SO41 9AQ

### **Christmas Night Masses:**

Mass at 5.00pm (for children) on Sun, 24th Dec at OLSJ, Lymington SO41 9AQ

Mass at 8.00pm on Sun, 24th Dec at OLSJ, Lymington SO41 9AQ

### **Christmas Day Masses:**

Mass at 9am on Sun, 25th Dec at St Francis of Assisi, Milford on Sea, SO41 0PT

Mass at 10.00am on Sun, 25th Dec at St Anne's, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SR

Mass at 10.30am on Sun, 25th Dec at Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington SO41 9AQ