

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: 9th December - 17th December

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	9 th	6.00pm	Ma ss	Our Lady	2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	10 th	9.00am	Ma ss	St Francis	2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	Michael Halle RIP	DMA
SUN	10 th	10.30a m	Ma ss	Our Lady	2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	10 th	12.30p m	Baptis m	Our Lady	Baptism - baby Keira Ella Barnett	N/A	DMA
SUN	10 th	6.00pm	Ma ss	St Anne	2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	as per celebrant	PWR
MON	11 th	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Advent (V)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	12 th	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Advent (V)	Intentions of Pope Francis	DMA
WED	13 th	10.00a m	Ma ss	St Francis	St Lucy, Mem, (R)	John "Pip" Lloyd RIP Anniv	PWR
WED	13 th	10.00a m	Ma ss	St Anne	St Lucy, Mem, (R)	Bernard & Gladys Boocok RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	13 th	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	St Lucy, Mem, (R)	N/A	
THU	14 th	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	St John of the Cross, Mem (W)	For deceased Carmelites	DMA
FRI	15 th	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Advent (V)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	16 th	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	of the 2 nd Week of Advent (V)	For evangelisation	DMA
SAT	16 th	6.00pm	Ma ss	Our Lady	3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	17 th	9.00am	Ma ss	St Francis	3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	17 th	10.30a m	Ma ss	Our Lady	3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	17 th	6.00pm	Ma ss	St Anne	3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B (V)	Joseph C. & Vera E. Marshall RIP F/M	DMA

Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

BASICS BANK LYMINGTON APPEAL 9th/10th DEC

THE COMING KINGDOM: Healing the past; Awake to the present; Preparing for the future.

Things are moving very quickly these days – communications, politics, technology, social attitudes, commercial initiatives. There are good things happening and developments that are not so good. We value our freedom, yet our choices are limited. And many people in the world do not have the freedoms that we enjoy. We can take responsibility for our personal lives and change them to some extent but as individuals we have little control over the big movements and changes taking place in the world. However, when we get together with other people who share our values, at least some of our beliefs and our concerns then we can begin to make an impact.

Life, the Christ Mystery, is unfolding and as creatures called to grow in freedom and relationship we have our part to play. The Kingdom that is coming is partly the fruit of what was sown before. We truly reap what we sow. If we use our freedom, personally and together with others, for what is good, working for peace, harmony, fairness and compassion then joy and happiness will grow. If we allow the negative currents to grow stronger and do not challenge them then we will suffer the consequences.

There are big issues that need to be addressed today: poverty & inequality, employment and housing, the broad spectrum of relationship and gender issues, the effects of our consumer culture & materialism, the growing use of automated technologies replacing the need for human labour, the culture clashes between secular, liberal, democratic societies and those that are autocratic, patriarchal and politically, ethnically and religiously intolerant.

The church, as an institution, and particularly in the West, has lost a lot of credibility and respect. This loss is particularly acute when it comes to relationship and gender issues. Things are openly discussed on the radio, the internet, social media and TV that cannot be satisfactorily addressed in a church where people of all ages and backgrounds are gathered for prayer and worship. But conversations are urgently needed between parents and their children, between parents, teachers and children, among young people themselves and more broadly within the church community. To do nothing is to risk our young people being a prey to whatever is “out there” and sadly it’s not all good. Doing nothing is the cyber equivalent to “throwing them to the wolves”.

Our Christian, Catholic vision and faith has valuable wisdom to share, wisdom that is vital to human happiness in personal, family and social life. Its about respect and gratitude for life; true love and care for the other person, respect for animals and the environment. It is about the amazing possibility of a free, conscious and loving relationship with the Divine. It is about how our human relationships can receive the fullness of God’s love and joy. These issues must be addressed respectfully and responsibly, calmly and compassionately. The condemnations, anxieties, guilts, embarrassments and negativities of the past must be left there. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Elisabeth Plympton (10th), Vera May Slocombe, Paul Walter Edward Murphy, David Wearne (14th), Lawrence Fee (15th), Mary Fugett (16th)

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

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

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Jessica McNaughton-Smith (11th), Phylis Bailey (13th), Violet Sampson (16th)

Please remember in your prayers Eileen Dunn Kieran Holland and Anna Hubbard, also Jose & Paddy need our prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY: for Christmas flowers & church decorations.

Fr Quarmby will celebrate Mass this week at 10am on each day except Tuesday, when Mass will be at 8am. Fr David Adams will be principal celebrant on Wednesday at the usual time.

CAFOD: Anna & Theresa will be selling **floral Christmas decorations** - in aid of CAFOD, at the **Parish Christmas Lunch** - which is on Sunday, 17th Dec, 12.45pm for 1pm. Any arrangements not sold then will be available after the Sunday Mass that evening.

RED BOXES - URGENT ACTION: The two week period for returning the Red Boxes has passed! Out of 18 Red Box holders, only 5 people have returned them so far. Please make a big effort to bring them back this week.

TO ANY NEW PARISHIONERS: There is a bright yellow 'Welcome' form available for you on the long table at the back of church. Please take one home with you, complete it and return it to one of the welcomers at Mass. Thank you.

BASICS BANK: Please don't forget your generous contribution to the Basics Bank big red box at the back of church. It has to be removed and emptied next Sunday, 17th Dec.

STOP PRESS - 100 CLUB: The name of the winner of the November draw was not announced last week due to an oversight. The latest winner of this valuable prize was Anne Wright, No.47. Any potential new members of this club should speak to Anne Woolhouse, Bill Pignatelli or Cedric Lark. Anyone will direct you to one of them.

BE FOREWARNED: There will be **NO** evening Mass at St Anne's, on Sunday, 24th Dec. The Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent, 24th Dec, will be at 10am at St Anne's.

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!

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: Ernest Batson, David Jeffcock (9th), Eunice Kelleher (10th), Madeleine Garth (11th), John Lloyd, Pamela Joan Hoey (13th), Anthony Leahy (14th), Mary O'Callaghan, Katherine Brown (15th)

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.

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

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.

THANKS AGAIN TO CATHY & LISA: for a lovely Advent service which was spiritually nourishing, encouraging and also challenging.

THANKS TO : Gerry Heneghan for organising the successful marking of the car park. Will all drivers please keep **UNDER 5 mph** when entering or leaving the premises.

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.

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. On **Sundays 10th & 17th 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.**

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: at St Thomas Church from 8-12 December with a wonderful program of events every day. Open 10-4 with refreshments. **Look for our Children's Liturgy tree which is number 39!**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: on Thursday, 14th December at 3pm in Central Outpatients at Lymington Hospital, with "Total Voice" choir. Refreshments will be available.

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.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! With Christmas approaching why not give someone a book as a present or even one for yourself to while away a cold and grey afternoon. We have a good selection of books available in Joseph's Place to borrow or to buy for a small donation - all proceeds to Parish funds. Come and have a browse!

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.

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 pies.

Christmas Services

4th Sunday of Advent:

Mass at 6pm on Sat, 23rd Dec at OLSJ, Lym SO41 9AQ
Mass at 9am on Sun, 24th Dec at St Francis of Assisi, Milford, 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 OLSJ, Lym SO41 9AQ

Christmas Night Masses:

Mass at 5.00pm (for children) on Sun, 24th Dec at OLSJ, Lym, SO41 9AQ
Mass at 8.00pm on Sun, 24th Dec at OLSJ, Lym, SO41 9AQ

Christmas Day Masses:

Mass at 9am on Mon, 25th Dec at St Francis of Assisi, Milford, SO41 0PT
Mass at 10.00am on Mon, 25th Dec at St Anne's, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SR
Mass at 10.30am on Mon, 25th Dec at OLSJ, Lym, SO41 9AQ