

# 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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**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:

Saturdays at Our Lady & St Joseph  
10-10.30am

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	Seymour Ernest Charles Peter England RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	Steven Lyons RIP	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )	Normina Marshall RIP F/M	DMA
MON	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	11 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	11 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	Anne Monro RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	11 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	N/A	
WED	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	11 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	11 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	Hanny McArthur RIP	DMA
THU	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Mem, ( W )	Winifred Mary Nicholas RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Feast ( R )	John Barry Ball RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday, Mem, ( W )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Nativity of St John the Baptist ( W )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	Nativity of St John the Baptist ( W )	The Beachey Family	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Nativity of St John the Baptist ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	Nativity of St John the Baptist ( W )	as per celebrant	DQ

**NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: THIS WEEKEND - DAY FOR LIFE Jun 16th/17th;  
PETER'S PENCE Jun 30th/Jul 1st; APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA Jul 7th/8th,**

**The Growth of the Kingdom:** In the first parable of today's Gospel Jesus compares the kingdom of God to what happens when seed is sown by a farmer. Once the seed is sown, the farmer waits for harvest time. The cycle of growth follows its own secret rhythm; how it all happens the farmer does not know. Even though nothing much seems to be happening, the miracle of growth is taking place. The farmer cannot improve the crop by staying awake at night and worrying; the seed is nurtured in its own silence. The harvest will not be rushed; neither will the kingdom of God be advanced by those restless for instant results. Just as the harvest comes in its own time, so the kingdom will reach its completion in God's appointed time. It is God's kingdom, not ours. In the second parable Jesus compares the kingdom to a mustard seed that grows into the largest shrub so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade. In the ancient world the size of the mustard seed was a byword for the smallest and most insignificant thing anyone could imagine. According to the Koran: "God will bring good and evil to light, even if they are no bigger than a mustard seed." In Jesus' parable the contrast is made between the smallness of the seed and the exuberance of its growth. Unremarkable beginnings can make for mighty achievements. Littleness is no index of importance. The small mustard seed grows to become a shelter for all the birds of the air.

It is worth noting that the phrase "birds of the air" was a traditional Jewish expression for the Gentiles, all the non-Jews. In today's first reading, for example, the prophet Ezekiel speaks of the universal openness of God's welcome in the image of the tree where all birds can find a resting place. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. Similarly in Jesus' teaching: the kingdom of God is open to all peoples. The greatness of the kingdom, which grows from such a small beginning, is for the benefit of all peoples; it is not the exclusive domain of any one flock.

When we think of the small beginnings of Jesus' ministry in Galilee to the spread of his message throughout the world, we can appreciate the vast growth that has taken place in history. The seed which Jesus planted has indeed grown: who could have guessed in Galilee in 27AD what would emerge from Jesus' ministry? From small beginnings – Jesus' preaching, his attention to the afflicted, his quiet transformations, his unusual company of followers – there did indeed arise the greatness of the kingdom of God.

God's work still continues, not only in the Christian churches but in people and places unknown and unrecognized by us. At the heart of the familiar God works in so many ways. His kingdom grows of its own accord; how, we do not know. This doesn't mean that we can be complacent, but it does save us from cynicism and despair. We have reason to rejoice in God's work, that his kingdom still attracts and welcomes so many different people. We are part of that kingdom. And we shouldn't be surprised if we seem to be sharing the shade with some really strange birds! *(from Denis McBride – Seasons of the Word)*

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Emily Eileen Hayward - known as Jean (17<sup>th</sup>), Ethel Maria Maclean (18<sup>th</sup>), Charles Edward Benefer (21<sup>st</sup>), Patrick Richard Bond, James Albert Henry Brown, Margaret Mary Murphy (22<sup>nd</sup>), Valerie Cynthia Gatty (23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday, Margaret Langford, Hannah McArthur, Sean McVeigh, Sarah Nicholls & Hilary Sendall.

**Joanna "Hanny" McArthur RIP:** Sadly Hanny passed away at Lymington Hospital last Monday. Our condolences are with Simon & Nigel and their families. The Funeral Service will take place in St Francis on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. The Committal will take place at Romsey Crematorium at 12.15pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**PRAYER POWERHOUSE:** Out of sight is NOT out of mind! Please help yourself to Prayer Cards on porch noticeboard, for any parishioner you know who cannot manage to attend our services in person. Our home-based parishioners are a powerful part of our worshipping community, and we would really appreciate their prayer support, at the same time as we pray for them. Thank you.

**STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA- Advance notice:** It's that time of year again and once more Ann Marie and Andrew have kindly offered their gorgeous garden as a venue for our Strawberry Cream Tea. This is planned for **Saturday 14th. July between 2 pm and 4.15 pm** and, as usual, will be **in aid of our African charities**. Di would be very grateful for any help you can offer and nearer the date will be looking for volunteer 'bakers', waitresses etc together with a few strong men to help with the erection of gazebos and shift chairs. Please come and support us if you can to enjoy a lovely, friendly afternoon in beautiful surroundings and share a delicious tea of homemade scones, cakes, strawberries and cream. Tickets will cost £4.50 and will be available after Mass from 1st. July. Please contact Di on 01590 643994 for further information or offers of help.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Marie Parkinson (17<sup>th</sup>), Anthony O'Donnell (19<sup>th</sup>), Edgar Julian Chatterton, Eric Trevett (20<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and housebound.** Please keep Anna Hubbard and Margaret White in your prayers

**Fr Quarmby's Masses:** 10am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; No Mass on Tuesday this week.

**Our Summer Fete** was a great success and raised an amazing £1,820 (the breakdown can be seen on the noticeboard in the porch). A huge thanks goes to all those who contributed in so many ways to make it such a successful and enjoyable day and to those who came along and generously spent their money! Funds raised will go to Father Charlie's Africa Mission and to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

**A Charity lunch** was held at the home of Henrietta Reynolds on 7<sup>th</sup> June. This was a thoroughly enjoyable and happy occasion hosted by Henrietta with the assistance of the Social Committee. Very warm thanks to Henrietta for opening her lovely home to us and for giving us such a delicious meal. The meal raised £400 to go to Father Charlie's African Mission and to Father Des at St Joseph's, Ashurst, for his work with those in need in the Southampton area.

**Youth Mass** A huge thanks also to the children and young people of our Parish for leading us in a truly joyful and uplifting Mass last Sunday. It was the perfect culmination to an eventful week, full of friendship, commitment and generosity.

**CAFOD's Share the Journey campaign.** Please join us on a local walk of around 1.5 miles on **Saturday, 23 June to raise awareness of the plight of refugees. The walk will start at St Anne's at 10.30 am and end there with refreshments.** There will be some prayer and reflections along the way. The paths we will be using are accessible and you only need to complete as much as you can manage. This campaign was launched by Pope Francis who asks us all to show solidarity with our global neighbours forced to flee their homes and to put ourselves in their shoes as we walk. This is not a fundraiser. Much more information about the campaign can be found at [cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey](http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey)

**Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive by Thursday morning.**

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Christopher Fielding, Jean Collyry, John Clive Thomason (16<sup>th</sup>), John Mansbridge (18<sup>th</sup>), Marie-Louise Bulloch-Moreau (19<sup>th</sup>), Canon Donal Murphy-O'Connor (22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Sheila & Terry Quinn, Ciaran Chrisp, Terry Iles, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate, Henry Haverty

**THE PARISH BBQ:** will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 after the 10.30am Mass. The meats and soft drinks are provided, bring your own Beer and Wine. A sign-up sheet is at the back of OLSJ church for those who can contribute salads and/or desserts. All are welcome as are parishioners from Milford & Brockenhurst

**FUNDRAISING FOR SVP (St Vincent de Paul):** Please help us raise funds for helping vulnerable people through the St Vincent de Paul charity, by donating a small amount whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee, and cakes **between 10am & 12.30pm in Joseph's Place on Saturday 23rd June.**

**OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH PRIMARY SCHOOL:** We are really fortunate to have such a wonderful local Catholic primary school in our parish but **our school needs to recruit more governors.** If you would like to know more about what is involved in being a governor please contact: [pam.morrissey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pam.morrissey@hotmail.co.uk), Chair of Governors

**SUMMER FAYRE:** - Friday 29th June from 3pm at Our Lady and St Joseph's School. Please come along and support our school to raise much needed funds for our children.

## All Parishes

**THE CATENIANS OF THE NEW FOREST:** We are having our annual celebration Mass at 12 midday at St Anne's, Brockenhurst, followed by a lunch at 13.00 at St Saviours Hall, Brockenhurst on Saturday, 30th June. We would love you to come and meet us and our guests from the 10 other parishes in our area. A buffet lunch and soft drinks will be provided. Please let Nick Coghlan know on 01425 673906 if you would like to join us by 22 June.

**Lymington Parish BBQ:** parishioners from Brockenhurst & Milford are very welcome to join us for this event on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, after the 10.30am Mass. See Lymington notices for further details.

**NOT YOUR AVERAGE "HEN" DO!!** in preparation for Vicki Mussert's wedding, she, Patricia Sey & other lucky "hens" are spending a weekend at the **CALAIS REFUGEE CAMP.** (Yes! Its true!) They will leave on 3<sup>rd</sup> August & want to take with them a couple of car boots full of useful things for the refugees. Please help them in this mission of mercy. For a full list of the most needed things please see the poster. Please call Patricia on 07593355184 or Vicki on 07812010232 for more info or to arrange collection of donations.

**HELPING THE HOMELESS IN OUR AREA:** Join with other Christians in our area to find out how to help the homeless. There will be a meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall, Brockenhurst, on Monday, 9th July at 7.45pm.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT WORKSHOP – SAT 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY:** You are warmly invited to a workshop that will look at the process of a parish helping people going through dying and bereavement. Our main speaker will be Kathryn Turner, head of the Department for Spirituality in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. It will be held at **Milner Hall, next to the Winchester parish centre, between 10am - 12.30pm.** Please book a free place by contacting Philippa Foster, the Leader of the Pastoral Care Services team in the diocese, on [pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). If you cannot come but would be interested in registering your interest in this important pastoral care work, please email Philippa too, who is looking to help parishioners and parishes develop bereavement support.

**HELP PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM TORTURE:** There are many victims of torture who have escaped to the UK but who retain terrible psychological injuries. "Freedom From Torture" is a UK charity which effectively works to heal these people. Music has been found to be very helpful in this healing process. Judith and Anthony Kirke have launched an appeal to buy them a sounding bowl which is a very simple, beautiful and easy to play musical instrument. *Freedom From Torture's* music therapist said that he would be delighted to have such a fabulous simple instrument. He would let his clients use it because they find music so calming and healing and without it some people may not recover at all. We would be delighted if you would make a small contribution towards meeting our target of £2,000. Please donate by going to: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/anthonykirke>. More information on sounding bowls can be found at: [www.soundingbowls.com](http://www.soundingbowls.com).