

# 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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**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:*

Saturdays at Our Lady & St Joseph  
10-10.30am

## *Masses & Services for the Week: 22<sup>nd</sup> September - 30<sup>th</sup> September*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	Henry Paul Haverty RIP	DMA
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	Eileen Rayner & family (Intentions)	DMA
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	baby Ella Elizabeth Perkins	N/A	DMA
SUN	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	Our Lady of Walsingham, Mem, ( W )	N/A	
TUE	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	25 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	N/A	
WED	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	25 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	N/A	
WED	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	25 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	For Pope Francis	DMA
WED	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	25 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	as per celebrant	DQ
THU	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Vincent de Paul, Mem, ( W )	For the work of the SVP	DMA
FRI	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	25 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	For those in distress	DMA
SAT	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	The Holy Archangels, Feast, ( W )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	Bill & Marie Jowett - Wedding Anniv	DMA
SUN	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	Fr Don Clements 50th Anniv	DMA
SUN	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Oct 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> CAFOD; Oct 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Foreign Missions; Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bamenda

### A New Way to be Great

In Jesus' time women were virtually powerless, excluded from decision-making in both politics and religion and not accepted as credible witnesses. Jesus is always setting women free, free to listen to his teaching, free from taboos, free to be God's children. Jesus encourages and confirms their faith. Women were socially powerless, but Jesus called them to the empowerment of faith and confirmed them in their dignity as daughters of God.

The male disciples were a different kettle of "fish". They had all the presumptions of male privilege, power and prestige. They thought in terms of promotion, advancement, and domination. They were ambitious, envious and contentious. Jesus' language of death and resurrection was completely alien to them and they were "afraid to ask" about it. So the disciples end up arguing about who was the greatest. They must have had some sort of awareness that this wasn't a discussion Jesus would have encouraged because they kept silent when questioned, clearly out of embarrassment.

In response Jesus turns all their worldly ambitions upside down. If they want to be first they should become last. If they want to be great they must be servant to all. Then we have the visual aid. The child is the symbol of powerlessness, helplessness and unimportance. Jesus identifies with the child and with all the poor and powerless. But he goes even further – to accept such as these is to welcome the very presence of God.

It is this presence of God with the "little ones" that is the basis of all Christian community. They are not to call themselves teachers or instructors because they are all disciples and there is only one teacher – the Christ. They are to call no one on earth "Father" because they have only one Father – God in heaven. Both hierarchy and democracy are alien political concepts. The community is one where all the sisters and brothers share an equal dignity as children of God. All have different gifts from the one Spirit but none is able to claim more importance than another. All are one person in Christ and worldly distinctions have no meaning.

As a Christian community we must constantly struggle against the mentality of the world that so easily influences us. We must seek the way of the peacemaker, the way of gentleness and patience (even if this is abused cfr 1st reading). We must not allow people, motivated more by a need for power and control, to abuse us and force us to bolster their own egos. We should challenge the abuse of power in society and in the church. Similarly we must resist the blindness of the "herd" mentality, the group think, which is not thinking at all but only a solidarity in greed, fear and violence. Only the Spirit of God, accepted and listened to in prayer, can help us follow Jesus' way. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Rodney Michael King (23<sup>rd</sup>), Charles Victor Freeman (26<sup>th</sup>), Thomas Lawrence Bidwell (28<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Gill Boddington, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday, Margaret Langford, Sean McVeigh, Sarah Nicholls & Hilary Sendall.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Usual 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ecumenical Service, 6pm in the Community Centre, Sea Road.

**PRAYING IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:** Milford Churches together are praying over 28-30<sup>th</sup> September for the local community and individuals in it. If they can pray for you or a friend, please write your request on one of the yellow prayer slips at back of church and hand to Helen, Elisabeth or Anthony.

**AUTUMN STUDY GROUPS:** Two identical Ecumenical study courses will be held in October/November. They will each be 5 sessions: At the Methodist Church, Mondays 7:30 - 9pm starting 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. The second at St Mary's Everton, alternate Thursdays 11:30am followed by soup lunch starting 27<sup>th</sup> Sep. The film to be studied is "I, Daniel Blake". You are encouraged to preview the whole film at St Mary's, 2pm Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Sep. These groups are usually thought-provoking and interesting. please do try them out! Please sign the list at back, or if you can't decide, just turn up.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Johanna Coghlan (23<sup>rd</sup>), Denis Green (26<sup>th</sup>), William Sandle (28<sup>th</sup>), Joseph Coleman (29<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound** Please keep Anna Hubbard in your prayers.

**FR QUARMBY'S MASSES:** for the coming week: 8am Tuesday; 10am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; NO MASS THIS SATURDAY

**RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH:** on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at the 6pm Mass Marie McKnight will be received into the Church & Marie together with her fiancé Marko will be celebrating their Wedding with Nuptial Mass on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 2pm. Please support them if you can as not many of Marko's family can make it from Slovakia and we'll need help with the responses and the singing.

**DAY OF REFLECTION** on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, starting with Mass at 10 am and concluding at 3pm. Dr Fiona Randall will present a talk entitled **Life Beginning at the End** on the legal and ethical context of end of life care, followed by reflection and discussion chaired by Fr David. Dr Fiona has suggested an article to read that would be helpful preparation. Copies of this and the timetable for the day are available at the back of church. Dr Fiona will speak at the end of Mass.

**RWANDA TALK:** Thank you to Clarisse, Freddie, Jules and Malo for giving such and inspiring and encouraging presentation last Sunday all about their recent visit to Rwanda.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** The Social Committee is sorry to have to announce that they are unable to book St Saviour's Church Hall during December this year for our Christmas lunch due to the increased use of the hall following the temporary closure of St Nicholas Church. The Social Committee is planning to have our annual lunch in January when hopefully the hall will be available again. More details to follow.

**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:** Minnie Gifford (25<sup>th</sup>), John Charles Hutchins (27<sup>th</sup>), Hannah Moon, Albert Ernest 'Ernie' Borrie (28<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Simone Cluett, Concetta Losanno, Terry Iles, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate.

**CONDOLENCES:** to Patricia Curtis & family, Patricia's father, Henry Paul Haverty (1934 - 13/9/2018) has died in Ireland. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

**THE COFFEE MORNING** on Saturday 29th September will be in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2018. There will be lunches available as usual.

**PAPAL AWARD FOR EILEEN RAYNER:** Eileen will be awarded the Bene Merenti on Sunday, 23rd Sept at the 10.30am Mass. There will be refreshments afterwards in Joseph's Place. All are welcome.

**MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS:** We will be having a collection point for MISSIO Red Boxes at the back of the church at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses next weekend (15th & 16th Sept) and the following weekend (22nd & 23rd Sept). If you have a Red Box and are able to bring it along, it would be much appreciated. Please make sure that your box has your name on it before handing in, so that we can identify your donation. Any queries, please contact Jenny on 01590 610413.

## All Parishes

**MASS COUNTS:** This year the count will be taken on the following weekends: 22/23 Sept; 29/30 Sept; 6/7 Oct & 13/14 Oct.

**BISHOP'S VISITATION:** Bishop Philip together with his secretary, Fr Philip Carroll will be making a visitation of our three parishes on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Please make a note of the date in your diaries. All leave, holidays, cruises and other absences will have to be cancelled. (P.S. only joking)

**OPPOSITION TO POPE FRANCIS:** Why are some bishop's, especially in the USA, opposed to Pope Francis? For further insight read this week's Tablet article by Dr Richard Gaillardetz. Some copies are available at the back of church.

**CAFOD Harvest Family Fast day 5<sup>th</sup> October:** On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks for your generous support.

**Readers Training Day** in Hayling Island parish on the **6th October from 10 am to 3 pm.** At St Patrick's Church, Manor Road, Hayling Island PO11 0QU. The day will be led by Fleur Dorrell & Sr Hyacinthe O.P. To register, phone (023 9246 3854) or email the parish [haylingisland@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:haylingisland@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Participants will need to bring a packed lunch.

**SCIENCE-&-RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM.** A big diocesan Symposium is taking place on Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10 am - 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator.

There will also be a series of workshops led by experts. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

**'Christmas at Sea'** on **Saturday 24th November**, a Biblical day, in partnership with Caritas, in **Winchester**. Scripture study on the Incarnation and the Sea in the Bible, and then wrapping up useful Christmas presents for seafarers, which will be distributed by Caritas and the Apostleship of the Sea. If you are interested in attending email Sr Hyacinthe [ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## Charity begins at home



**Befriending people in need is at the heart of what we do.**

**We turn concern into action.**

**Why not join us and help make a difference with your SVP?**