

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
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School: Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. Exec. Head: Gerida Montague

Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils: Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Ian Holden, Brockenhurst; Roger Maughan, Milford on Sea

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Vanessa Dugdale (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:

By appointment only -
contact Fr David at the
parish office.

The Week: 15th November 2020 - 22nd November 2020

SUN	15 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	33 rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (G)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	16 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	St Edmund of Abingdon, Sol, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	17 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	33 rd Week of the Year (G)	Ted Mercy RIP	DMA
WED	18 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	33 rd Week of the Year (G)	Dec' Relatives & Friends (PE)	DMA
THU	19 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	33 rd Week of the Year (G)	Harry Newenham RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
FRI	20 th	N/A	N/A	Mass	33 rd Week of the Year (G)	Ted Mercy RIP	DMA
SAT	21 st	N/A	N/A	Mass	Presentation of Bl.V. Mary, Mem, (W)	For All Benefactors of the Parish FM/StA	DMA
SUN	22 nd	N/A	N/A	Mass	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, (W)	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

PUBLIC WORSHIP HAS BEEN SUSPENDED DURING THE CURRENT LOCKDOWN

THE HAVES & THE HAVE NOTS

The way the Scriptures are presented this Sunday - the praise of initiative, generosity and hard work and their rewards – indicates that we are to use God’s gifts creatively, diligently and magnanimously and resist the paralysis of fear, anxiety and laziness. This is all well and good and we all need to take on board this encouragement. At the same time, we must not become slaves to busyness or to secular notions of productivity and usefulness which diminish respect for the sanctity of life and the value of being and relationships.

The encouragement to diligent enterprise is a very simple, straight-forward message. However, therein lies a danger. The danger is that we will interpret this in a materialistic way. We may even take it as a ringing endorsement of our capitalist, economic system. The capitalist system is not all bad, but neither is it all good.

It is a mysterious fact that the words of Jesus: “To those who have will more be given and from those who have not even what they have will be taken away”, prove to be true both in the “Kingdom” and in the “world”.

In the “world” (meaning the dominant economic, social & cultural system) the wealthy, healthy, clever and “beautiful” people have an overwhelming advantage. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer, as the saying goes.

In the “Kingdom” (meaning living by the light of God’s love for everyone & everything) those who share love receive more love; those who share joy & peace receive more joy & peace. Those who share wisdom and understanding receive more wisdom and understanding.

However, there is one important difference between having more in the “world” and having more in the “Kingdom”. In the “world”, which is driven by the fear of scarcity, one can only become rich at the expense of someone else.

In the “Kingdom”, which draws on the infinite abundance of God, one can only become rich in God’s grace by **enriching others with the same grace**. In the “world” the flow is inward to the separate self, both individual and collective. In the “Kingdom” the flow is outwards towards everyone and everything.

Another reason why all may not be quite as simple as it sounds is that several Scripture scholars think the original meaning of the parable may have been completely obscured by the time it came to be written down in the Gospels.

The interpretation goes like this: in Jesus’s time a wealthy person could only sustain and increase their wealth by exploitation of the poor.

Some servants are happy to go along with this unjust system and they are amply rewarded.

One brave person exposes the harshness and greed of the master and refuses to be complicit. Of course, he is punished by the system just as Jesus was.

The parable, in this interpretation, would have been too culturally subversive even for the followers of Jesus. God’s way of thinking is just too different from our worldly way.

So, the parable was given a more acceptable twist: hard work, enterprise, making profit – appreciated as much by the “children of this world” as by the “children of light” (cfr. Luke 16:9ff). (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Wazyl Mandzy (16th), Anne Scarnell (18th), Theresa Myrtle Watson (19th)

Sick & Housebound: Sr Rosaleen, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones, Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday.

SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE: for Sarah Bell, Peter Larke, Liz Price's sister, Carol, Fr Gerrit Vervenne & his housekeeper, Norah.

SUNDAY MASS AT ST FRANCIS: For the duration of the lockdown public Masses have been suspended. We hope to resume in December, all being well. Our sincere thanks to our stewards who made Mass possible.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AT CHURCH: Thanks again to our stewards St Francis will be open for individual prayer on Sunday 15th & 29th November from 9am until 10am. If you wish to pray at the church do please follow the instructions of the stewards who will be there to ensure everyone's safety.

IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:

A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - MIL-ON-SEA - ST FRANCIS ASS"

A/C NUMBER: 00882772

SORT CODE: 30-93-04

Contact Eva Gaskin on 01590-643199 if you need any help.

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St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Douglas Cooper R.A.F. Beaulieu (15th), Patience Graham Nicholson (16th), Kenneth Ephraim Stanfield, William Joseph Hacking, Helen Bodkin, Jeanette Irwine Boylan (17th), Teresa Hobbs (19th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Rosemary Sheldon, Sr Rosaleen, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon.

SUNDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S: For the duration of the lockdown public Masses have been suspended. We hope to resume in December, all being well. Our sincere thanks to our stewards who made Mass possible.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AT CHURCH: Thanks again to our stewards, St Anne's will be open for individual prayer on Sunday 15th & 29th November from 10.30am - 11.30am. If you wish to pray at the church do please follow the instructions of the stewards who will be there to ensure everyone's safety.

IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:

A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - BROCKENHURST - ST ANNE"

A/C NUMBER: 00875962

SORT CODE: 30-93-04

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Any items for the newsletter to anna@boylemellor.co.uk to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME

All Parishes

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER DURING THE PANDEMIC: The Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging us in our personal prayer time, at home, in God's creation or in a church building when available, to pray for all the many human needs and situations that have arisen because of the pandemic. We're invited to pray at 6pm each day, also on the vigil of Christ the King, Saturday, 21st Nov.

Bishop Philip is calling for "Twenty-Four Hours with the Lord" here on Fri 27 Nov with Mass, prayer, Rosary and All-Night Eucharistic Adoration livestreamed.

Please join in the Watching List by emailing:

cathedral@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Maud Christie, Ronald Twitchett (15th), Patrick Heath-Saunders (16th), Beatrice Hodgerinson-Price, Nicholas (Nick) John Filose (17th), Lancelot Fishbourne, Bryan Patrick Fortescue (Paul) (18th), James Osborn (19th), George Scales (20th), Anthony Gerachty, Veronica Lane-Ryan, Edith Mary Turnbull (21st)

Sick and Housebound: Cathy Pickles, Cate Healy, Beatrice Tucker, Sr Rosaleen, Gerry Heneghan, Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Den Walker, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

SUNDAY MASS AT OLMSJ: For the duration of the lockdown public Masses have been suspended. We hope to resume in December, all being well. Our sincere thanks to our stewards who made Mass possible.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AT CHURCH: Thanks again to our stewards OLMSJ church will be open for individual prayer on Sundays from 10.30am until 11.30am. If you wish to pray at the church do please follow the instructions of the stewards who will be there to ensure everyone's safety.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 13/11/20: £55,779.06 . Included in this is a total £421.53 raised from "Give as you live". Thank you to all of you who are continuing to donate in different ways. Contact the parish office if you need help with this.

IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:

A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - LYMINGTON - OUR LADY"

A/C NUMBER: 00882225

SORT CODE: 30-93-04

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STANDING ORDERS: If you do wish to take out a new Standing Order or amend an existing one, please request a PARISH STANDING ORDER FORM from the parish office. Please state whether it is for the ordinary collection or whether it is for the Building Fund.

All Parishes

CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwp.org.uk for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER TIMES IN CHURCH:

OLMSJ will be open for Individual Prayer each Sunday from 10.30-11.30am.

St Francis will open for Individual Prayer on the 15th and 29th November from 9-10am

St Anne's will open for Individual Prayer 15th & 29th November from 10.30-11.30am.

On entering the church please give your name and telephone number to the Steward on duty as we have to keep contact details for Test & Trace for 21 days. Stewards will be on duty as usual and Covid protocols will be in place to keep you safe: We will still:

- ask you to sanitize your hands before you enter
- keep to 2m distancing
- not allow people to wander around the church
- fill the pews from the front
- have 2 to a pew, unless it's a family from the same household/support bubble
- maintain the silence as much as possible.

Please don't be offended if you see a Steward wiping down the area you have been in. Part of their duties is to wipe all areas with anti-bacterial wipes wherever people sit or touch.