

# 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  
**NOT SAT 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

## Masses & Services for the Week: 9<sup>th</sup> September - 17<sup>th</sup> September

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G )</b>	Flo Warri low RIP B'day Anniv	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G )</b>	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G )</b>	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism - Nadia Helen Koprucka	N/A	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G )</b>	People of the Parish	DMA
MON	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	Deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
WED	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	St John Chrysostom, Mem, ( W )	N/A	
WED	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St John Chrysostom, Mem, ( W )	Thanksgiving (SB)	DMA
WED	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St John Chrysostom, Mem, ( W )	as per celebrant	DQ
THU	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<b>SCHOOL MASS</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>MASS - STARTING A NEW YEAR</b>	The School Community	DMA
FRI	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady of Sorrows, Mem, ( W )	Kathleen Dorothy Haywood RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, Mem, ( R )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Wedding Service	St Anne	Joseph Thomas Larvin & Pooja Menon	N/A	DMA
SAT	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G )</b>	Canon A.G.McDonald RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G )</b>	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G )</b>	People of the Parish	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G )</b>	People of the Parish	DMA

**Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:** Sept 16/17 Home Missions; Sept 30 - CAFOD Harvest appeal  
Oct 14/15 - SVP Appeal & Collection; Oct 21/22 - Foreign Missions Collection; Nov 4/5 Bamenda Collection

**HOW DO WE RESPOND TO SERIOUS BAD BEHAVIOUR?** Of all the sacraments, Reconciliation has been the one which the Church, over the centuries, has moulded, re-worked and changed the most. We only have to compare the text of this Sunday's Gospel to our present practice to see the difference.

For many complex, often understandable reasons, the vast majority of Catholics who are still attending Mass regularly on a Sunday do not frequent the sacrament of Reconciliation. A reasonable proportion may avail of the sacrament once or twice a year. Recent exhortations to return to a more frequent, devotional reception of the sacrament seem to have been largely ignored. In order to respect Church discipline children must make a first Reconciliation before they make their first Holy Communion. However, as the parents don't go themselves very few are brought to Reconciliation after that.

Let us return to the basics here. Sacred Scripture teaches that God loves us and calls us to love one another and the whole human race, even our enemies. Love does no wrong to the other and positively tries to do good where it can. Any behaviour (intentions, words & actions) that is, in any way, damaging to self or others, or to the relationship with God is bad, unhealthy, sinful.

Scripture warns us that when we engage in bad behaviour then harmful consequences follow. Remember we are punished by our sins not for our sins. Scripture admonishes us to change and seek forgiveness from those we have offended and from God. It also assures us that if we are sincerely sorry, even after countless "falls", then God's forgiveness is there for us.

Institutional corruption is to be courageously exposed and challenged. The weak, powerless and vulnerable are to be given special protection. As far as possible the good name of the offender is to be protected. But this protection of the offender is a not an absolute. The welfare of the injured always takes priority. Scripture encourages restorative justice, re-building relationships and making amends as far as possible.

Scripture tells us that God has reconciled the world to God's self. In fact, on God's side it always was, is and ever will be fully reconciled. The world already has General Absolution! Scripture encourages us to confess our sins to one another, pray for one another and so experience healing (James 5:16). The grace of reconciliation, forgiveness & healing has to be an every day, everywhere experience. Its for couples, for families, for places of work, for life at school & college, for friends. Our receiving forgiveness is inseparably linked to our giving forgiveness. The time is long overdue for a wholesale re-working of how the Church community responds to us when we mess up, fail & seriously sin. Ignorant, misguided and damaging "sin" labels need to be discarded. We need to re-think better ways of how we can acknowledge our damaging & harmful behaviour; how we might be helped to change; how the vulnerable can be properly protected; how the assurance of God's forgiveness is best communicated. The sacrament of Reconciliation must be a healing, encouraging, restoring encounter accorded the appropriate confidentiality. However, it must not be abused in such a way as to enable an unrepentant offender to go on causing serious harm to another, vulnerable person. The Church has changed the way it does this sacrament many times before. It can do so again. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Brian Patrick Fitzpatrick (12th), Ursula Marie Edwarde (13th), William George Rickman (15th), Cyril Ffield, Enid Lilah Aylard (16th)

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

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT RESPONSE** to Anthony's appeal for Basics Bank. Please return the completed forms to him or to Basics Bank cabin soon!.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Elizabeth French (12th)

**Please remember in your prayers,** Kieran Holland, Anna Hubbard, Eileen Dunn and Bliss Morris. Sadly, we have another person to add to our prayers. The daughter of Jo Chatterton decided that the time had come for Jo to be cared for in a nursing home. This followed a bad fall and very early morning walks to neighbours. Jo's safety was seriously at risk. As Edwina is away in Scotland at present, two of Jo's friends took her to Edwina's choice of home this week. We have all been asked not to visit Jo for a week in order to allow her to settle in her new home; but we have also heard that Jo is enjoying the company and eating very well. More details will be available for anyone who wishes to see her, after next week.

**The Parish House Mass:** This takes place this week, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. This year, Mass will be at 'Greenoaks, Wilverley Rd, the home of Cedric and Paddy. Everyone is welcome: room will be found for you all! From the village, turn left at the Ford, then first right. Greenoaks is the first house on your left. Please try to arrive around 6pm and Mass will start at 6.30. Refreshments will be there to enjoy after Mass.

**Fr Quarmby's Masses:** Father will celebrate Mass at 10am as usual on, Tuesday and Thursday. There will be no morning Mass on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday's Mass will be at 8am. There is, of course, the normal Parish Mass on Wednesday at 10am. NO MASS MONDAY MORNING.

**Basics Bank.** We do need to focus on this charity for its last full week! PLEASE be very generous as quickly as you can now in order to make our contribution well worthwhile, before our donations are collected for distribution on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. We cannot permit that people who live around the New Forest are left to go hungry because we can't be bothered to remember!

**The 100 Club.** Kevin Reardon was our successful member this month, winning £40 with number 25. Well done, Kevin. Any who wish to join this valuable club can soon be led to Bill Pignatelli, Anne Woolhouse or Cedric Lark.

**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!**

**THE CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL MASS ON SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 2.30 PM AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART & ST PETER APOSTLE, 356 LONDON RD., WATERLOOVILLE, PO7 7SR.** The annual Mass is chiefly for people with disabilities of any kind, their families and friends but everyone is invited so **PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!** Any queries? Contact Dinah Kennedy 01252 842665 or Rev Peter Hollins 01730 262292

## All Parishes: THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA PROJECT, HOLBURY:

Several parishioners from our area went along to Holbury on Tuesday evening to hear Deacon Roger Stone explain his plans for St Bernard's, Holbury to be a centre where the Seafarers who come into Fawley on the tankers can meet, relax, buy refreshments, contact family at home and chat with the volunteers.

The project is a joint one with the Apostleship of the sea - Stella Maris as it is known internationally- and Caritas (Portsmouth Diocese). The plans are great and Deacon Roger Stone, and Kevin from Caritas, have high hopes for this project. However, it is heavily reliant on volunteers, so we need YOU!

The volunteers from each parish, or cluster of parishes, who wish to be involved will have a specific evening allocated to them from 6pm-10pm. The volunteers from Waterside parish will start in a couple of weeks on Monday & Tuesday evenings.

**The volunteers from LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST AND MILFORD ON SEA will be one team and our evening will be Wednesdays, 6-10pm. We will not start until October- date to be confirmed.**

There will need to be 3 volunteers each night. One will collect the seafarers in a minibus and take them to St Bernard's for the evening. The other two will run the snack shop and chat with the seafarers. The seafarers speak English and mainly come from the Philippines and parts of India.

But we would need many more than four volunteers from all our parishes if we are to help in this ambitious plan. The more volunteers we have the less onerous it will be. We need at least 12 volunteers a month. Can you find one Wednesday evening each month to help?

The working lives of these seafarers is truly grim and some pot-washers on big ocean cruise liners for example, only receive a wage of 69p an hour, well below the minimum wage in the UK; but even so, most of their monies are sent home!

**Please come and join our team! The more volunteers we have the easier it will be.**

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER IN JOSEPH'S PLACE, LYMINGTON TO SORT OUT THE ROTA.**

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Michael Joseph Heneghan (11<sup>th</sup>), Fr Hendrick Van Doorne, Betty Lang, Pauline Goudaillier (13<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Leggatt (14<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Terence & Betty Isles, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Mary Norton, Chrissie James, Patricia Mate, Peter Strubin.

**CWL:** The next meeting of the CWL will be at 2.15 on Tuesday 12th September in Joseph's Place. We hope you will all be able to come.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETIN:** From this weekend we will be making available a bulletin specifically for our younger parishioners. 'Ichthus' is aimed at post First Communion children and 'Look' is mainly for pre First Communion children. Please feel free to take whichever you feel is suitable for your child/ren. Coloured crayons are also available from the back of the Church. Parents will you please ensure that your child/ren taken their bulletins home with them each week and that they are encouraged to return the crayons to the box. We hope they enjoy this new experience.

**KNIT & STITCH** will meet next Friday 15th September in the Hospitality Centre from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

**MISSIO Red Box Collection:** 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 (9th & 10th Sept) and the following weekend (16th & 17th 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.

**PARISH SCHOOL MASS:** at the school on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept at 9am.** All are welcome. Consequently, there will be **NO** 9.30am Mass at OLSJ church this coming Thursday.

## All Parishes

**CHILDREN OF THE UNIVERSE FUNDRAISING DINNER: on Thursday 14th September 6.30 for 7.00 pm at South Lawn Hotel.** Tickets now on sale only £25 each from Rini and Keith, phone 01590675386. **LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS**

The **NEW FOREST CATENIANS** have arranged **A GUIDED TOUR OF THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ON 30TH OCTOBER.** It is planned to travel by coach from Lyndhurst to arrive in London in time for the tour at 11.45. The tour lasts about an hour and a quarter and there is free time afterwards until the coach sets off from London at 16.30. The cost of the coach will be £25/£30 depending on numbers while the actual guided tour is free. If you are interested in joining this tour you will be most welcome. Please contact Bill Pignatelli by 15th September at wpignatelli@gmail.com or on 01590 623360

**The St Vincent de Paul Society**  
Helping to Care for the Lonely and Vulnerable



Social isolation is the 'Number One' poverty of our time. When combined with all the other poverties, social isolation and loneliness becomes a "major health issue". Age UK claims that 'Loneliness' is deadlier than 'Obesity' and "blights the lives" of over a million people.

**SVP Collection at all Masses on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October - please help us.**