

# 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: 14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )</b>	Monie Vallis RIP	DMA
SUN	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	N/A	
TUE	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Ignatius of Antioch, Mem, ( R )	dec'd of the O'Donnell family	DMA
WED	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Word & HC	Our Lady	St Luke, Evangelist, Feast, ( R )	N/A	
WED	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Luke, Evangelist, Feast, ( R )	as per Celebrant	PWR
WED	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Luke, Evangelist, Feast, ( R )	Those who are unwell	DMA
THU	19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Mass	Our Lady	Requiem Mass	Elizabeth Iles RIP	DMA
FRI	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	deceased Clergy of the Province	DMA
SAT	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	People of Bamenda	DMA
SAT	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )</b>	Catherine Sanders RIP	DMA
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )</b>	People of the Parishes	PWR
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( G )</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA

## Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:

**Oct 14/15 - SVP Appeal & Collection; Oct 21/22 - Foreign Missions Collection; Nov 4/5 Bamenda Collection**

**IMAGES OF THE BANQUET:** Isaiah's description of the banquet comes in a short section, chapters 25-27, which scholars agree to be a later interpolation into the text. Whereas most of Isaiah 1-39 is attributed to Isaiah himself, and dates from the eighth century BC, these chapters, which refer to the fall of an imperial city, are probably from the fifth century. The wonderful feast celebrates the end of history as we know it: for God will "destroy death for ever".

However, Isaiah (if I may still call the author that) is as interested in politics as he is in eschatology (the branch of theology concerned with end times); Israel's troubled and precarious existence as a tiny state, tossed and sometimes crushed between surrounding and warring empires, will finally be resolved. Their loyalty to their God will be vindicated, as he brings about their salvation. Yet Isaiah is not narrowly nationalistic. While Israel's shame in front of mightier nations will be removed, at the same time all nations will be invited to the banquet on the mountain of Jerusalem. On the one hand, Isaiah envisages punishment for oppressive nations (the lectionary with its customary delicacy cuts the reading just before the grim fate of Moab is described). On the other hand, the prophet proclaims a future where "the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness" (26:9) and recognise the Lord's rule.

Both Matthew and Luke make use of a version of the parable of the wedding-feast, and their different treatments of it reveal their own theological interests. In Luke, Jesus is urging the wealthy to show hospitality to the poor and the handicapped, who will not be able to repay it. He is concerned to encourage generosity to the needy and to break down social barriers. The second set of guests invited are "the poor and maimed and blind and lame", while the third are summoned from "the highways and hedgerows". Matthew uses the parable quite differently, to continue his narrative of the conflict between Jesus and the Jewish leaders over the question of God's relation to Israel. Again he presents the story as an illustration of the kingdom of heaven. The motif reappears of the servants who are ill treated and killed, who represent the prophets. The king's revenge on their murderers is described with Matthew's usual lack of squeamishness. He is not interested in whether the second set of guests are poor or maimed (indeed, they seem to be expected to be able to afford a wedding garment). His point is simply that the feast is now open to all-comers. Once again, the challenge is aimed at Jesus' religious opponents: the time of fulfilment is here, and the kingdom of heaven will welcome anyone who accepts the invitation, Jew and Gentile alike. (From *Priests & People*, preaching and teaching the Word by Margaret Atkins).

## REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS AT OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH, LYMINGTON

The process has begun to obtain planning permission from the Historic Churches Committee & NFDC for various necessary repairs & renovations to the church & presbytery. The application includes a possible small extension to the north end of the church with associated groundworks.

Final approval from the Diocese for the funding of the project (excluding the extension) is expected in a few weeks.

The funding of the project is being made possible because the Diocese agreed in principle that the Diocesan share of a recent asset sale from a neighbouring parish could be used for much needed work at OLSJ. With Diocesan approval preparatory works & surveys have been undertaken.

Under Diocesan rules the project has had to be managed by a Diocesan approved architect/surveyor so up until this point parish engagement has not been required. However the proposed extension can only come about if we, as a parish, agree to fund it through a loan from the Diocese. The parish Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss this and prepare its recommendations.

Subject to planning the repairs to the house, hall & garage could happen next Summer, while the renovation of the church roof, heating & interior could begin in the Autumn of 2018. The work on the church will require it to be closed for a number of weeks. We will therefore need to consider alternative venues for Sunday & weekday services this time next year.

## *St Francis, Milford-on-Sea*

**Anniversaries this week:** Dorothy G. Lynch, Dorothea Winifred Hamblett (15<sup>th</sup>), Muriel Felicity Davey, Kenneth John Taylor (16<sup>th</sup>), Mary Cecilia Harding (17<sup>th</sup>)

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

**Christian Aid Coffee Morning & Sale** will be in the Village Hall, Park Road on **Tuesday 17th Oct** at 10:30am. A warm welcome with plants, marmalades, jig-saws etc. Proceeds to Christian Aid world poverty and emergency help.

**CHORAL CONCERT CHARITY, FRIDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 7.30pm** at St Francis of Assisi Church, Park Lane Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PT. Tickets £10 – refreshments included. Proceeds in aid of refugees and International charity projects. Tickets on the door and from the Community Centre.

**Remembrance Sunday:** The Royal British Legion Milford Branch want us to be involved in their annual services on 12th November, at Keyhaven at 2pm and/or All Saints' at 3pm. Would anyone like to join with another, or by themselves, on behalf of St Francis Church, subscribe to a wreath which cost anything from £12 upwards and have the option of laying them on the day? Please speak to Anthony after Mass today or 645521.

**AND IF YOU LOVE CONCERTS SOME MORE!!:** then on Sat 21 October 7pm : All Saints' Church invites us to attend the concert by Zozulenka, the Ukrainian Ensemble performing on behalf of "Hope Now", a Christian charity working in the areas of Health, Orphans, Prisons, Education, Evangelisation, and Elderly. Admission is free, though donations would be welcomed.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Jean Gordon Brand (15<sup>th</sup>), John Olney (19<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth Lily O'Donnell (20<sup>th</sup>)

**Don't forget in your prayers, our friends whom we don't see around anymore:** Kieran Holland, Eileen Dunn, Anna Hubbard, Bliss Morris and Jo Chatterton. **Also, be on your guard** and watch for friends who suddenly are not around, or who you know to be unwell. Be sure to alert Fr David, a member of the Care group or a Minister of Holy Communion. It is good to know that Rosemary, who has been unwell for a while, is well on the way to recovery.

**Being the month of October** the Rosary is prayed each Wednesday morning, **starting promptly at 9.30am**. We gather in the Lady Chapel. Some of us keep forgetting, so try not to join the failed memory club! There is so much in our world that needs our constant prayers. Sadly, there are only two Wednesdays left for October, so do try to join the Rosary group, if you can.

**Fr Quarmby** will celebrate Mass as usual, so there is a 10am Mass daily during this coming week.

**Fr Charlie.** If anyone would like to join Sarah Roch by sending a donation through and with her, to help equip Fr. Charlie's new Health Clinic, she can send it all via the Montfort Fathers so that it will be Gift Aided. Should you be interested in helping Fr Charlie with this mammoth task. Please ring Sarah on 02380 849258 or speak with her after Mass.

**The Parish Annual General Meeting** takes place after Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Don't get caught: mark your diary now!

**The Finance and Fabric Committee** will be meeting this week on Wednesday, in preparation for the AGM. So if you have a point you wish them to consider about buildings or the finances, then phone one of them before Wednesday morning after Mass.

**Thank You** for your contribution to CAFOD last week, but we need your generosity again this week for the **SVP collection!** Hopefully, you have paused sometime during the last few weeks to look at the poster illustrating some of the work of the SVPs. After this Sunday, the poster will be removed.

**Thank you to Jose, but also mainly to Bill and Helen** for encouraging us all so generously to celebrate with you both, your Golden Wedding Day. It made a lovely gathering after Mass! May life continue to be good to you both, with many, many blessings from the Lord.

**Another Date for you!** If you still have those diaries open, then please mark them on December 17<sup>th</sup> for the Parish Christmas Lunch. A lovely occasion for celebrating together, especially if our younger families join us!

**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:** Madeleine Fielding – Blandford (14<sup>th</sup>), William Andrews, John Ryan, Paul Pastor (18<sup>th</sup>), Richard White (19<sup>th</sup>), Theresa Crane, Frances Latham (20<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Marcia Greenwood, Margaret Wildeger, Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate, Peter Strubin.

**KNIT & STITCH** will meet next Friday 20th October in the Hospitality Centre from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** We are taking names for our next outing to The New Forest and Beaulieu on Monday 16th October. For information or transport please call Fran 678525. Free admission - everyone most welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 100 CLUB WINNERS:-** Mike Reynolds £36, Anne Thomas £27, Eileen Griffiths £18, Jerry Heneghan £14, Patrick Swinden £9. Prizes can be collected from the Sacristy. Our final draw of the year, including star prize, will be in December. Thanks to all members for their contribution to parish funds.

## *All Parishes*

### **SVP APPEAL & COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

**MASS COUNT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES IN OCTOBER, PLEASE**

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**Service of Thanksgiving for our Healthcare:** in the Out Patients department, Lymington Hospital, Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 3pm. Led by Hospital Chaplain, Linda Lee.

**WONDERFUL FREE EXHIBITION:** There is an inspiring exhibition in Salisbury Cathedral until 5th Nov called *Threads through Revelation*, a modern take on using embroidery to bring the Book of Revelation to life. Well worth the trip.

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP:** Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, It is with sadness and concern that I bring to your attention the deteriorating socio-political situation in Cameroon, particularly in the regions covered by our sister Diocese of Bamenda. Our two dioceses have been intimately linked for over forty years and, as you know, we currently have three priests from Bamenda serving in our parishes. The disturbances in Cameroon have complex origins in the relationship between the French and English-speaking provinces and in the recent imposition of controls by the political authorities. Most schools in Bamenda have been closed since last November. Peaceful demonstrations have led to arrests, torture and the killing of citizens by the military. It is instructive to read the statement from the Cameroon Bishops about the tensions in this week's diocesan Enews. At this time, I ask your prayers for peace, reconciliation and a just outcome. I have written to Archbishop Cornelius to express the prayers, solidarity and support of the clergy and faithful of our Diocese of Portsmouth. I invite you all to offer the Rosary this week for the intentions of Bamenda. Please also consider writing to your MP to ask our government leaders here in Britain to do all they can to assist the situation and to bring about peace and justice. With my prayers and best wishes, In Corde Iesu.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 01-JUNE to 10 JUNE 2018:** Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton in conjunction with St Vitus Cathedral in Rijeka, Croatia, have arranged this 10-day programme led by Mgr Matija Maticic, Rector of St Vitus Cathedral and Fr George Ngwa, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes. The cost will be circa £1,750 based on current exchange rates. Included are 4\* hotels on a half board basis, flight from Heathrow, relevant entry fees for places of worship, air-conditioned coach throughout the journey and local guides in both countries. To book a place, or for further information, please contact Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office on 01425 614968, Email: ololnewmilton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Katherine Dempster on 01425 611643. Email: katherine.dempster@btinternet.com