

# 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. **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: 18<sup>th</sup> November - 26<sup>th</sup> November*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Ma ss	Our Lady	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)</b>	Maude & Josef Fojt RIP Anniv	PWR
SUN	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Ma ss	St Francis	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Ma ss	St Anne	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)</b>	Mary Ada ir RIP F/M	DMA
MON	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary, Mem ( W )	Jackie Hardy RIP	DMA
WED	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Ma ss	St Francis	St Cecilia, Mem ( R )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Ma ss	St Anne	St Cecilia, Mem ( R )	Ruth Helen Adams RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Word & H C	Our Lady	St Cecilia, Mem ( R )	N/A	
THU	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	St Clement I, Mem ( R )	Intentions of Pope Francis	DMA
THU	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.30am	<b>Funeral Service</b>	<b>St Anne</b>	<b>Josephine Chatterton RIP</b>	N/A	DMA
FRI	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	St Andrew Dung-Lac et alia Mem, ( R )	For those suffering persecution	DMA
SAT	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	of the Day ( G )	For Those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	25 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	<b>Nuptial Mass</b>	<b>St Anne</b>	<b>Marriage of Thomas Pawley &amp; Rebecca Kelly</b>	Tom & Rebecca & family	DMA
SAT	25 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	<b>Baptism</b>	<b>Our Lady</b>	<b>baby Hugh Fraser</b>	N/A	PWR
SAT	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Ma ss	Our Lady	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe ( W )</b>	Charles McCartan RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Ma ss	St Francis	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe ( W )</b>	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Ma ss	Our Lady	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe ( W )</b>	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Ma ss	St Anne	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe ( W )</b>	Josephne Chatterton RIP	DMA

### **Forthcoming Special Collections or Appeals:**

**see notice re: Apostleship of the Sea Appeal**

### 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:** Theresa Myrtle Watson (19<sup>th</sup>)

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

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - REPORT TO THE PARISH:** this will take place on Sunday, 3rd December and will be given at the end of Mass which will finish earlier to accommodate.

**FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE - REPORT TO THE PARISH:** this will take place similarly on Sunday, 10th December.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Teresa Hobbs (19<sup>th</sup>), Gilbert Morse (22<sup>nd</sup>), Teresa Morse (23<sup>rd</sup>), Yvonne Sutton (24<sup>th</sup>), Doris Christy (25<sup>th</sup>)

**Do please continue to pray** for our friends who are housebound and seriously unwell: Eileen Dunn, Anna Hubbard and Kieran Holland. Also, please inform Fr David and/or a Lay Minister if you know of anyone who is housebound for whatever reason.

**Fr Quarmby will be celebrating Mass** on all the weekdays at 10am, except Wednesday, which is a Parish Mass. Fr Quarmby has asked that if you wish to give him a Mass intention, could you please write it down for him and leave it in the sacristy.

**The Funeral Service for Jo Chatterton is this week on Thursday at 11.30am.** Jo is to be buried with Julian, her husband. If you can spare the time to attend her burial, please do.

**The Annual General Meeting**, held last Sunday was well attended this year: all seats were filled, as well as the lower staircase! It was a very peaceful meeting: all duly attended to the Chairman's report who noted the goodly number of parishioners who were involved in the running of the parish. The Finance and Fabric committee's reports showed that all was under very thorough management!

There is to be a **Table-top sale in the parish room next Sunday.** Both your gifts and your purchases would be greatly appreciated, as the funds go towards the Parish Christmas lunch! This is usually a very happy occasion, especially if our younger families are able to join us. The price of the lunch will be known by the next week's news, but the date is December 17th.

**The Brockenhurst Choir**, which is really superb, will perform their Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 9th. Starts at 7.30pm and tickets can now be bought at Streets, Pot Pourri, or at St Saviour's Church door, on the night. Cost: £15.

**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](mailto:greenoaks@waitrose.com) before Thursday lunch time. Thank you!

## *All Parishes*

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Saturday 2nd December 2017 from 12pm to 2pm at **St Dominic's Priory, Sway.**

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS - LIVERPOOL 7th-9th SEPTEMBER 2018:** two places are available to our parishes (Lym-Brock-Mil): £40 per day (Fri & Sat) and participants will also need to fund their own transport and accommodation. Fr David will need to know if anyone is interested before 4th Dec..

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Lancelot Fishbourne (18<sup>th</sup>), James Osborn (19<sup>th</sup>), George Scales (20<sup>th</sup>), Anthony Gerachty, Veronica Lane-Ryan, Edith Turnbull (21<sup>st</sup>), Johanna Maclean, Agnes Matthews (22<sup>nd</sup>), Bessie Walsh (24<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Marcia Greenwood, Terry Iles, Mai Wilson, Cathy Pickles, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Mary Aylward, Mary Norton, Patricia Mate.

**ADVENT SERVICE - Awaiting the Dawn.** A beautiful reflection of Advent in preparation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph at 7.30pm.** As the Church will be lit by candle light only, you may wish to bring a small torch to follow the service.

**CAFOD:** Thank you for your generous support to CAFOD's recent Harvest Fast Day. The parish raised £679.39 which will mean more farmers around the world will be able to support their families, now and into the future. Please continue to pray for them and for CAFOD's work with the most vulnerable communities across the world.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** We have a Book of Remembrance on the Font at the back of the Church. We invite you to write in the book the names of your deceased relatives and friends. The book will then be placed on/near the Altar during the month of November.

**DIARIES 2018:** Free diaries available from the back of the church. Please do take one.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Lymington Choral Society, **7pm Saturday 2 December 2017 St Thomas' Church, Lymington.** Vivaldi Gloria, Saint-Saëns Oratorio de Noel and other seasonal music brought to you by the Choral Society, Musical Director, Michael Goldthorpe and Timothy Rice, Organ. The Lymington Classical Players, Leader Jack Maguire. Singers from local schools. Soloists from the London Conservatoires. **Tickets £15, £12.50 (gallery restricted view)** accompanied children free - includes a glass of wine or soft drink Available from Maxwell Hamilton, Lymington 01590 672191, Milford Community Centre 01590 644861, New Forest Stationers, New Milton 01425 620480 and on the door until sold out. Phone for tickets: 01425 614023 Monday to Saturday 9am – 7pm. More Information: [www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk](http://www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk) Email: [sheila.lcs@hotmail.com](mailto:sheila.lcs@hotmail.com)

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**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Following consultation with those who have organised this previously and to simplify the process & avoid duplication it has been decided to do the following: Clare Bassett will prepare at least 50 Christmas boxes for the seafarers. She will purchase the appropriate items (hats, gloves, scarves, chocolate & toiletries) & fill each box.

**So CASH DONATIONS towards the cost of these items should be made in envelopes marked AOS & preferably with the name of the donor.** These can be put in the collection plates at each of the churches or delivered to 132 High St, Lymington.

**WISDOM HOUSE, ROMSEY: Advent Day: Follow that Star - Our Journey to Bethlehem** on 9th December 2017. During Advent, we are all invited to travel our own personal "Journey to Bethlehem". If we look at the lives of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the Magi and even the Donkey – the journey was not comfortable or easy, yet for each of these individuals, their efforts produced great fruit. This day looks at important Characters in the Christmas story and how we might relate their experiences to our own lives.

Other regular events you may be interested in are our **Community Evening** every Wednesday, currently, we have a Meditation group and a craft group. Coming soon is a Yoga Group, a Bereavement Group and group counselling. For more information on all of the above visit the Wisdom house website: [www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk](http://www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk)