

# 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:*

Saturdays at Our Lady & St Joseph  
10-10.30am

## *Masses & Services for the Week: 13<sup>th</sup> October - 21<sup>st</sup> October*

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	Richard Filbee RIP	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Teresa of Avila, Mem, ( W )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	28 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	N/A	
WED	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St Ignatius of Antioch, Mem, ( R )	N/A	
WED	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Ignatius of Antioch, Mem, ( R )	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Ignatius of Antioch, Mem, ( R )	Dec'd of the O'Donnell family	DMA
THU	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	St Luke, Feast, ( R )	For all doctors, nurses & carers	DMA
FRI	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	28 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( G )	Bishop Peter Doyle- Intentions (CWL)	DMA
SAT	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	Our Lady on Saturday, ( W )	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Elizabeth Jennifer Myers	N/A	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B ( G )	Marilyn Kinnon (Birthday)	DMA

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

### THE RICHNESS OF GOD'S WISDOM

In today's Gospel a rich man appears seeking something more. In Luke's version, he is a rich, young man. From the start we are given the distinct impression that this person knows nothing about what is really important. He is rich, he is young, he knows nothing! His words only confirm the impression. He begins with a subtle flattery – "Good Master". Then he wants to know what he can do to guarantee his future security. He thinks goodness is another thing you can possess.

Jesus begins the process of stripping him of his illusions. Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. We too think goodness/holiness is something we must have, something we must do. When we think like that we start judging ourselves and others, we divide and separate. With this approach to life we cannot enter the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is about love, acceptance, gratuity, freedom and community.

Jesus then starts probing this person. What has he learnt and experienced, what are his desires? Has he kept the commandments? Jesus outlines the ethical commandments and then quite unexpectedly throws in "You must not defraud". Jesus either knows something specific about how this person acquired their wealth or is presuming that no one could become wealthy without some root injustice. The man doesn't hear what Jesus is saying, he has a blind spot on the acquisition of wealth. He still wants something more. Jesus looks steadily at this person. It is a look of acceptance and love. Jesus is not shaming him or judging and rejecting him, just calling him further on the spiritual path.

Then comes the word that exposes the young man's problem that he himself doesn't even realize. He thinks he lacks that something that will enable him to possess eternal life. The irony is that he is possessed by his possessions and what he lacks is the freedom to let them go. If, as Jesus implies, he has acquired his wealth by some sort of fraud then he needs to give it back to the poor and follow Jesus. The young man is totally dejected by this and goes away sad. Hopefully the sadness and disillusionment will be the things God uses to eventually free him from his dependency.

Jesus' teaching is not just a shock for the young man it is a big shock for the other disciples! Help! What can we do? Who can be saved? We can do nothing to get saved. It is impossible for us. But nothing is impossible for God! They presumed that wealth was a blessing from God. Jesus is now saying it can be the very thing that keeps us from God.

Our affluence has provided us with weapons of mass distraction – we are permanently too busy, too pre-occupied, always trapped within prisons of our own making, there is never any real space for God or others. God's wisdom exposes the shallowness of conventional wisdom. We all believe in ownership, in acquisition, in possessing. But this worldly wisdom doesn't get us into the kingdom of God. In God's kingdom all are brothers and sisters, God's gifts are there to be used well and responsibly, to be shared freely and joyfully without judgement or distinction (God sends his sun to shine on good and bad alike) but they are never ours. And the ways of the kingdom are so subversive of popular wisdom that there is always persecution. (DMA).

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Marjorie Leila Brown (14th), Dorothy G. Lynch, Dorothea Winifred Hamblett (15th), Muriel Felicity Davey, Kenneth John Taylor (16th), Mary Cecilia Harding (17th)

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

**HARVEST TIME:** Many churches in the UK devote one Sunday in the autumn to a Harvest Festival. Around that occasion we, at New Forest Basics Bank, your local food bank, are very dependent on schools and churches collecting non-perishable food items to restock our shelves for the approaching winter. I ask you, please, to join the other churches in the area and buy some items for us and either put them in the crate in Waitrose or in the crate in your church. A list of what we need is on the leaflet at the back of church. Thank you very much.

**MENMEET:** We have been asked to publicise the forthcoming event of Milford Menmeet Group on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm at the Beach House. This may be of interest to men of our Church. There will be a talk by Michael Carpenter, CB "My time as Speaker's Counsel in the House of Commons". Menmeet is an open, friendly group organised by men from local churches.

**FUND-RAISING CONCERT:** 'An Evening With Total Voice' at St Francis of Assisi on Friday, 19th October, 2018 at 7.30pm. In aid of the church's African Charities and Local Women's Refuge. Once again we owe our thanks to our splendid local choir **Total Voice** for supporting this cause. Please support it too, as always. Tickets £10 to incl. refreshments. Available from Milford-on-Sea Community Centre Box Office or from Rita Ford after Mass on Sunday at St Francis, at OLSJ Lymington and at St Anne Brockenhurst.

**DAY OF REFLECTION** on **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am to 2pm**, with a short break for lunch (bring your own) in the Maryland Room. Dr Fiona Randall (retired palliative care consultant) 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 will be available at the back of church **next** weekend.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

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

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

**THANKS:** to everyone who supported Marko & Marie for the Nuptial Mass celebration on Saturday. It was a very happy & joyful

**FR QUARMBY'S MASSES:** for the coming week: Mon 10am; Tues 8am; Wed 10am no services the rest of the week.

**FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** will meet on Wednesday, 31st Oct after the morning Mass

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM:** will take place following Mass on Sunday, 4th November. All are warmly welcomed.

**New Forest Basics Bank** Please see on the notice board the latest report from the NFBB, following their AGM in July, which updates us on their much-needed services in our local area and how we can support them.

**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:** William Leonard Green (13th), Madeleine Fielding – Blandford (14th), Margaret Mary Wildegger (16th), William Andrews, John Ryan, Paul Pastor (18th), Richard White, Doreen Manikum (19th)

**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.

**LYMINGTON PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet next Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30pm in Joseph's Place.

**LYMINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE** will be meeting on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in Joseph's Place.

**LEGACY TO THE PARISH:** We are grateful to the late Angeline Agnes Hampton for leaving a legacy to the parish of £5000. Please consider the parish when making your will.

**KNIT & STITCH** will meet next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Hospitality Centre from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

**TOTAL VOICE CONCERT:** AT St Francis Church, Milford-on-Sea this coming Friday, 19th October at 7.30pm. Fr David has some tickets - £10 incl refreshments. Only street parking will be available.

A **SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING** for our Hospital & Health Care in the Out Patient Department at Lymington Hospital at 3pm on Sunday 21st October. Led by Hospital Chaplain: Linda Lee with Revd. Rachel Noel (St. Mark's Pennington).

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## *All Parishes*

**MASS COUNTS:** This is the final Mass count weekend 13/14 Oct.

**UPDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS:** In the light of recent changes to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May this year, I have been advised by the Diocese to 'Spring clean' parish registers.

**Therefore, during Mass THIS weekend, 13th & 14th October, I shall be asking you in all three parishes to fill in a form with your contact details.**

The reason we are doing this is because we need your express permission to hold data about you. If you do not fill in the form your contact details will not be on the parish register. If you know you will be away the weekend of 13th & 14th October please make sure you collect a form and fill it in a.s.a.p.

**YOUTH SUNDAY:** 25<sup>th</sup> Nov from 5pm until 9pm at St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3HQ; for 16-35yr olds only; cost: - £5.50 - £6.50. A gathering for young adults and students from across the Diocese to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Theme of the talks: "Witnessing to non-Catholics" & sustaining your faith through the university to workplace transition, and what it's like stepping out of a close-knit Cathsoc into the secular city culture. Holy Hour and Confessions will begin at 5pm in the Cathedral. 6pm Mass will be followed by food, a welcome address from Bishop Philip and the two talks. We look forward to seeing you!