

# 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: 1<sup>st</sup> December - 9<sup>th</sup> December

| DAY | DATE            | TIME    | SERVICE        | CHURCH     | LITURGY                                      | INTENTION                    | P   |
|-----|-----------------|---------|----------------|------------|--|------------------------------|-----|
| SAT | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass           | Our Lady   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ( P )       | Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M      | DMA |
| SUN | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 9.00am  | Mass           | St Francis | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ( P )       | The Hodson Family            | DMA |
| SUN | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 10.30am | Mass           | Our Lady   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ( P )       | as per celebrant             | PWR |
| SUN | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass           | St Anne    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ( P )       | People of the Parishes       | DMA |
| MON | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass           | Our Lady   | St Francis Xavier, Mem, ( W )                | as per celebrant             | PWR |
| TUE | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass           | Our Lady   | 1st Week of Advent                           | Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M  | DMA |
| WED | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | W & C          | Our Lady   | 1st Week of Advent                           | N/A                          |     |
| WED | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass           | St Anne    | 1st Week of Advent                           | Angela Campbell (Ints)       | PWR |
| WED | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Requiem Mass   | St Francis | Requiem Mass                                 | Charles Hutchinson RIP       | DMA |
| THU | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass           | Our Lady   | 1st Week of Advent                           | Richard Martin Power RIP F/M | DMA |
| FRI | 7 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass           | Our Lady   | St Ambrose, Mem, ( W )                       | For refugees                 | DMA |
| FRI | 7 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm  | Advent Service | Our Lady   | Preparing for the Coming of the Christ       | N/A                          |     |
| SAT | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass           | Our Lady   | Immac. Conception of Bl. V. Mary, Sol, ( W ) | For those who are unwell     | DMA |
| SAT | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass           | Our Lady   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ( P )       | Private Intention (BF)       | DMA |
| SUN | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am  | Mass           | St Francis | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ( P )       | People of the Parishes       | DMA |
| SUN | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Mass           | Our Lady   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ( P )       | People of the Parishes       | DMA |
| SUN | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 12.30pm | Baptism        | Our Lady   | baby George Gordon Crossman                  | N/A                          | DMA |
| SUN | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass           | St Anne    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ( P )       | as per celebrant             | PWR |

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 24th/25th December - Christmas Offering; 1st January - SPUC White Flower Appeal

### THE LORD OUR INTEGRITY

The Old Testament charts the unfolding of the relationship between God and the Israelite people. There is a lot written about what the people should do, but the most important words are those that speak about what God does now and will do in the future. Faith is above all about receiving and trusting God's work and going along with it.

Jeremiah promises us a virtuous one who will bring salvation and confidence. The city, which represents the people, will be called "The Lord our Integrity".

All our holiness and virtue is given us in Jesus, as St Paul writes: He (God) is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Our deepest self is Christ and in Christ the individual and the communal are united together. Holiness is above all God's work in us and that work is Christ. This is good news because it lifts the burden from us. Christ bears that burden within – which is why for us the yoke is easy and my burden is light. Catherine of Genoa, who received many deep experiences of God's work in us, is reported to have run through the streets shouting "My deepest me is God! My deepest me is God!"

In Thessalonians Paul continues this theme of God's work - increasing our love for one another and the whole human race; & confirming us in holiness. For our part we must let grace work in our whole being - transforming us so that we can become who we already are in God. We are certainly not born perfect! It is a question of growth and making more & more progress, but not in fear, rather in the joyful confidence of God's motherly and fatherly love.

At first the Gospel words can be disturbing and fearful. This is usually because we are still insecure in our trust in God. Once we know how really wonderful God's love for us is, then, (God's) perfect love casts out our fear. Jesus's words are spoken in love. He wants us to be liberated, to be spiritually awake, aware of what is going on and filled with confidence.

Things are always coming to an end and new things beginning. Someday the solar system will unravel. But more importantly we need to understand these words as applying to us here and now. What has shaken my soul? What powers have begun to fail for me? What worlds are passing away for me? What is stirring in my soul (the blessings of the beatitudes) - love, peace, yearnings for God and for the blessing of all humanity? What new strengths am I finding within myself or others? Have I entered a new phase in my life - with God or others? Am I seeing more clearly the cosmic battle of light and darkness?

Jesus warns us against the things that can dull our spiritual senses - getting trapped in the superficial and addictive and taking the worries of this life too seriously. Prayer keeps us spiritually awake, aware of the Christ within. In Luke 17:20-21 Jesus says that the kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed. For you must know, that the kingdom of God is among (or within) you. And in John 14:22 -Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.." If we stay awake to this wonderful grace, then, in the words of St Teresa of Jesus, nothing will ever disturb us. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Jean Penman O'Hara, Anne Veronica Chatee, Gerry Hazelden (2nd), Ernest John Quantrill, Teresa Elenor Diggins, Christopher Joseph Nagle (4th), Joyce Frances Mills (5th), Mary Harriet Tickle, Tim McArthur (8th)

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

**Carols on the Green.** 6pm Friday 7th Dec. Stewards are needed for handing out service sheets etc, 6-7.30pm. If you could help, please speak to, or email, Anthony Kirke or phone Sinclair on 644926.

**YOUR TREASURED THOUGHTS:** just a reminder, as mentioned during the pastoral council's AGM presentation, please let Helen have, before Christmas, a sentence or two on what it is you treasure about our parish. She will then draw it all together, and show you in January, ready for the Bishop to take home with him, after his February visitation. Thank you.

**ADVENT MEMORIAL TREE:** As Advent is now upon us and we begin to prepare for the great feast of the birth of Jesus, it is a time to remember family and friends wherever they may be, especially those who may no longer be with us. From this Sunday there will be a small Tree of Remembrance at the back of the church and we would invite you to add the names of all those who have died that you would like to call to mind and include in our parish prayers. Please write their names on a 'bauble' and attach it to the tree so that your loved ones will be present in all our thoughts as we pray together for a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** William Teague (2<sup>nd</sup>), Humphrey Nunes, Ralph Ledsham (3<sup>rd</sup>), Cecil Webb, Michael Kelly (4<sup>th</sup>), Richard Power (5<sup>th</sup>)

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

**Fr Quarmby's Masses:** For the week commencing 2nd December: 10am everyday except Tuesday when Mass will be at 8am.

**Table Top Sale** Our annual pre-Christmas table top and craft sale will continue in the Parish Rooms after Mass this Sunday Please come and support us.

**Brockenhurst Choir** will perform Handel's Messiah on Sunday, 9th December at St Saviour's Church at 7.0pm. Details on the board in the porch.

**Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive by Thursday morning**

## All Parishes

**MUSIC & CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** on Sat. 8th Dec at 2.30pm in Mildford Community Centre, Sea Rd, Milford. Hosted by the Flute Group with a guest appearance from Straight Banana. Admission £4 with retiring collection for the Honey Pot Children's charity.



**Thanks to your generosity and Clare Bassett's prompting those families involved with the New Forest Basics Bank will get a present from the SVP this Christmas. Each of their children will receive a £10 voucher wrapped in a message of love and hope.**

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Patrick Manghan (1st), Harold Everett, May Phillips (2nd), Patrick Rickman (4th), Emily Andrews (6th), John Alan Curtis Read (7th)

**Sick and Housebound:** Ramona Heath-Saunders, Simone Cluett, Concetta Losanno, Terry Iles, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, 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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 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.

**OLMSJ FIRE WARDENS/WELCOMERS** - please attend a meeting after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 8th December *only* to discuss safety of parishioners attending Christmas services. Thank you.

**CWL:** The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 11th December at 10.30 am at Eileen Rayner's House, 4 Court Close for coffee and mince pies.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will be meeting next Monday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm in Joseph's Place. In addition to the usual Quiz, Raffle and Tea we will all be led in the singing of Christmas Carols by the 'Ukulele Hangouts' group. All are welcome.

**FUND-RAISING:** Many thanks to everyone who helped at the coffee/lunches on Saturday in Joseph's Place, where we raised a total of £206.52 for The Motor Neurone Disease Association. **Our next fund-raising event will be on Saturday 29th December when we will be raising money to help provide a prayer area for Our Lady & St Joseph's Primary School. Do come along for a cake or a bowl of soup and support our local school.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH 2018 – a reminder that on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December** We would be grateful for any suitable gifts ( or appropriate donation ) for the Christmas Tree. (Value £2.00 to £4.00) for our guests to take home wrapped and Labelled for a Lady or Gentleman. **Thank you, Mike and Ann Reynolds 01590 679084**

**Dates for the Diary:** Parish AGM will be held on Sunday, 20th January 2019 in church, immediately after the 10.30am Mass. It will include reports from the PPC & Finance Committees.

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**CALLING ALL FAMILIES:** will you be at a loose end between Christmas & New Year on Saturday, 29th December?. If you are out & about in Lymington why not call into Joseph's Place where parishioners will be busy serving homemade cake with tea/coffee from 9.30am-12pm and a soup lunch from 12pm - 2pm. All profits will go to pay for the outdoor prayer garden at Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic School.

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS – the true spirit of Christmas Giving:** Give a gift that will change a life . There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at church or you can buy online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts)