

# 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:

**Parish Office:** Maryhouse, 132 High Street, Lymington SO41 9AQ. **Telephone:** 01590 676696.

**Parish Priest:** Rev David Adams; **Parish Administrator:** Lisa Thurston. **Email:** lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**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. **Exec. Head:** Gerida Montague

**Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils:** Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Ian Holden, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Vanessa Dugdale (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:

By appointment only -  
contact Fr David at the  
parish office.

## The Week: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	19 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	as per celebrant	PWR
TUE	20 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	Nick Filbee RIP	DMA
WED	21 <sup>st</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	For those who are unwell	DMA
THU	22 <sup>nd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	For all Health Care Workers	DMA
FRI	23 <sup>rd</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	Nick Filbee RIP	DMA
SAT	24 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year ( G )	Margaret Skellon RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Our Lady	Mass	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A ( G )	For the People of the Parishes	DMA

**NO PUBLIC MASSES THIS WEEKEND - MASS AT OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH NEXT SUNDAY - 25<sup>th</sup> OCT**

**PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED - RING THE PARISH OFFICE 01590-676696**

### Give to God what belongs to God:

The enemies of Jesus, an unlikely alliance of Pharisees (religious, anti-Roman), and Herodians (ruling classes, pro-Roman) try to trap Jesus. They frame a question in such a way as to force a *damned if you do and damned if you don't* kind of answer. If Jesus says No to paying tax he can be arrested and executed as a rebel (or terrorist in contemporary terms). If Jesus says Yes pay the taxes he will alienate all ordinary people who detested the Roman occupation. (Incidentally, Jewish tax collectors were the most despised people in Israel at that time).

Why did Jesus have these enemies? He was obviously upsetting the system. He threatened the whole religious industry because if God gives freely then you no longer need to pay for it with money or animals. The whole economy of Jerusalem was being turned upside down and people's jobs were on the line! Not only that but people's self-importance, power and faults were being exposed. Few of us take kindly to that!

Jesus accuses the questioners of being hypocrites. First of all because their real intention is malicious – they want to trap Jesus.

Secondly, because they themselves are using the Roman coinage. This was itself tantamount to idolatry (the inscription often referred to the divine emperor) and revealed a practical acceptance of their rule.

Jesus' response to them is a flash of wisdom and inspiration: *Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.*

This can be understood as saying respect the civil authorities, as far as possible, as this is necessary for the smooth running of society. However, we must look to our relationship with God above all else, loving God with all our mind, heart, soul and strength. Living in God's love, doing the will of the God the Father/Mother is what is really important.

Of course, Jesus has much better things to give his followers than money. When we really appreciate the spiritual blessings – God's unconditional love, forgiveness, gift of the Holy Spirit, sharing in God's life – then gold, silver, jewels etc are all very pretty and we can enjoy them and learn to use them wisely but they don't have any real value. God values all the creation and especially people. Each person is a precious gift. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Laurence Ayers(23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Sr Rosaleen, Louise Layne, Daphne Jones, Colin Stack, Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday.

**PRAYERS PLEASE:** for Sarah Bell who has had a spell in hospital and is now recovering.

**SUNDAY MASS AT ST FRANCIS:** Going forward Mass will be on alternate Sundays because of the limited number of stewards available. The next Sunday Mass will be on 1st November at 9am. Numbers are very limited so pre-booking is essential. Please ring 01590-676696.

**IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:**

**A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - MIL-ON-SEA - ST FRANCIS ASS"**

**A/C NUMBER: 00882772**

**SORT CODE: 30-93-04**

**Contact Eva Gaskin on 01590-643199 if you need any help.**

**(PRCDTR i.e. Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Reg'd)**

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** John (Jack) Edward Olney (19<sup>th</sup>), Mary Binning, Elizabeth O'Donnell (20<sup>th</sup>), Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Weeks (22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Please keep in your prayers: Rosemary Sheldon, Sr Rosaleen, Sean Dunn, Linda Reardon.

**SUNDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S:** Mass will be on alternate Sundays. All being well we will celebrate weekend Mass again here on Sunday, **1st November**. We are grateful to the stewards who make this possible. If you wish to come to Mass at that time please book in via the Parish Office. Numbers are very restricted.

**IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:**

**A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - BROCKENHURST - ST ANNE"**

**A/C NUMBER: 00875962**

**SORT CODE: 30-93-04**

**(PRCDTR i.e. Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Reg'd)**

**Any items for the newsletter to [anna@boylemellor.co.uk](mailto:anna@boylemellor.co.uk) to arrive EARLIER PLEASE - WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME**

## All Parishes

**THANK YOU** for the many messages of support during my enforced period of isolation. I really appreciated them. Thankfully I have not shown any symptoms. We can be complacent in the New Forest, but it is a wake up call to know that the virus is around us and any one of us could be carriers. Fortunately, we have robust measures in all our 3 churches to keep us as safe as possible. I have no intention of changing any of these measures. Thank you to our wonderful stewards who make sure we all keep to these measures. I need you to support them by following their instructions. That way we will all be as safe as possible. I am released from isolation from Monday, so I can now say that there will be Mass at 10.30am as usual on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at OLMSJ. On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Mass will be at 9am at St Francis, 10.30am at OLMSJ and 6pm at St Anne's. Places have to be booked in the usual way via the office.

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORTS:** will be circulated as soon as possible. I will need to do some work on the (email) mailing lists as they were put together rather hurriedly at the beginning of the pandemic and will need a further sort out according to parish membership.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** William Andrews, John Ryan, Paul Pastor (18<sup>th</sup>), Richard White, Doreen Manikum (19<sup>th</sup>), Theresa Crane, Frances Mary Latham, Alice Badley-Glatti (20<sup>th</sup>), Gabriel Imbert, Charlotte Anne Love, Howard Clement French (24<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Cathy Pickles, Caite Healy, Beatrice Tucker, Sr Rosaleen, Gerry Heneghan, Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Den Walker, Len Harley, Marie Smith.

**100 Club 2021** - due to the ongoing Covid situation, we regret that it is necessary to suspend the 100 Club for 2021. Those members who pay subscriptions by Bank Standing Order are advised to contact their bank to cancel payment. We will be contacting all members who pay by Standing Order. All 100 Club members are thanked for their ongoing support and assured that the situation will be reviewed next year. The final draw for 2020, with star prize of £75, will take place in December.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** so far we have 43 5yr pledges yielding £90.3K incl. Gift Aid; Total in Bank as at 16/10/20: £51,501.46. Included in this is a total £343.93 raised from "Give as you live". Thank you to all of you who are continuing to donate in different ways. Contact the parish office if you need help with this.

**IF YOU ARE NOT DOING SO ALREADY:**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY WITH A REGULAR STANDING ORDER:**

**A/C NAME: "PRCDTR - LYMINGTON - OUR LADY"**

**A/C NUMBER: 00882225**

**SORT CODE: 30-93-04**

**(PRCDTR i.e. Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Reg'd)**

## All Parishes

**Upcoming Special Collections: 18th October - Collection for Foreign Missions.** Please go to the Diocesan website to make an online donation. Or go direct to: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk); **1st November - Collection for Bamenda, the diocese in the Cameroon which our Diocese is supporting.**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE: [www.nfwp.org.uk](http://www.nfwp.org.uk)** for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

**PARISH FINANCES:** I would like to highlight the amount of work behind the scenes that our Parish Treasurers do on your behalf. Thanks to the dedication of Frances Walker (Lymington), Bill Pignatelli (Brockenhurst) and Eva Gaskin (Milford-on-Sea), and supported by their finance committees, the parish accounts have been very well managed. The Annual Financial Reports to the Diocese have been more or less finalised and made ready for submission. **THANKS TO YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY** through Standing Orders, Direct Debits and occasional donations the financial position of our parishes has remained comparatively healthy.

However, you will appreciate that due to the restrictions imposed on us by Government and Diocese the numbers being able to attend Mass has been greatly reduced. As a result the 'plate' collection is down quite considerably and this needs addressing.

We are in a reasonably good place financially at this moment in time as we are in the black, not the red. But as the pandemic goes on this situation could easily change. The Diocese tells us that 80 parishes out of a total of 91 will be in deficit this year. The diocese has suspended all non-urgent building projects during this crisis. At this present moment our three parishes are among the 11 not the 80. To prevent us slipping into the 80 group could those of you not already making a regular payment, consider a contribution to the 'plate collection'.

You can **'Donate to the plate'** in a number of ways:

**Cash** in an envelope put through the letterbox of the presbytery labelled **'Donate to the plate'** with your details (or anonymously) and the name of your parish.

*OR*

A **cheque** (see parish section) sent to the Presbytery: 132, High street, Lymington SO41 9AQ. Please put **Donate to the plate**, your details and the name of the parish on a note inside the envelope. If you can, please Gift Aid your contribution.

*OR*

**Make a payment** directly to our parish bank accounts with you surname & postcode as a reference. See your parish section for the details.

I realise that the pandemic has hit households in many ways, so please do not give what you can't afford. But if you can **'Donate to the plate'** by the end of this pandemic we will be confident that our parishes will come out in a much healthier state and will survive. Thank you. Fr David