

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST & MILFORD-ON-SEA

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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Parish Administrator: Lisa Thurston. **Email:** office@lymbrockmil.org.uk. **Website:** www.nfwp.org.uk; **Parish Blog:** www.lymrcchurch.blogspot.com. Our parishes are part of & belong to the: **Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, Registered Charity No: 1199568.** **School:** Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. **Exec. Head:** Gerida Montague. **Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils:** Magdalen Chadborn, Lymington; Ian Holden, Brockenhurst; Roger Maughan, Milford on Sea. **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Vanessa Dugdale (Lym); Henrietta Reynolds (Brock); Liz Price (Mil). **PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator :** Linda Guilding; **For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound:** Contact the parish office.

The Week: 24th June 2023 - 2nd July 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	24 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	12 th Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	25 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	12 th Sunday of the Year A	Lorraine Muir (Health)	DMA
SUN	25 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	12 th Sunday of the Year A	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	25 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	12 th Sunday of the Year A	Winifred Mary Nicholas RIP F/M	DMA
MON	26 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	choice of celebrant	as per celebrant	DQ
TUE	27 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	12 th week of the Year (1)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
WED	28 th	St Francis		No Service	St Irenaeus, Mem	N/A	
THU	29 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul, Solemnity.	as per celebrant	DQ
THU	29 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul, Solemnity.	John Barry Ball RIP F/M	DMA
THU	29 th	OLMSJ	12 noon	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul, Solemnity.	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THU	29 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul, Solemnity.	Harry Miller & Mary Ash-Miller RIP Anniv	DMA
FRI	30 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	choice of celebrant	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	1 st	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	choice of celebrant	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	1 st	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	13 th Sunday of the Year A (1st HC & Baptisms)	Ellen Emmett RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	2 nd	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	13 th Sunday of the Year A	Ernest Ash RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	2 nd	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	13 th Sunday of the Year A (1st Holy Communions)	1 st Holy Communion Children	DMA
SUN	2 nd	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Max Weinel-Pickles	N/A	DMA
SUN	2 nd	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	13 th Sunday of the Year A	The Baker Family F/M	DMA

THE LORD IS AT OUR SIDE – A MIGHTY HERO

Our gospel today is full of paradox. Three times Jesus says: "Do not be afraid". Then Jesus says that if we should fear anyone we should fear God who has the ultimate power. Then Jesus counters this by saying that God has compassion even for the sparrows. But God respects us deeply and also respects the radical choices we make. God does not force herself upon us if that is not what we really want.

There is no neat and easy solution to this paradox and we should be suspicious if any were offered. The paradox arises from the meeting of two freedoms, God's and ours. If we allow God's love to fill us, to hold us and keep us then no earthly terror, or power, or evil can have the ultimate victory over us ("Do not fear those who can kill the body..."). But this is scary stuff and Jesus needs to constantly reassure us not to be afraid.

Of course in our cosy Western Christianity we have effectively neutralised any danger of being rejected by the world. Our Christianity is so lukewarm, our confrontation of injustice and evil so weak that no one bothers to persecute us! Our danger is not in denying Jesus with words. We are very good at protestations of faith. Our danger is to deny Jesus by our actions, or lack of them.

We need to ask ourselves what we are really afraid of. Is it the ridicule of others or the rejection of others? Is it physical pain and discomfort? Is it the loss of wealth and prestige? Jesus says that if we insist on living out of fear then just remember who should be feared the most! So let's fear God if it brings us back into God's love and truth. Jesus is not talking about ultimate rewards and punishments because God's love is beyond all that (the free gift of grace comes after sin and considerably outweighs the sin!).

Jesus is challenging us here and now to make a decision. God is the only source of our good. If you are a follower of Jesus you are assured of ultimate victory. If we allow God to lovingly hold us and lead us then fear will gradually be banished from our lives. As the apostle John wrote: (God's) perfect love drives out fear (1 John 4:18); As the Lord promised, we would be "free from fear and saved from the hands of our foes" (Luke: 1:74); "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15) (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Alice Mary Jackson, Christopher Nolan (26th), Winifred Smyth (30th), Filippos Michael Militosopoulos, Jane Mary Beavon (1st)

Sick & Housebound: Helen Lister, Lorraine Muir, Barbara Mills, Kath Randle, Di Mussert, Rita Ford, Canon Peter Wilkie, June Gow, Norah Sweeney, Sarah Bell.

NO SERVICE THIS COMING WEDNESDAY: Fr David is at a Co-ordinating Pastors (soon to become "parish priests"!!) meeting on Tuesday afternoon and overnight to Wednesday when there is a gathering of all the active diocesan clergy in Basingstoke finishing late afternoon. This is all to do with the Diocesan 10 yr plan. As there is a holyday on Thursday, Ss Peter & Paul, there will not be a service at St Francis church on Wednesday morning this coming week.

WELL DONE TO: the St. Francis Bandage group, who meet on Tuesdays in the Maryland room. They have now completed 10,000 bandages of various widths for Ukraine.

CREAM TEA: (Please let the parish office know if you intend to go, so they can cater for the right number) The parishioners and the PPC of St Anne's would like to invite the parishioners from St Francis and OLMSJ to a cream tea on **Saturday 1st July at 3pm** at the church. The Tea also provides an opportunity for the Care for Creation group to give a short presentation on CAFOD's important 'Seed for All campaign' and to ask people to sign a letter to the World Bank (which will be explained during the talk).

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Teresa Longman (25th), Vere Annesley (27th), Count (Nicky) Ireneuss Wladyslaw Michael Michalowski (1st)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Paddy Lark, Canon Peter Wilkie, Susan McCabe. Also prayers please for Suzanne Jones who is very poorly, niece of Michael & Edelweiss.

WEEKDAY MASS: thanks to Fr David Quarumby Mass is celebrated each day at St Anne's at 10am. And every Wednesday there is Eucharistic Adoration at 9am, Rosary at 9.30 and Mass at 10 am.

THE ANNUAL HOUSE MASS: This will be on Thursday, 10th August at 6pm in Dawn's house. More details to follow.

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FROM SR VERONICA: This week we are called to overcome our fears and allow God himself to bring fresh hope into our lives. He is on our side always even when we turn from him, he wants us to be his partner throughout our lives if we trust in him alone.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eD2p2kQJvNE> God Bless Sr Veronica OP

TO READERS- ALL 3 CHURCHES: There has been a delay in bringing out the new Lectionary. It will now be (fingers crossed) Advent 2024. The Bishops were hoping it would be out for Advent 2023, but production is taking longer. So, if you are thinking of buying yourself a Sunday Missal, so you can find & prepare your Sunday Readings, you now have 17 months before you have to replace it and buy a new one.

EVENTS FOR OUR 3 PARISHES: With the Diocesan ten-year plan looming where each pastoral area will unify to become one BIG parish, Fr David and the Pastoral Councils for OLMSJ, St Anne's and St Francis thought it would be a good idea for the parishioners from our three parishes to get to know one another a little better before joining up with other parishes in the pastoral area, and so the 3-parish events idea was born. So far we have had: 18th December 2022: Carols with mince pies at OLMSJ; 5th March 2023 : Laudato Si at OLMSJ with speakers from St Anne's Care for Creation group and children from the school; 9th March : Lenten service at OLMSJ led by Mary Dunn; 7th May: The Coronation lunch to celebrate the coronation of King Charles at OLMSJ; 25th May: An evening of Reflection on Pentecost at OLMSJ led by Mary Dunn; 28th June: A trip to London to see an exhibition on St Francis of Assisi at the National Gallery organised by John Stephenson.

1st July: Cream tea organised by the parishioners & PPC of St Anne's There are other events scheduled for the Autumn including one big Mass for all 3 parishes in November- more to come on that later. The Chairs of our 3 PPC's meet to discuss these events and report back to their respective PPC committees.

So if you see an invitation to an event in the newsletter, the parishioners and the PPC of that Parish are inviting you as they want to get to know you, so please try to attend. You are all invited to St Anne's for a cream tea on 1st July but do let us know by Wednesday if you intend to come.

For your information our Pastoral Area is the New Forest and consists of the parishes of: OLMSJ, Lymington; St Francis of Assisi, Milford on Sea; St Anne's, Brockenhurst; Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton; Our Lady of the Assumption & St Edward the Confessor, Lyndhurst; Waterside Parish: St Michael's, Hythe & St Bernard's, Holbury; Sacred Heart & St Therese of Lisieux Church, Ringwood; Our Lady of Sorrows and Saint Philip Benizi, Fordingbridge.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Joseph Dowd, Patricia Waring, Frank Bartlett (24th), John Moffet, John William Francis Mc Evoy (25th), Douglas Kelleher (26th), Ethna Mary Anne Cuthbert (27th), Charles McCartan, Allan Brundrett (28th), Eileen Finn (29th), Eileen Aylward (30th)

Sick and Housebound: Undine, Canon Peter Wilkie, John & Nicki Collins, Den Walker, Sean Dunn, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Simone Cluett

PETER COOPER RIP: We learnt from Mike Barsby that Peter died on 14th June. His health had been declining in recent years and he didn't resume contact with our church after the COVID pandemic. Peter was very generous to our church in many ways and was a regular face at the Saturday evening Mass, acting as a welcomer and sacristan. We have not been officially informed so it is unlikely that the funeral service will be here. If we hear of any details we will let everyone know. May Peter rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: on Monday 3rd July will start with a fish and chip lunch followed by a talk from Chris LeGrand on Round the World in Pictures & Music. Lunch is at 12-2pm in Joseph's Place and will cost £6 to include dessert and tea. Talk starts at 2pm and will be followed by tea and cakes-free admission for talk and cakes. For details or to book your place, please call 01590 678525 or add your name to list in Joseph's Place. Everyone welcome.

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BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 23/06/23: £256,222.58 This includes GAYL contributions.

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CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwp.org.uk for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION THIS WEEK: It is the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul on Thursday, 29th June. See the service schedule for the times of Masses.

THIS WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: 24th/25th June. Peters Pence This is the name for the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel is as old as Christianity itself. Parishioners may use their gift aid envelopes or donate online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence-second-collection-2023>.

The collection will be open from 23rd June until 11th July. Thank you.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION: 8th/9th July – Collection for Apostleship of the Sea, more details next week.

OLSJ SCHOOL AT CARITAS CONFERENCE: Our primary school has been invited to the 'CARITAS Conference' next week - a conference in Winchester with other local Catholic Schools. OLSJ have been asked to share their good practice at the event - our *Year 5 Eco Warriors* (Louis and Emilia) have prepared a beautiful presentation to share about OLSJ's ecology work, which they are all very excited about. Yr 6 with the help of staff have lovingly crafted "Wellington" out of old wellie boots, old wood & odd & ends, to show that old items do not need to be thrown away. They can be re-purposed. "Wellington" will be accompanying Louis & Emilia to the event. The rest of the school news is attached with the newsletter. **Other School News:** This has been sent out as an attachment with the newsletter but do visit the school website for a full colour experience www.olsjschool.co.uk !

THE TRANSGENDER ISSUE: Bishop Philip also recommends a short video from Fr. Mike Schmitz, a priest for the Diocese of Duluth, MN in the USA, currently University Chaplain at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and also the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for his Diocese. In this short video message, he discusses the difference between one's perception of gender and gender reality. Gender stereotypes have altered our perception of what it means to be a man or a woman, but it is unhealthy to expect reality to conform to our perceptions. If there is someone in your life struggling with gender identity, or any other brokenness, Fr. Mike encourages you to be there for them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tK1c2IEgY>