

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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: 1st July 2023 - 9th July 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
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	Gretchen Nagle (recovery)	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
MON	3 rd	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	St Thomas, Feast	as per celebrant	DQ
TUE	4 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	13 th week of the Year (1)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	5 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	13 th week of the Year (1)	For those who are unwell	DMA
THU	6 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	13 th week of the Year (1)	Ernest Ash RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	7 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	choice of celebrant	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	8 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	choice of celebrant	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	8 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	14 th Sunday of the Year A	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	9 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	14 th Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	9 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	14 th Sunday of the Year A	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	9 th	St Anne	1.00pm	Baptism	infants India & Sienna Renouf	N/A	DMA
SUN	9 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	14 th Sunday of the Year A	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA

Commitment, Growth and Generosity

Jesus's words are quite uncompromising. He doesn't give us much wiggle (or wriggle) room. And let's face it we still manage to wiggle (or wriggle) our way out of what he is calling us too. There is a context here. In Jesus's time there wasn't much tolerance of difference. Stark choices had to be made and choices had serious consequences. Today our choices have consequences too. These choices may not have dramatic repercussions on the surface but we do need to ask ourselves just where our lives are heading. The almost imperceptible drift that takes us apart from others and God can be a slow kill.

The light and dark of our cultural world is an all-pervasive force and it wins hands down most of the time. Negotiating our way in the world is not easy. Some Christians want to create a protective enclave where worldly influences are excluded. Some engage in culture wars. Some try to walk carefully through the "minefield", discerning what might be in harmony with Christian values and what might be destructive of true humanity.

We can ask ourselves what choices do we need to make to strengthen our commitment to one another and to God. Making time for each other, for the family and for God can not only enable these relationships to survive but can also help them to flourish.

The daily cross of personal sacrifice for the good of the other unites us to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. In his sacrifice he showed that greatest love of laying down one's life for one's friends. Life is always growing and changing. If we cling on to one stage we ultimately lose both that and the greater life that was to come. We must die to our closed in lives in order to open out into the fuller, richer relationship. This is the unfolding path for singles entering partnership or marriage, for couples becoming parents, for families wanting to enter more fully into the local community, for people seeking a fuller life in God.

The simplest gestures and responses of generosity and compassion always bring us blessings. The prophet or the holy person may not be warmly welcomed by those challenged by their words or life-style. But those who already have some openness to truth and compassion can respond with kindness. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: David Whiteford Erskine Bell (2nd), Brian John Marshall (5th), Susan (Sue) Carol Wardlaw (6th), John Noble (7th)

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

Special prayers, please for Gretchen who is very poorly after a serious operation in Bournemouth Hospital.

COFFEE MORNING at St Francis this Sunday after Mass our thanks to Deborah & the team

UKRAINE: New Forest for Ukraine is requesting Pot Noodles and energy bars for front line troops please. There will be a box in the porch for 2 weeks .

SONGS OF PRAISE: KEYHAVEN JETTY: Sunday 16th July: 5pm. This joyful celebration of music and praise will be held for Milford on Sea Christians Together with the Boscombe Salvation Army Band. Please do try to support this event and maybe bring a chair with you.

TO THOSE USING THE KITCHEN: The new tap is a vented tap. It is designed to drip briefly when turned off. Please do not overtighten. We need this type of tap because we have a sealed electric water heater system which requires air to be drawn in at the tap and they are expensive.

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.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: John Gabony (2nd), Beryl Hirst (4th), Dermot James Lyons (5th), Canon John James Hally, James C. Holly, Clara Eliza Sanders (8th)

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 Quarmby 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.

NEWCOMERS' EVENING: is organised each year by Brockenhurst Churches to welcome newcomers to the village. This year it is taking place on Wednesday, 12th July at 7pm at the Church Hall, Wilverley Road. If you missed it last year you are still very welcome to attend. Please see the attached invitation for more details and RSVP.

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SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: Welcome to this week's reflection on the gospel. We are invited this week to carry our cross with dignity in order to fully experience love God. We are asked to leave everything in order to follow Jesus. Those who do so are very close to God in his kingdom if we remain faithful to the Mission given to us in Baptism.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qksip0FR4L8>

CALLING ALL THOSE WHO ARE CATECHISTS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WHO TAKE COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, OR ALL THOSE WHO VISIT THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH: You need to do your Safeguarding Training. The training has to be completed every 2 years and is mandatory. The training will be at Joseph's Place on Saturday 16th September from 10am to 3pm. **TO BOOK A PLACE** email safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk not the Parish office. Even if you've already contacted us at the parish office, **PLEASE DO EMAIL SAFEGUARDING SEPARATELY AS ABOVE.**

BISHOPS' SYNOD: The working document has been published by the Vatican for the Bishop's Synod in 2024. I have attached the text to the newsletter email. We can get a good idea from this document of how we should be working together in the Church.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Ellen Emmett (1st), Mabel Anne Veronica Keddie (2nd), Kains Coles, James Flood (3rd), Margaret Broomfield (6th), John Ogden (7th)

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

BAPTISMS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS THIS WEEKEND: We celebrate the Baptism of infants Karolina & Katarina Romanova and Max Weinel (Jennifer Pickles's son) and the 1st Holy Communions for Vincent, Elias & Janka Roman(ova); and Daisy & Evie Taylor; and Lilly-Mae, Rylie, Alfie & Oscar Chrisp. Congratulations to our children & their parents and thanks to Barbara Jadrzych our catechist.

PETER COOPER RIP: Peter's Funeral Service will be at St Thomas's on 14th July at 11am. Peter attended OLMSJ faithfully every Saturday evening. He was the sacristan and welcomer here for many years until COVID. A copy of the obituary published in the Lymington Times has been attached with the newsletter email.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB meets on Monday 3rd July in Joseph's Place from 2-4pm with a talk from Chris LeGrand on Round the World in Pictures & Music. This will be followed by tea and cakes. Admission is free with a donation for tea if wished. We will also have news of forthcoming Friendship Club events e.g. Rummikub/Scrabble Club and cinema visit. *Everyone is welcome.*

The lists for the preceding fish and chip lunch at 12-2 are now full, so please come early if you have booked. The cost is £6 to include dessert, tea and a quiz, payable on the day. Please call 01590 678525 for details or queries.

MANY THANKS TO OUR FUND-RAISING TEAM who raised £265 for the Wessex Kidney Patients Association at the coffee morning last Saturday. Thanks for their hard work, service and the warm welcome which is noted and appreciated by customers. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 29th July with proceeds to sponsor youngsters at the Fanning the Flame summer camp run by the Benedictine Sisters of St Joseph at Sway.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 30/06/23: £256,252.58 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.

THE NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION: 8th/9th July - STELLA MARIS:

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

OLSJ SCHOOL: Year 6 will be leaving us at the end of this term. The Year 6 pupils from Our Lady & St Joseph have been in Bude, Cornwall this week at Adventure Bude. They've had a great time doing various team building activities. Go to the website to see just how much fun they had! <https://olsjschool.co.uk/>. On the last day they had a fabulous time on the waves body boarding! It was tricky to board against the waves, but it was lots of fun too! Our pupils made friends with other students during the week and it was lovely to see them having fun with them in the sea. Fr David was due to join them for this day but unfortunately he had to miss it as he had to attend a conference with the Bishop and Diocesan clergy.