

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

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## *The Week: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	8 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	1.00pm	Baptism	infants India & Sienna Renouf	N/A	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
MON	10 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	choice of celebrant	as per celebrant	DQ
TUE	11 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	St Benedict, Feast	Marc Steinberg RIP & family	DMA
WED	12 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> week of the Year (1)	For those who are unwell	DMA
THU	13 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> week of the Year (1)	Joseph Weld RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	14 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	choice of celebrant	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	15 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	St Swithun, Mem	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	15 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	For Peace in Ukraine & the world	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	For seafarers & those in need	DMA

### MEEKNESS & HUMILITY – ESSENTIAL FOR THE SYNODAL PATH

Our relationship with God can really begin to flourish when we realise and accept how much we are loved by God, unconditionally, as we are. And it grows further when we see how good God is & how lovable God is. Jesus reveals this to us. Looking at Jesus we can begin to fall in love with God. A characteristic of God that is most endearing is God's gentleness and meekness. These qualities are essential for the Church as embarks on the synodal path of listening and learning.

This revelation of a meek and gentle God begins indirectly in the Bible with Moses: *Now the man Moses was very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth*, Num 12:3. The Gospels present Jesus as the new Moses, the one who would reveal God's whole purpose. Jesus does not reveal a toxic God. God is not harsh, God is patient; indeed God is gentle and compassionate. Jesus himself says: *Learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls*, (Matt 11:29). So this gentleness of Jesus is supposed to rub off on us. This is primarily a work of the Spirit but we must allow ourselves to be changed. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, (Gal 5:23). Our love and appreciation of Jesus, and the Father, will deepen even more as we allow the Spirit to lead us in gentleness and humility. Our behaviour should begin to mirror that of Jesus, as Paul says: *I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ-- I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!* (2 Cor 10:1).

Paul himself acted this way in his ministry: *we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children* (1 Th 2:7). Leaders in local communities are exhorted to be gentle (1 Tim 3:3; Titus 3:2). And everyone is encouraged to seek *the wisdom from above that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy*: (James 3:17).

Scripture promises great blessings for the meek: *You will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear*, (Psa 10 v 17). *The meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity* (Psa 37:11). *With righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.* (Isa 11:4). *The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel* (Isa 29). *Peter encourages everyone: Let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight* (1 Pet 3:4).

These are the attitudes and dispositions that are absolutely necessary for the synodal path because without humility and gentleness we cannot listen to one another with true openness. The whole Church must begin to show forth something of these godly qualities so that the true face of God may be revealed again in all its beauty. It is the true image of God that heals us, sets us free and empowers us to work for justice and compassion (DMA).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Decima Mary Bidwell, Leonard John Runyard (9<sup>th</sup>), Ethel Annie Marsden, Raymond Wendell Beachey (10<sup>th</sup>), Leslie Frank (11<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Nash, Patricia Bell (12<sup>th</sup>), Ina Veronica Barlow, Mary Elizabeth Halle (13<sup>th</sup>), Edward John Diggins (14<sup>th</sup>), John Murphy, Mary Charlotte Sheehan (15<sup>th</sup>)

**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.

**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.

**NEXT WEEK – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July** coffee morning at St Francis after Mass. All are welcome to stay and enjoy.

**THANKS TO JOHN STEPHENSON:** for the very successful trip to the National Gallery. In John's words: "I'm delighted to say that the trip on Wednesday went very well and was enjoyed by everyone. London was absolutely packed when we eventually got there, and the National Gallery was no different. The Staff were great, they put aside the formalities of booking in and scanning our tickets. So we just went straight in at the "Getty" entrance and made our way to the St. Francis Exhibition area. We could then come and go throughout the Gallery as we pleased, and again the staff were most welcoming and helpful wherever we went. Lunch was no problem; we could go to either of the two eating places, the "Espresso Bar" or "Mabel's Kitchen" where freshly prepared food and drink were available in a relaxed atmosphere. We had a total of 49 people on the trip.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Clara Eliza Sanders (8<sup>th</sup>), Mary Vitoria, Edward Hilary Rymer, Emmeline (Emmie) Walker (9<sup>th</sup>), Elaine Eugene Deprey, Brendan Joseph McQuoid (10<sup>th</sup>), Rosina Edwards, Edward Nally, Canon Daniel O'Hanlon, Patricia Mary Brand (13<sup>th</sup>), Arthur Thomas Podger (14<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Please keep in your prayers: Paddy Lark, Canon Peter Wilkie, Susan McCabe.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to everyone who helped with the Cream Tea on Saturday, to those who donated cakes and plants and to Annabelle for her talk. What a great turnout from the parishes! The scones were wonderful and just kept coming! The tables were decorated beautifully. It was certainly St Anne's at it's very best. Lots of mixing going on between parishes too which was good.... as was the weather! I'd say it was a great success! Well done everyone!

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU** from Henrietta, on behalf of the PPC, to everyone who contributed to putting on our St Anne's inter-parish cream tea last Saturday and making it the fun and success it was; we made a great team! Thank you also to those who generously donated cakes and plants for our sale tables and to those who bought them! Together with some generous donations from our guests, we raised over £300 for Fr Charlie.

## All Parishes

**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 16<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 3pm. **TO BOOK A PLACE** email [safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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.**

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Katherine Griffin, Terence Shelley (8<sup>th</sup>), George Davjes (9<sup>th</sup>), Joan Marie Smith (10<sup>th</sup>), Claire Harris, Joan Marie O'Mahoney (11<sup>th</sup>), Kate Dicksee (13<sup>th</sup>), Jacqueline Ann Griffiths (14<sup>th</sup>)

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

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

**CWL (CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE):** The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 11th July at 2.15pm in the Parish Room. At approx. 3pm Wendy Gallagher is going to give a talk about her WUCWO Trip to Assisi, with pictures and Video clips in Paul Duffy room. Members of the parish are welcome to attend.

**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 Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at Sway.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 07/07/23: £256,697.58 This includes GAYL contributions.

## All Parishes

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

**THE NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION: THIS WEEKEND - 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS – 2 VACANCIES AT OLSJ SCHOOL:** We are looking for one parent governor (appointed by the LEA) and two foundation governors (appointed by the Bishop) to join our great team at OLSJ school. Foundation governors will be keen to support the educational development of the pupils, the welfare both of pupils and staff and the Catholic ethos of the school. DBS safeguarding clearance will be required. Computer skills and access to the internet are also necessary.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS OF OLMSJ AND ST ANNE'S. May I ask you a few questions?** When you enter church for Mass are you made to feel welcome? Are you greeted with a smile? Sometimes a quick chat? Sometimes a laugh? Do the Welcomers make you feel safe? Do you think they do a great job? If the answer is Yes to all or most of the above- why don't you come along and join the team? The earthly pay's not great...well there's no pay at all come to think of it...but you'll get your reward in Heaven. There's no upper age limit anymore. The original age limit was set during Covid by the government and the Bishops. This is a simple way you could help your parish with the added bonus of getting to know parishioners. The more Welcomers we have on the rota the easier it is for everyone. We need more Welcomers at: OLMSJ Saturday 6pm Mass; OLMSJ Sunday 10.30am Mass; and also at St Anne's Sunday 6pm Mass. Please don't read this and assume someone else will do it. Please don't read it and say I don't know anyone on the team- they're a very friendly bunch. Think about it. You're at Mass anyway. If you can help chat to one of the Welcomers or to me & we'll get you on the rota. Thank you. Fr David.

**FROM SR VERONICA:** Welcome to this week's Gospel reflection. We sisters are our annual 8 day silent retreat tomorrow. Time to ponder and pray for you all! This is our annual spiritual holiday preparing us for our busy summer activities during August. It will be a busy month for many of the sisters, World Youth Day in Lisbon, an altar servers camp in Surrey, and our own Summer camp this year being held in Kintbury near Newbury. Hope you too have a restful summer and enjoy some time for leisure and winding down. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VswOHUWICHs> God bless Sr Veronica OP