

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: 19th August 2023 - 27th August 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	19 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	20 th Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	20 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	20 th Sunday of the Year A	For peace in Ukraine	DMA
SUN	20 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	20 th Sunday of the Year A	Flo Warrilow RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	20 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	20 th Sunday of the Year A	Ronald Stanley Holden RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	21 st	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	St Pius X, Mem	as per celebrant	RS
TUE	22 nd	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	The Queenship of Mary, Mem	Audrey & David Strawbridge RIP & family	DMA
WED	23 rd	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	of the 20 th Week of the Year	For engaged couples	DMA
THU	24 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	St Bartholomew, Feast	For d'ced of the Adams family	DMA
FRI	25 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	at choice of the Community	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	26 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	at choice of the Community	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	26 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	21 st Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	27 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	21 st Sunday of the Year A	For peace in the world	DMA
SUN	27 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	21 st Sunday of the Year A	Peter Bassett RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	27 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	21 st Sunday of the Year A	For those in need	DMA

POPE FRANCIS ON HAPPINESS

"You can have flaws, be anxious and even be angry, but just remember that your life is the world's biggest contest." Only you can stop it from failing. You are appreciated, admired, and loved by so many. Remember that happiness is not having a sky without storms, a road without accidents, a job without effort, a relationship without disappointments.

"Being happy means finding strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in fear, love in discord." It's not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It's not just about celebrating success it's about learning from failure It's not just about feeling happy with applause, it's about being happy anonymously. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel on their own.

"Being happy is to stop feeling victimized and become the author of your own destiny." "It is to walk through deserts, but to be able to find an oasis deep in one's soul. It's thanking God every morning for the miracle of life. To be happy is not to be afraid of your feelings and to be able to talk about yourself. Have the courage to hear a "no" and trust the criticism, even when it's unwarranted. It's about hugging your kids, hugging your parents, spending poetic moments with your friends, even when they hurt us.

"To be happy is to let the creature that lives in us live, free, joyful and simple." You are mature enough to say, "I made mistakes". Having the courage to say I'm sorry. It's the sense of saying "I need you". It's having the ability to say, "I love you". May your life become a garden of blissful opportunities that in spring is a lover of joy and in winter a lover of wisdom.

"And when you make a mistake, start over." Because only then will you be in love with life. You will find out that being happy isn't about having a perfect life. But use tears to irrigate the tolerance. Use your defeats to train your patience.

"Use your mistakes with serenity of the sculptor." Use the pain to connect to pleasure. Use obstacles to open the windows of intelligence. Never give up... Above all, never abandon the people who love you. Never stop being happy because life is an amazing show. ".(from a talk given by Pope Francis on or about 17th August 2023)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Marcella Mary Morgan (20th)

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

Tea & Coffee Morning: TODAY! Everyone is welcome!

NATIONAL GALLERY TRIP – THE FINAL RECKONING! – Our thanks to John and Eva for sorting out the refunds for those who purchased tickets. Thankfully we had a full coach so the tickets worked out cheaper than advertised. The refunds amounted to £375.83. And thank you to those who donated their refund to the parish. Total donations amounted to £107.55.

YET MORE URGENT REQUESTS FROM UKRAINE. Paracetamol tablets and womens sanitary hygiene products please. A box will be provided in the porch.

ROGER'S FUND-RAISING 650km CYCLE RIDE: Another year and another charity cycle ride in aid of street children in Zambia. This year I am cycling from Lusaka Zambia to Botswana some 650 kilometres so a bit further this year. Roger Maughan is fundraising for **Footprints Foundation for Children in Zambia**, and they would really appreciate your support. You can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking here: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/roger-maughan4?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=roger-maughan4&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=b91cbddaa4147c887b5e011484ccbd1. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Footprints Foundation for Children in Zambia, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Winifred Lumley (17th), John Victor Syrett (19th)

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

FR QUARMBY - Fr David Quarmby is now staying with the Sisters at Sway until we can get a stairlift installed at St Anne's. All being well there will be a Mass at St Anne's on Thursday morning at 10am. However, there is Mass every day at 12 noon at the Dominican priory in Sway.

FR CHARLIE: Fr Charlie, of the de Montfort missionaries, has written to thank us for the Donation of over £300 for his work in Malawi. He is on leave in this country at the moment and he will come and say the Mass at St Anne's on Sunday, 3rd September. He is looking forward to meeting everyone and wants to thank us for all the support we have given him.

SAVE THE DATE: St Anne's Care for Creation team will once again be joining St Saviour's Eco Church team to celebrate the Season of Creation by holding an ecumenical prayer walk in the Forest on **Saturday, 23rd September** between 10am and 12 noon. This will be a two mile circular walk starting from Ober Corner car park close to Brockenhurst. The invitation to join this walk is warmly extended to all three parishes. More details to follow.

TWELFTH NIGHT: A very entertaining, outdoors performance by the excellent London Touring Players in the beautiful setting of Furzey Gardens, on until 28th August. Tickets and information at minsteadtrust.org.uk/twelfthnight. A fun evening not to be missed. Take along your camping chair, a picnic and wrap up warm.

A BIG THANK YOU: to Dawn Swarbrick, for hosting the Annual House Mass in her lovely home. She made everyone very welcome as did Ruby her cocker spaniel, though Dawn's two cats had better things to do! Thank you to Sarah Roch for ensuring that we had all the necessary liturgical items for the Mass. Over 18 parishioners participated and sang along with the hymns and parts of the Mass. A generous buffet was provided which everyone enjoyed very much.

CYCLE RACKS: Three of these have been installed on the paved patio area in the back garden and two rings have been fixed to the wall of the church on the car park side where you can also lock your bike. Happy cycling! **THANK YOU TO HENRY FOR THE INSTALLATION.**

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Wilhelmina Garniss (19th), Florence (Flo) Warrilow (20th), Ronald Haley, Sean Gleeson, Beryl McDarby (21st), Myra Druitt, Giuliana Maria Kidner, Hilda Hayles (23rd), Nicholas (Nick) Filbee (24th), Anthony John Ennis (25th)

Sick and Housebound: Frances Riches, Ron & Rita Barrett, Canon Peter Wilkie, John & Nicki Collins, Den Walker, Sean Dunn, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Simone Cluett.

RUMMIKUB/SCRABBLE CLUB meets on Monday 21st August from 2-4pm in Joseph's Place. Free admission with tea and cakes. Everyone most welcome to participate or just join us for a cuppa.

LYMINGTON PPC: The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Thursday, 31st August at 7pm. If there are any issues you would like to be taken to that meeting please contact the parish office by email office@lymbrockmil.org.uk If time allows, we will add it to Any Other Business. If it requires further discussion, it may be put as an Agenda item for the next meeting. You will get a reply to update you either way.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL): The next meeting of the CWL will be on Tuesday 12th September at 2.15 pm in the Parish room. Our speaker will be Veronica from CWL Southbourne speaking about the work of PACT. (Prison Advice and Care Trust). Members of the parish are welcome. Veronica will be speaking at about 3pm.

SATURDAY FUND-RAISING: Many thanks to our fund-raisers who raised the sum of £293.60 at the coffee morning on Saturday 29th July. Proceeds will go to sponsor two youngsters to summer camp with Fanning the Flame plus some extra. It was a really wonderful effort on behalf of the people of the parish. **Next coffee morning will be on Saturday 26th August from 9.30-1pm with proceeds to the Alison McGregor boat which gives boat trips for local organisations including our own Friendship Club.**

BOARDERS GROUP (AT THE URC): 12.45-3pm; First Sunday of each month; Great company and a warm welcome! Board games, Card games, Jigsaw puzzles. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. United Reformed Church, High St, Lymington, www.lymrc.org.uk 01590 676306.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 18/08/23: £257,222.58 This includes GAYL contributions.

All Parishes

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

DATE FOR THE DIARY: - Sunday, 19th November, **ONLY ONE MASS FOR OUR THREE PARISHES THAT WEEKEND.** This will be a special celebration bringing together our three communities. Venue: Brockenhurst Village Hall, time: 11.00am.

FROM SR. VERONICA: Welcome to this week's reflection. Today we hear about the Canaanite woman who had much faith and hope in Jesus. Our lives must be filled with such hope and also the gift of perseverance to keep asking for help. Sr Michelle and Sr Julie have just departed for Lourdes and carry all your intentions with them. It will be sad for Sr Michelle to not have her mum with her as she had hoped, but knows she will be with her in Spirit. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUnjtdkUxfQ&t=95s>. God Bless Sr Veronica OP

MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - 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.**

A REMINDER FOR READERS, EM'S AND INFO FOR WELCOMERS: Sometimes on your way to Mass you can encounter unforeseen delays. This is very frustrating. You know you won't be able to contact anyone to let them know as their phones will be on silent in church. We understand that this situation can make you anxious. To help ease this anxiety, some time ago we decided that if a EM or Reader is not present 15mins before Mass the Welcomer on duty will ask another Reader or EM to stand in. This gives the Reader in particular a short while to prepare- to check the Missal is in the correct place, that the microphone is on & to enable them to prepare the Readings for the day.

Please note: If the original Reader or EM turns up near to the time Mass is starting and *after* the replacement has been asked, then the *original* Reader/EM will be asked to stand down and the replacement Reader/EM will continue to take your place. Please do not be offended by this.

ALSO, if in advance when you get your rota you find you cannot fulfil your duty as a EM or Reader on a particular day **and you have asked someone to swap your duty with you** (which is different from the above scenario) it is important that when they arrive at Mass (15 mins before Mass starts) they let the Welcomers know straight away. This will prevent the Welcomers approaching someone else and asking them to stand in. Thank you.