

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

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The Week: 26th August 2023 - 3rd September 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
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	Winifred Denise Brand RIP F/M	DMA
MON	28 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	St Augustine, Mem	as per celebrant	RS
TUE	29 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	Passion of St John the Baptist, Mem	For the CWL Members, past & present	DMA
WED	30 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	Ss Margaret Clitherow, et alia, Mem	for those persecuted for their beliefs	DMA
THU	31 st	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	of the 21 st Week of the Year	Michael Hedges RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	31 st	St Anne	4.00pm	Rehearsal	for Wedding	N/A	DMA
FRI	1 st	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	at choice of the Community	as per celebrant	RS
FRI	1 st	St Anne	2.00pm	Wedding	Sian Wright & Adam Locke	N/A	DMA
SAT	2 nd	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	at choice of the Community	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	2 nd	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	22 nd Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	3 rd	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	22 nd Sunday of the Year A	Sean McVeigh RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	3 rd	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	22 nd Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	3 rd	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Harli Glasspool	N/A	DMA
SUN	3 rd	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	22 nd Sunday of the Year A	For those in need	DMA

REFLECTIONS ON AUTHORITY & LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

Any short extract of literature needs to be understood in context. In fact, taking things out of context can lead to great misunderstandings and distortions. (This certainly applies to the short extract from Romans 11:33-36 for this Sunday. The preceding verses 25-32 point to the mystery & paradox of God's mercy: 'God has imprisoned all human beings in their disobedience to show mercy to all' v32).

So "You are Peter & on this rock..." (Matt 16:18) needs to be understood alongside Matt 16:23 where Jesus says to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things". So, Peter is gifted by the Father's revelation but at the same time remains a frail human being subject to weakness & worldly thinking. So, church leaders may or may not be open to God's inspiration but they will always be "earthen vessels" prone to frailty.

In this Sunday's Gospel passage we read that the keys of the kingdom of heaven are given to Peter, with power to "bind & loose". However, we need to understand these words in the light of other passages where Jesus gives a similar authority to all the disciples (Matt 18:18).

Also, we must consider Matt. 23:8-12: *But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.*

And in Mark's Gospel (Mk 10:41-45) Jesus says how authority is to be exercised: When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." St Peter himself wrote: (1 Peter 5: 1-3) I exhort the elders among you Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.

A healthy church community is one in which everyone is respected, listened to, has a part to play, and is able to co-operate and collaborate. A healthy community is one where God's love is the supreme law, where each is responsible for and accountable to the other. A healthy community needs leadership that nurtures the gifts of the Holy Spirit working "in all sorts of different ways, in different people" (1 Cor 12:6).

Pope Francis has been trying to re-balance how authority is exercised in the Church by exposing clericalism and re-introducing dialogue, collaboration and subsidiarity. He is trying to move the Church to a synodal way of working. It is hoped that the Universal Synod next year will pave the way. However, there has been little progress, if any, on the inclusion of women in the leadership of the Church. A few token gestures have made recently but much more needs to be done to exorcise the demons of patriarchy and misogyny. For the vast majority of young people today this is one of the major scandals which diminishes the light of Christ in the Church. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kazimiras Kevelaitis (28th), Frederick Harbury (29th)

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

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=b91cbdddaa4147c887b5e011484ccbd1. 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: James Patrick McCabe, Canon Augustine Hurley (27th), Eirlys Mary Aiano (28th), Rosemary Sheldon (29th), Sarah McCall Anderson Walker (31st)

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

FR QUARMBY - has now returned to the flat at St Anne's and is making a steady recovery. He is in good spirits. The stairlift has been installed. We are very grateful to the Sisters in Sway for looking after Fr David when he came out of hospital. Thankfully he didn't catch COVID!

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: Michael Duffy (26th), Dr John Stephen Bearcroft, Peter Bassett (27th), Emily Byrne (28th), Thomas Melliush, Eileen Box (31st), Winifred (Wyn) Ethel Calvert (1st)

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

CWL (Catholic Womens League) have contributed to the Ukraine appeal donating sanitary items to the value of £67.79. They have also given £150 to WaterAid. New members are always welcome.

FAMILY SEEKING RENTAL ACCOMODATION: Young mother, Kunjumol Mathew, is working at Southlands School, and she is looking for a rental property for her, her husband & 3 year old daughter, in the Lymington area. If anyone can help please contact the parish office.

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.

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.lymurc.org.uk 01590 676306.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 25/08/23: £257,252.58 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.

HELP FOR UKRAINE Helpers wanted urgently at the Hub in Ampress Lane, Lymington, for sorting stuff for Ukraine, for short periods during any day of the week, including Saturday mornings. Please Contact 07915 762456.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: MGR PETER RYAN'S FAREWELL: After over 20 years as a retired priest living in our Lymington parish, Fr Peter will be returning to the Diocese of Liverpool after 22nd October. Over these years Fr Peter has most generously supported the clergy and people of the parish. There will be a farewell Mass on Sunday, 22nd Oct at 10.30am followed by a gathering in Joseph's Place

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.

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.**

SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: Welcome to this week's reflection where we discover the Primacy of St Peter as the first Pope. Peter is that firm authority by which we have inherited our faith down through the ages. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUPkYA1Nb1U&t=63s>. The priory is full of Covid this week! Myself and Sr Mary Benedicta have not yet succumbed! Three have recovered, three are still in isolation. Sr Julie and Sr Michelle avoided the whole thing by being in Lourdes and return later today (Friday). We always say we share things in common!! Please pray that we may soon return to normality! God Bless Sr Veronica OP.

THE SEASON OF CREATION: starts next week on Friday 1st September with an online global ecumenical prayer service at 2pm <https://seasonofcreation.org> or directly on Youtube at <https://youtu.be/pv3kExaSMmI>. Resources for individuals, families, parishes and schools may be found on our website: <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/season-of-creation/> If you would like them to arrive straight to your inbox each Friday, you can sign up using this link <https://tinyurl.com/27ysv579>