

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

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The Week: 2nd September 2023 - 10th September 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
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	Thanksgiving (AH)	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	as per celebrant	CB
MON	4 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	at choice of the Community	as per celebrant	RS
TUE	5 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	of the 22 nd Week of the Year	Basil Gordon Barker RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	6 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	of the 22 nd Week of the Year	Sean McVeigh RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	7 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	of the 22 nd Week of the Year	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
FRI	8 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	Nativity of B. V. Mary, Feast	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	9 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	at choice of the Community	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	9 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	23 rd Sunday of the Year A	Flo Warrilow RIP B'day Anniv	DMA
SUN	10 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	23 rd Sunday of the Year A	Sarah Bell, B'day (NS)	DMA
SUN	10 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	23 rd Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	10 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	23 rd Sunday of the Year A	Mary Byrne RIP Anniv	DMA

God's Way of Thinking!

Our readings for this Sunday are rich in many ways. We see Jeremiah struggling with the difficult and unpopular task to which God had called him. He had to warn the political and religious leaders that the policies they were pursuing would only end in disaster. His truth-telling was not appreciated! Jeremiah tried to suppress and ignore his calling but he couldn't do it.

We see Peter, no sooner had he been blessed with Divine insight given by the Father, than he falls back into an all too understandable human way of thinking. Like all of us, Peter & Jeremiah recoil from suffering or even the thought of it. We don't wish it on others and to seek it for ourselves would be morbid. So we sympathise with them both here.

However, God didn't call Jeremiah to suffer but to speak "truth to power". Jesus wasn't determined to suffer pain and death. He was determined to do the Father's will, to be faithful to his Father & to his sisters and brothers. He was indeed determined to stay this course even if it meant suffering and death.

The logic of a love that is so strong and pure that it is willing to suffer for the good of the other is the way of our God, who is love. The "way of the world" is only interested in self-advantage to the detriment of the other.

It is good to know that the heroes of our faith, who received Divine callings, were still very human and could get themselves in a mess just like we do. We too can and do receive God's blessings and inspirations and we too can be called to bear witness and to speak the truth courageously. We too are called to love and to accept the cross (the sacrifices) that true love inevitably requires of us. As St Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face remarked, we don't carry our crosses gloriously, but like Jesus, we stumble and fall. And if we persevere the strength has come not from ourselves but only from God.

Finally, Paul reminds us that this Divine wisdom is received primarily by loving and not just by thinking. God has given God's self to us. We are invited to give ourselves to God and to allow God to give us the "new mind", the "mind of Christ" which will enable us to change our behaviour. It will help us understand what God wants. We don't try to change our behaviour to make God love us, that is a futile endeavour. God already loves us, it is by accepting that love, and only by that love that we can begin to change our behaviour for the better. Can this be our prayer? (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Ena Batty (5th), Leon Pach, Sean Patrick McVeigh (6th), George Karpowicz (8th)

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

COFFEE MORNING THIS SUNDAY: Everyone is very welcome to join us in the Maryland room. Thanks to our team: Deborah, Connie, Linda & Jude.

NEWCOMERS SUPPER: Every year we welcome newcomers to the village. As Christians Together, the four churches in the village organise the Newcomers supper. On **Saturday October 7th 2023** it is being held at All Saints Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together with our churches. All Saints church will host a large number of community organisations and societies giving them the chance attract new members. This will then be followed by supper at the Church Hall, where each church can welcome the newcomers and inform them of their services and activities. If anyone can help from St Francis please speak to Elizabeth Hall, our ecumenical rep.

UNsung HEROES: We are celebrating our Bandages for Ukraine team, who meet every Tuesday to make those much needed items. A separate email will be sent to all 3 parishes with pictures.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: William Reed (5th), Elizabeth (Betty) Farley (6th), Frederick Michael Hector (7th)

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

WE WELCOME FR CHARLIE THIS SUNDAY: Fr Charlie, of the de Montfort missionaries, is looking forward to meeting everyone and wants to thank us for all the support we have given him.

THANK YOU FROM FR QUARMBY: Fr. Quarmby would like to thank the kind people who sent "Get Well" cards to him recently and for the many prayers said for his recovery: they have all been heard and answered. While progress continues he has been advised to take life a little slower – and so daily Masses will discontinue except for concelebrations on Sundays and Thursdays. As a parish we will also have to address the opening and closing of the church during the week. Fr Quarmby will no longer be able to do this.

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.

All Parishes

WELCOME BACK OLSJ SCHOOL: to all the staff, pupils governors from our Catholic Primary school, Our Lady & St Joseph. May they all return refreshed and ready for the term which lies ahead. A warm welcome to those entering Year R. May be happy in their new learning environment.

LATEST SCHOOL NEWS: - is in a separate email attachment.

EDUCATION SUNDAY: The **Second Collection** on **Sunday 10th September** is for Education Sunday and is for the Catholic Education Service. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools in England and Wales, educating over 850,000 pupils. If you would like to give to the collection, please donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-education-service-second-collection-2023>.

BISHOP PHILIP ON SABBATICAL: until late November. See separate email attachment for further details.

CATHEDRAL WINDOW APPEAL: Due to deterioration in the leadwork of the Cathedral west window, specialist contractors have removed the glass for restoration costing more than £100,000. Local parishioners and the wider Diocese are encouraged to help fundraise and donate to help with the costs. People may text WINDOW to 70560 to donate £10 to the appeal.

SR VERONICA'S REFLECTION: Hello and welcome to this week's reflection <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QDQxMVaCDQ&t=45s>. This week we are called to renounce our own lives by following Christ and be ready to pick up his cross, knowing Our Lord will always be there for us. Praise God. God Bless Sr Veronica OP.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Dr James Dean McCafferty (2nd), Cecil Frogley, Howard Neal, Bernard Kenny (3rd), Johnny Flood (5th), Mary Wright, Mary Elizabeth Wilson (7th), Mary Kelly (8th)

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

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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB meets on **Monday 4th September in Joseph's Place from 2-4pm**. Usual program of quiz, raffle and cream tea at 3pm. We also have Jim Anderson, an amazing accordionist, who is coming to play for us. Not to be missed - a real treat! We are also taking names for the Alison McGregor boat trip on 12th Sept. Priority given to anyone who has not been already. **Re: Oct meeting** - Come along and register for our fish and chip lunch with dessert (cost £6.50), followed by a talk from Chris LeGrand on The Greek islands and Ephesus. That is on 2nd October and is bound to cheer us up on a chilly October day! Start time is 12 noon. Admission to the Friendship Club is free of charge with donation for tea if wished. Everyone is most welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

MANY THANKS TO OUR FUND-RAISERS who worked so hard in the coffee morning in Joseph's Place last Saturday. They raised the sum of £269 which has been donated to Solent Dolphin Charity. This organisation of volunteers organise free boat trips on the Alison McGregor for people with disabilities. All funds are donated on behalf of the people of our parish.

RECYCLING: Pope Francis, in his encyclical letter Laudato Si' invites us all to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which *God has entrusted to us.*" The PPC has been reflecting on this statement and has looked at the small ways we as a Community can care for our small part of the world. We have started by looking at how much rubbish we as a parish throw away and how we recycle it. There have been two bins in Joseph's Place for some time now and it has become obvious that we are not recycling correctly. Consequently, someone has to go through the rubbish making sure the items go into the correct sacks:- Recycling and Waste. Clearly something had to be done. From this weekend onwards you will see four recycling bins in Joseph's Place. They are clearly labelled. All we ask is for you to be conscious of what you are putting into these bins.

If you are serving at, or enjoying any event in Joseph's place, please recycle the rubbish and food waste into the correct bins. It is a small but pertinent task, but one which will make a big difference. The PPC has 'Laudato Si' on their Agenda for each meeting and is always looking at ways in which we can help to protect the area in which we live. *Creator God, you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation.*

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 01/09/23: £259,530.08 This includes GAYL contributions.

All Parishes

CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwf.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 22nd Oct: We would like to give Fr Peter a farewell gift. As he is currently downsizing and packing, a monetary offering is the most appropriate. Please hand in all contributions, cash or cheques (made payable to "CDP Lymington Our Lady") to the parish office in a clearly marked envelope. Thank you.

UNsung HEROES: The Bandages for Ukraine team at St Francis is celebrated for their untiring efforts. All the details in a separate email.

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.