

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

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## *The Week: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	9 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Flo Warrilow RIP B'day Anniv	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Sarah Bell, B'day (NS)	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Mary Byrne RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	11 <sup>th</sup>	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	at choice of the Community	as per celebrant	RS
TUE	12 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	13 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	St John Chrysostom, Mem	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
WED	13 <sup>th</sup>	Lyndhurst	1.00pm	Requiem	Requiem Mass	Anthony John McCormack RIP	DMA
THU	14 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast	Kathleen Dorothy Haywood RIP F/M	DMA
THU	14 <sup>th</sup>	OLSJ School	2.00pm	Mass	Start of School Year Mass	OLSJ School Community	DMA
FRI	15 <sup>th</sup>	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows, Mem	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, Mem	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	16 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Canon A.G.McDonald RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA

### HOW DO WE RESPOND TO SERIOUS BAD BEHAVIOUR?

*Notice in the Gospel for this Sunday, how the work of forgiveness & reconciliation, the power to "bind & loose" & the freedom to initiate good works are given to all the disciples, irrespective of gender.*

Of all the sacraments, Reconciliation has been the one which the Church, over the centuries, has moulded, re-worked and changed the most. We only have to compare the text of this Sunday's Gospel to our present practice to see the difference.

For many complex, often understandable reasons, the vast majority of Catholics who are still attending Mass regularly on a Sunday do not frequent the sacrament of Reconciliation. A reasonable proportion may avail of the sacrament once or twice a year. Recent exhortations to return to a more frequent, devotional reception of the sacrament seem to have been largely ignored. In order to respect Church discipline children must make a first Reconciliation before they make their first Holy Communion. However, as the parents don't go themselves very few are brought to Reconciliation after that.

Let us return to the basics here. Sacred Scripture teaches that God loves us and calls us to love one another and the whole human race, even our enemies. Love does no wrong to the other and positively tries to do good where it can. Any behaviour (intentions, words & actions) that is, in any way, damaging to self or others, or to the relationship with God is bad, unhealthy, sinful.

Scripture warns us that when we engage in bad behaviour then harmful consequences follow. Remember we are punished by our sins not for our sins. Scripture admonishes us to change and seek forgiveness from those we have offended and from God. It also assures us that if we are sincerely sorry, even after countless "falls", then God's forgiveness is there for us.

Institutional corruption is to be courageously exposed and challenged. The weak, powerless and vulnerable are to be given special protection. As far as possible the good name of the offender is to be protected. But this protection of the offender is a not an absolute. The welfare of the injured always takes priority. Scripture encourages restorative justice, re-building relationships and making amends as far as possible.

Scripture tells us that God has reconciled the world to God's self. In fact, on God's side it always was, is and ever will be fully reconciled. The world already has General Absolution! Scripture encourages us to confess our sins to one another, pray for one another and so experience healing (James 5:16). The grace of reconciliation, forgiveness & healing has to be an every day, everywhere experience. Its for couples, for families, for places of work, for life at school & college, for friends. Our receiving forgiveness is inseparably linked to our giving forgiveness.

The time is long overdue for a wholesale re-working of how the Church community responds to us when we mess up, fail & seriously sin. Ignorant, misguided and damaging "sin" labels need to be discarded. We need to re-think better ways of how we can acknowledge our damaging & harmful behaviour; how we might be helped to change; how the vulnerable can be properly protected; how the assurance of God's forgiveness is best communicated. The sacrament of Reconciliation must be a healing, encouraging, restoring encounter accorded the appropriate confidentiality. However, it must not be abused in such a way as to enable an unrepentant offender to go on causing serious harm to another, vulnerable person. The Church has changed the way it does this sacrament many times before. It can do so again. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Brian Patrick Fitzpatrick (12<sup>th</sup>), Ursula Marie Edwards (13<sup>th</sup>), William George Rickman (15<sup>th</sup>), Cyril Ffield, Enid Lilah Aylard (16<sup>th</sup>)

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

**The Greatest Showman:** Based on the film The Greatest Showman, Christians Together are holding an **Autumn Bible Study** to be held at the **Baptist Church** for five weeks from **Monday 25th September at 7.30pm** and at St Mary's Everton if there is sufficient demand from Friday 29th. There will be an opportunity to preview the film at the Baptist Church at 7.30pm on Monday 18th September. This should be an interesting event.

**OAKHAVEN HOSPICE** are having a fund-raising auction sale of donated artwork. Some abstracts by Martine Mercy are included. Paintings are on view in the Masonic Hall, Lymington and also online, where you can register your bids. <https://uk.givergy.com/artfullyoakhaven2023/?controller=lots&category=All%20Lots>

**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.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Helena Christina Woolacott, Elizabeth French (12<sup>th</sup>) Charlotte (Mary) Byrne (13<sup>th</sup>)

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

**NO TEA & COFFEE THIS SUNDAY:** Unfortunately there has been a leak over the kitchen ceiling and it is not safe to use at the moment. The ceiling will probably need replacing.

**A HUGE THANK YOU FROM FATHER CHARLIE** Father Charlie, a Montfort Mission Priest based in Malawi, said Mass last Sunday and offered the Mass for all the parishioners of St Anne's. He thanked the parish for all the support we have given him over many years and the individuals who regularly send him donations. He gave an update on the situation in his Parish in Malawi which has suffered the effects of a cyclone which destroyed the crops shortly before they were due to be harvested. He said the people remain resilient and joyful and trust in God. We had a collection to support Father Charlie's work and he said our generosity was wonderful: £426 in cash, £350 in cheques and a pledge for a monthly direct debit donation. He promised to send details of how the donations will be spent and said he will keep us all in his prayers.

**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

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

**EDUCATION SUNDAY:** The **Second Collection** this weekend 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>.

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY - 16<sup>TH</sup>/17<sup>TH</sup> SEPT:** There is an obligatory collection next weekend for this need.

**SR VERONICA'S REFLECTION:** This week's video reminds us of the importance of community bonds especially in the life of a parish, we cannot function well outside of a community, be it a family or the wider community in which we live. We should cherish our Parish communities and build them up. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wucukU80HorM&t=26s> Hope you are enjoying / surviving the heatwave! God Bless Sr Veronica-OP

**MASS FOR FILIPINO-CHINESE CATHOLICS** celebrating St Lorenzo Ruiz. On Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, at 1.30pm in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. All are welcome.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Michael Joseph Heneghan, Thomas Richard Kenneth (Dickie) Weguelin, Ramona Genevieve Heath-Saunders (11<sup>th</sup>), Rev Hendrick Van Doorne, Florrie Manghan, Betty Lang, Pauline Goudaillier (13<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Leggatt (14<sup>th</sup>)

**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.

**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:** We now have **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.

**UPDATE ON THE LYMINGTON BUILDING FUND:** The PPC wrote to Bishop Philip in March to express the concerns of many of our parishioners at the apparent inability to access the monies in our Building Fund as a result of the financial difficulties the Diocese found itself in. There has been various correspondence between the PPC and the Bishop's office over the last few months and they do now recognise our concerns.

We can be more confident that the Building Fund monies will remain secure. However, it has been made clear that any decisions on church buildings will need to be taken within the context of the mission plan "You will be my Witnesses". This process involving 8 parishes and 9 churches will obviously take time. In the meantime, the Finance Committee is inviting architects & quantity surveyors to tender for the role of project manager with regard to the needs of our church and presbytery. Diocesan approval will need to be sought for any prospective contracts regarding this role.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 08/09/23: £259,550.08 This includes GAYL contributions.

**INSPIRE WEEKEND AT ST BARBE MUSEUM + ART GALLERY:** Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September 2023, 10am – 4pm. We are throwing open our doors and inviting everyone in for the annual **Inspire Weekend** - FREE ENTRY all weekend for visitors to come in, explore, engage and find out more about what we do for the local community. There is a jam-packed programme of free activities through-out the weekend including Live Music, Treehouse Theatre, Jean Genie, Crafts, Curators Insight, Smashing Pottery, Storytelling with our Snow Queen, new Parallel Lives: Eight Women Artists exhibition plus more free family friendly activities. For full programme see our website [www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk](http://www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk) **Good news it is FREE and you can stay as long as you like!**

## 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.

**PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP:** This will be read at all Masses this weekend and is available on the Diocesan website from Saturday.

**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.

**DATE FOR THE DIARY:** - Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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.