

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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St Anne  
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St Francis of Assisi  
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## *The Week: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	23 <sup>rd</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Thanksgiving (AH)	DMA
SUN	24 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Derek Newton RIP Anniv	DMA
TUE	26 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	of the 25 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	27 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	St Vincent de Paul, Mem	James Barry-Ball RIP F/M	DMA
THU	28 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	of the 25 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
SAT	30 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Josie Greenhalgh (Ints)	DMA

**THE FIRST AND THE LAST:** One way of responding to the teaching of Jesus is to take a Gospel passage and identify with each of the main characters in the parable or story. Then one needs to recognise one's feeling and reactions. It is called "owning our biases". We all approach the Gospel with preconceived ideas and basic assumptions about life. This is just the way we are and it's not a matter for guilt or blame. We can however take responsibility for ourselves which opens the way to seeing things in a new light and responding in a different way. Jesus is always challenging our basic assumptions about self, others, the world, what is good and bad and what is worth striving for. If we want a relationship with God now and if we hope for that relationship to endure for eternal life then we must continue the effort to get on God's wavelength. Thankfully God will do all the hard work if we let her.

Take this Sunday's Gospel. There are three main characters, the landowner, the labourers hired first and the labourers hired last. We need to stand "in the shoes" of these different people and experience what it feels like. Then we can ask ourselves why we think and feel the way we do.

Some years ago, when I was in South Africa I noticed that in certain places in the towns labourers and craftsmen would stand around waiting to be hired by contractors. Imagine if you have a family to feed or if one of your children is sick. You don't have regular job & therefore no regular wage.

You have to depend on others to hire you. Then when you have been hired and have worked hard all day long you get the same money as someone who has only worked a few hours. How does that make you feel? What are the expectations of justice and fairness? What if you are a trade union representative?

Now put yourself in the shoes of a labourer hired last. You have been waiting for most of the day. You are getting more and more depressed and worried. Will you get enough money to live on? Will you have to work on into the night? How will you feel having to go home to the family with only a little money, not enough to pay the bills and buy food? How will you feel when you are paid the same as those who have worked all day? You receive something you didn't earn or deserve. The gift comes from the sheer benevolence of the landowner. How does that feel? Would you feel more secure if you had earned the wages?

Now put yourself in the position of the landowner. It is your land, your money and you control the work. Would you pay the labourers the same? Would you think about their personal circumstances? Would you be influenced by the objections of other people?

If the landowner represents God it means that God looks to the needs of each person. It means that God gives according to God's own goodness. God is free to do as she sees fit with her gifts. As God is loving to us all we have no reason to complain. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Charles Victor Freeman (26<sup>th</sup>), Thomas Laurence Bidwell (28<sup>th</sup>), Daphne Rose Igoe (30<sup>th</sup>)

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

**TODAY:** Jenny Halle's grandson, Malachi, will celebrate his 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. We wish him and all the family every blessing for the future.

**SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING:** next Sunday, on 1st October we will be celebrating Elizabeth Hall's significant birthday. There will be prosecco and cake as well as the usual coffee and tea. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us. The special birthday song that Fr David learnt in South Africa goes as follows: "Happy birthday to you. To Jesus be true. May God's richest blessings be always with you" (tune traditional)

**MESSAGE FROM ROGER MAUGHAN:** (20<sup>th</sup> Sept): Hi Everyone, arrived safely in Livingston (Zambia) on day 4; interview tomorrow with ZNBC advocating the great work of the Footprints Charity supporting Street Children, then final leg to Botswana.

**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:** Florence Skoyles, Denis John Green (26<sup>th</sup>), William Patrick Sandle, Joseph Edward Colehan (28<sup>th</sup>)

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

**NO TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY.** Hopefully things will be OK for next week.

**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.

## All Parishes

**SCHOOL NEWS: Librarians OLSJ** We are pleased to announce our librarians this year at OLSJ! As you can see from the photo on their website- all of Year 6 put their name forward, which is testament to how much OLSJ love to read! Many of these children were also our librarians in Year 5! Our librarians play a very important role in our school - they don't just tidy books and our library bus! They are ambassadors that promote reading for pleasure across the school. They recommend reads to other children, keep our library up to date with book reviews, helping with displays, scanning books and supporting our younger students with accessing books on the bus. They read to other pupils on the bus as part of storytime and support Miss Green with organising topic books for across the school. They will also support the development of our 'Blue Peter Book Club' this year. Teachers across our partnership have been involved in National Literacy Trust training to support development of school libraries and reading for pleasure. They will be working with our librarians to share their learning from this course. Watch this space - we are hoping to plan a summit between all of the partnership schools for some 'librarian training', sharing our favourite texts and books with each other, recommending reads and authors, as well as a potential trip too!

**MASS AT ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY:** For the time being the Sisters at St Dominic's cannot be certain about the provision of daily Mass. This is why I have not included them in our weekly service schedule. If you go onto their website homepage you can scroll down to find the notification of daily Masses which will be celebrated at the Priory. <https://www.dominicansisters.net/>

**SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION:** Welcome, we return once more to the theme of the vineyard. This is a difficult parable to understand at times, but really highlights the great generosity of God the Father towards his people <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQBz9fUJ025A>. God Bless Sr Veronica OP

**CAFOD decries UK government U-turn on green policies: WILL YOU SIGN THE PETITION?** Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has announced he's U-turning on policies to tackle the climate crisis. We can't stand for this. Millions of our sisters and brothers around the world are being hit by the climate crisis - and millions more will face even greater catastrophes unless we take urgent action to cut emissions. Let's show the PM that we want him to play his part in the fight to care for our common home. Will you sign the petition and urge Rishi Sunak not to backtrack on climate action? **Google - Tell PM not to break climate cash promise - Campaign - CAFOD** And that will take you to the relevant page.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Minnie Gifford (25<sup>th</sup>), John Charles Hutchins (27<sup>th</sup>), Hannah Moon, Albert Ernest (Ernie) Borrie (28<sup>th</sup>), Eva Walsh, Elizabeth Salmon, Daniel Reginald Murphy (29<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.

**CAFOD REP NEEDED:** OLMSJ desperately needs a CAFOD Rep. Could you fulfil that role? If you'd like to know more contact the parish office.

**JACQUES DELACAVE RIP:** (Thanks to David da Cunha for the following) Jacques who was a long standing member of the parish from about 1986 until about 2010, died aged 90 on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Jacques was Belgian, married to Martine and had four children (three living all in UK). He started life as a banker but on moving to Lymington became very involved with the church. He was a great friend of Fr Don (who was French speaking having trained in Paris!) and his younger daughter was married on a Saturday afternoon from OLMSJ! He was a man of vision, contrary ideas but generous to a fault. He rather fell out with Fr Danny and thereafter went to St Dominic's Priory where he was a great supporter. In about 2010 he and Martine moved to Hardelot in France where they lived until May of this year when he returned to live in a care home near his daughters in Weybridge. He was not in good health and was bedridden until he died. His cremation took place in Weybridge and his ashes buried in the family vault in Brussels. **There will be a simple Mass in his memory at 12:15pm at St Dominics Priory on Friday 29th September.** The family will be there but there will be no wake. So we will attend, see the family and pay our condolences. Others may wish to do the same and will be welcome. Jacques was a really kind, decent and generous man and will be much missed.

**COFFEE MORNING NEXT SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.** Coffee morning in Joseph's Place from 9.30-1pm to raise funds for CAFOD Ukraine. Usual selection of cakes with coffee only £2 donation. Books to browse and everyone most welcome.

**THE WOMEN'S REFUGE IN THE NEW FOREST:** Sue Hoyle from will be giving a talk on Tuesday 10th October at approximately 3pm, after the CWL meeting which is at 2.15pm. All members of the parish are welcome. It is free, there is no collection as the CWL will give a donation to Women's Refuge from our Speaker Fund. Do hope you can make it and learn about the Refuge. Refreshments will be served.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 22/09/23: £259,660.08 This includes GAYL contributions.

## All Parishes

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

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! Wednesday 4th October-** the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, **4pm Blessing of the animals OLMSJ.** Bring your beautiful pets to the service for a blessing on this wonderful feast day.

**Also: Wednesday 4th October, 7pm. OLMSJ** A prayer service 'Unless we change....' This is another of Mary Dunn's thoughtful prayer services this time on Care for Creation & Global warming. The content certainly makes you sit up and reflect and it links beautifully into the Pope's cry for all of us to care for his creation-our beautiful planet.

**PARISH READERS:** The Liturgy Formation Team will host webinars on Teams specifically designed for parish readers, **BUT ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

The sessions will run from on Wednesdays, 4th October to 1st November 7 to 8 pm via Microsoft Teams.

See attached for further details about each session and the booking link.

**4th October** Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures -Fr Jeremy Corley

**11<sup>th</sup> October** Liturgy - The theology of the Liturgy of the Word -Fr Anthony Fyk

**18<sup>th</sup> October** Youth Readers and Liturgy for Children- Dorina Bray

**25<sup>th</sup> October** Practicalities -How to proclaim the Word of God in church- Paul Inwood

**1<sup>st</sup> November** Introduction to *Lectio Divina* -Praying with the Sacred Scriptures- Fr Tom Kleinschmidt

**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.

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**BABY'S / CHILDRENS HAT FOR UKRAINE:** Now that darker evenings are drawing in, we have some very easy knitting patterns, if anyone has the inclination to knit a baby's / childrens hat for Ukraine. Please contact Judith 645521