

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
132 High St, Lymington, SO41 9AQ

St Anne  
Rhinefield Rd, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SR

St Francis of Assisi  
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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:** Dr Wanda Fojt (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: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	30 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	1 <sup>st</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	26 <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	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Derek Newton RIP Anniv	DMA
TUE	3 <sup>rd</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	of the 26 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	as per celebrant	DMA
WED	4 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	St Francis of Assisi, Mem	Parishioners of St Francis	DMA
THU	5 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	of the 26 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	Gerry O'Neill RIP (Catenian)	DMA
SAT	7 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	8 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	8 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Anthea Hayward RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	8 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA

## GETTING INTO THE DANCE

True religion is not first morality and then relationship. It is first relationship and then morality.

Think of the way a family nurtures a new baby. First come the bonds of joy, love, tenderness and belonging. The first years are fairly crucial. If the right foundations are laid the young person can go forward with confidence, self-worth and trust. They are free enough to begin taking responsibility and seeing beyond their own needs. They learn that right and wrong have their source in love. In the absence of sufficient love and affirmation a person becomes haunted by a certain emptiness and a feeling of unworthiness. It becomes more difficult to break free from the preoccupation with one's own needs. It takes longer to begin responding to the needs of others.

This development pattern is also true in our relationship with God. It is not us loving God so that God will have to love us. It is God loving us first so that we can love in return. We do not get it all right and then enter the "kingdom" of God's loving friendship. The offer of God's friendship is given to us and then we begin to get it right. If we have fear and anxiety as the foundation of our relationship with God we will continually try to win God over. Our spiritual lives will be very self-centred.

We won't be able to share the Good News because deep down we haven't heard it ourselves. We can't give what we haven't got.

This explains why we can take years anxiously struggling to be good and holy. We either give up in discouragement or deny the shadow both to ourselves and others. We then have to fabricate a righteousness to mask the shadow. We cannot imagine God loving us with our sins and weaknesses. Deep down we resent the effort to "make God love us" and we don't really like the false image of God we have in our imaginations. It is no wonder that joy does not characterise our Christianity as much as it should.

It may be shocking to us but "the tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before" us. There isn't any indication here that tax collectors and prostitutes have been able to instantly change their occupations. What has changed is that they have accepted God into their lives. They have accepted God's undeserved love. They agreed to join the dance. The joy and strength this love gives will enable them to let go of anything that is not right in God's eyes. Pope Francis wants the whole Church to receive again with joy this liberating and enabling loving mercy of God (DMA).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Kathleen Theresa Baker (1<sup>st</sup>), Ethel Maud Jackson, Robert Francis Norman Lester (3<sup>rd</sup>), Arthur Rowland Bryant, Daphne Hilda Jones (4<sup>th</sup>)

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

**SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING:** this 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).

**CAFOD REMINDER:** at the end of Mass our CAFOD rep, Rosalie Mans will talk to us about this year's campaign.

**POSTPONED - NEWCOMERS SUPPER:** Unfortunately, due to insufficient responses, this event has had to be postponed. We are waiting to hear when a new date can be arranged. But thank you to Rosalie & Elizabeth who have already done some preparatory work.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Derek Newton (2<sup>nd</sup>), Margaret O'Donnell, Ellen Clevedon Skellon, Evelyn Mary Wardale (3<sup>rd</sup>), Max Mueller (4<sup>th</sup>), Honoria Christina Beevers (7<sup>th</sup>)

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

**CAFOD REMINDER:** at the end of Mass our CAFOD rep, Michael Janssens will talk to us about this year's campaign.

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY.** Thank you to those who volunteer for this important ministry of hospitality.

**MESSAGE FROM FR CHARLIE:** To Fr. David and parishioners: Greetings from Malawi "the warm heart of Africa"! Thanks so much to you all for your donations on the day when I celebrated Mass with you at the beginning of September. It was a great and wonderful surprise. I'll let you know in due course how your donations have been used. Your care for sure will make a great difference for the better! Thank you or as they say here "zikomo kwambiri"! May the good Lord bless you all as He knows how! Fr Charlie Beirne SMM.

**ST ANNE'S PPC MEETING:** This will take place on Thursday, 12th Oct at 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams. Ian Holden will send the link.

**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, Highwood Rd, Brockenhurst SO42 7RY** time: **11.00am.**

## All Parishes

**SCHOOL NEWS: Social Justice Conference:** A small selection of Year 6 children, from Holy Family and Our Lady and St Joseph, had the incredible opportunity to attend and participate in the first ever social justice conference, hosted by Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School. During the conference, the children listened to key speakers (including the extremely inspirational Raymond Friel) about the importance of social justice and how we need to promote justice for all. Our children collaborated with children from a range of different schools to discuss how we can be 'agents of change' and what we can do to be the best versions of ourselves. The children then worked in their school teams to come up with ideas for new initiatives to take back to our schools to discuss what we could do to help those less fortunate. It was a wonderful day full of faith and hope and all of the children represented our schools with great enthusiasm and thoughtfulness.

**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 REFLECTION:** Do we really seek to do God's will in our lives? Our words need to be followed up by actions. Doing little things with great love from the depths of our heart should be our motto. These are the thoughts contained in this week's reflection on the Gospel reading. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yil2eUvPEhQ> 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:** William Young (30<sup>th</sup>), Brynley Jones, Elizabeth Ellen Hutchins, Sheila Angela Theresa Cozens (1<sup>st</sup>), George Turuta (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ruth Gallagher, Joseph Dyer (3<sup>rd</sup>), Rosina Dorothy Morton Hughes, Mary (Molly) Holliday, Elizabeth (Betty) Iles (4<sup>th</sup>), John McGovern, Frederick (Fred) Warrilow, Caroline Sherley-Price, Sheron Ann Whitlock, Shannon Marie Barnett (5<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.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** Monday 2nd October - fish and chip lunch from 12noon-2pm. Cost £6.50 including dessert. Followed by talk by Christopher Legrand about the Greek Islands and Ephesus at 2pm. Everyone welcome - free admission for talk and tea afterwards. Please call 01590 678525 for more details.

**OLSJ CAR PARK TIDY UP:** Next Thursday the 5th at 10.00 a few of us parishioners are planning to clear the weeds and leaves, trim plants in plant pots and generally give the car park at OLSJ a tidy up before the winter. Many hands will make light work and if you can spare an hour or two or just 30 mins to lend a hand that would be great. Tea and biscuits provided! Please bring your garden gloves, hand trowel and secateurs. Thank you!!

**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.

**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: 29/09/23: £259,690.08 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