

# 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

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## The Week: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	14 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	15 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	15 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP	DMA
SUN	15 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Sienna Lloyd	N/A	DMA
SUN	15 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
TUE	17 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	St Ignatius of Antioch, Mem	Hugh Cooke RIP	DMA
WED	18 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	St Luke, Feast	Fr Gerrit Vervenne RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	19 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	of the 28 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	For the Synod of Bishops	DMA
SAT	21 <sup>st</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Mgr Peter Ryan (Ints)	DMA
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Mgr Peter Ryan (Ints)	DMA
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## IMAGES OF THE BANQUET

Isaiah's description of the banquet comes in a short section, chapters 25-27, which scholars agree to be a later interpolation into the text. Whereas most of Isaiah 1-39 is attributed to Isaiah himself, and dates from the eighth century BC, these chapters, which refer to the fall of an imperial city, are probably from the fifth century. The wonderful feast celebrates the end of history as we know it: for God will "destroy death for ever".

However, Isaiah (if I may still call the author that) is as interested in politics as he is in eschatology (the branch of theology concerned with end times); Israel's troubled and precarious existence as a tiny state, tossed and sometimes crushed between surrounding and warring empires, will finally be resolved. Their loyalty to their God will be vindicated, as he brings about their salvation. Yet Isaiah is not narrowly nationalistic. While Israel's shame in front of mightier nations will be removed, at the same time all nations will be invited to the banquet on the mountain of Jerusalem.

On the one hand, Isaiah envisages punishment for oppressive nations (the lectionary with its customary delicacy cuts the reading just before the grim fate of Moab is described).

On the other hand, the prophet proclaims a future where "the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness" (26:9) and recognise the Lord's rule.

Both Matthew and Luke make use of a version of the parable of the wedding-feast, and their different treatments of it reveal their own theological interests. In Luke, Jesus is urging the wealthy to show hospitality to the poor and the handicapped, who will not be able to repay it. He is concerned to encourage generosity to the needy and to break down social barriers. The second set of guests invited are "the poor and maimed and blind and lame", while the third are summoned from "the highways and hedgerows".

Matthew uses the parable quite differently, to continue his narrative of the conflict between Jesus and the Jewish leaders over the question of God's relation to Israel. Again he presents the story as an illustration of the kingdom of heaven. The motif reappears of the servants who are ill treated and killed, who represent the prophets. The king's revenge on their murderers is described with Matthew's usual lack of squeamishness. He is not interested in whether the second set of guests are poor or maimed (indeed, they seem to be expected to be able to afford a wedding garment).

His point is simply that the feast is now open to all-comers. Once again, the challenge is aimed at Jesus' religious opponents: the time of fulfilment is here, and the kingdom of heaven will welcome anyone who accepts the invitation, Jew and Gentile alike. (From *Priests & People*, preaching and teaching the Word by Margaret Atkins).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Dorothy G. Lynch, Dorothea Winifred Hamblett (15<sup>th</sup>), Muriel Felicity Davey, Kenneth John Taylor (16<sup>th</sup>), Mary Cecelia Harding (17<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.

**Parish Financial Report:** Our huge thanks to our chair of Finance, Peter Larke for compiling the report for the year ended 31-08-23 and to Eva Gaskin for preparing the accounts. Also thanks to Roger Maughan and Phyl Salt who are members of the Finance committee. There will not be a verbal statement this year but copies will be distributed at the end of Mass.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** next Sunday, 21st/22nd Oct for APF Missio. Envelopes are available.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Jean Gordon Brand (15<sup>th</sup>), John (Jack) Edward Olney (19<sup>th</sup>), Mary Binning, Elizabeth O'Donnell (20<sup>th</sup>)

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

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**WEEKDAY MASS:** from 2nd Nov the Thursday morning Mass will move to the house.

**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

**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.

**MGR PETER RYAN'S FAREWELL:** Fr Peter will be preaching at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 22nd Oct. And there will be refreshments in Joseph's Place afterwards. We would like to give Fr Peter a farewell gift. As he is currently downsizing and packing, a monetary offering is the most appropriate. This is the last call so if you haven't done so already 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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CAFOD would like to invite you to our online event on **Saturday 18 November, 10.30am - 2.30pm** to link up live with some of our overseas partners and discuss how, rooted in faith, we can fight for a better world. Visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**CONGRATULATIONS to our Catholic Primary School, Our Lady & St Joseph who have been shortlisted for "Modeshift STARS" Regional Award!** The scheme encourages schools across the country to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of children and young people. Our Lady and St Joseph in Lymington has been shortlisted for The "Modeshift STARS" Regional Award. Our school has been recognised as one of the top levels of Modeshift STARS. The school hopes to be awarded "Regional winner status" and be put forward to take part in the Modeshift STARS National School Travel Awards Celebration Event which will take place in London. Our new team of JRSO's will be attending the Regional Awards presentation online and we wish everyone the best of luck. We welcome Emilia, Louis, Elizabeth and Aimee as our new representatives of our school. Our Lady and St Joseph has a deep commitment to all sustainability and Eco issues and has transformed learning and the school environment in order to achieve Outstanding status in learning for all children.

**URGENT APPEAL: All the knitters in our parishes!** from The New Forest for Ukraine Hub. Could you knit children's/babies hats, mittens, scarves or soft toys this Winter or even hot water bottle covers? You will find a full list of items needed to go to Poland and Ukraine at the back of the church. A consignment leaves Ampress Park each month and the next one leaves at the end of October. Please bring your donations to church and we will pass them on.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Madeleine Fielding - Blandford (14<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Mary Wildegger (16<sup>th</sup>), William Andrews, John Ryan, Paul Pastor (18<sup>th</sup>), Richard White, Doreen Manikum (19<sup>th</sup>), Theresa Crane, Frances Mary Latham, Alice Badley-Glati (20<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.

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**USE IT OR LOSE IT:** I would like to thank Frances Walker for all the hard work she has put into running the Friendship Club and Rummikub. Frances will be the first to say she has not done it on her own, I know she has had a supportive team behind her, so I extend my thanks to her team also: Nichola Kirby, Pam Gorman, Kay Malpiedi, Jenny Callaghan, June Siddall (raffle), Tom Turnbull (quiz master), Marily McCann, Cathryn Lawrence, Berna Piera, Heather Harris (not parishioner) and anyone else who stepped up at the time. A change in family circumstances have meant that Frances has now, reluctantly, had to stand down from both clubs. She will be greatly missed. My thanks to Tom Turnbull who has volunteered to keep the Rummikub going. Unfortunately, as of yet there is no one to take over the running of the Friendship club so sadly this will now have to close. As I said in last week's homily - *Use it or lose it* and we have sadly lost it.

**FUND-RAISING ON SAT 28<sup>th</sup> OCT:** The Saturday month end fund-raising will be continuing as usual. We are raising funds for the Welcome Hub at the Baptist church on the 28th of this month. Apparently we are the only church who has offered financial assistance.

**RUMMIKUB/SCRABBLE CLUB** is under new management! Tom Turnbull will be your host on Monday 16th October from 2-4pm in Joseph's Place. Admission free to include tea and biscuits. Everyone is invited to support Tom and test/refresh your playing skills.

**NATIONAL RECYCLE WEEK 16-22 OCT:** During this week we are reminded that small changes can lead to big results in helping to look after our world which is a precious gift given to us by God. Do you want to know how can we continue to help keep everyday items out of landfill? Then please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church.

**UNSUNG HEROES KEEP GOING:** Have you noticed our weed free tidy carpark and entrance? This is all thanks to our unsung heroes who worked incredibly hard on Thursday morning to continue the weeding etc. while, they tell me, having great fun! Would you like to get in on the fun and lend a helping hand? Phase 2 of OLMSJ car park clean-up is now complete and over the next few weeks we are aiming to tidy up the raised flower beds before Winter sets in. **Please come and lend a hand if you can next Thursday the 19th Oct at 10.00.** The more helping hands the more we can achieve. Tea and biscuits provided! You will need to bring your gloves, secateurs, hand trowel and garden shears if you can. Many thanks!!

**BULBS:** Our Catholic Primary school, Our Lady & St Joseph, would like to thank Clare Bassett for donating the large box of bulbs for their grounds. If you are planting spring bulbs and have some left over our school would love to have them. The children really look after their environment that is why they were recently awarded the RHS Level 5 Gardening Award. This is the highest level of the RHS awards that can be achieved. The school has received £200 in National Gardening Gift vouchers as well as a waterproof plaque for their school gardens! This level of the award shows they have engaged well with our local community. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of our school and to all those parishioners who regularly donate plants. The staff and children are always very appreciative.

**ONE BIG MASS:** In 6 weeks time, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 11am, our 3 parishes will come together to celebrate Mass at Brockenhurst village hall.

To answer your questions:

Will there be 6pm Mass at OLMSJ on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>? **NO**  
Will there be Mass at 9am at St Francis on the 19<sup>th</sup>? **NO**  
Will there be Mass at 10.30am at OLMSJ on the 19<sup>th</sup>? **NO**  
Will there be Mass at 6pm at St Anne's on the 19<sup>th</sup>? **NO**  
**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS THAT WEEKEND.**

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 13/10/23: £260,130.08 This includes GAYL contributions.

**SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION:** Hello and welcome to this week's reflection. We hear once more about a wedding feast. Jesus is inviting us to join him in the heavenly banquet. We are asked to consider how we present ourselves before God. We need humility, trust in God and a desire to follow the way of Jesus and receive the holiness that only Christ can give. God Bless Sr Veronica <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOeKYL52xVs>