

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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## *The Week: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
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	Kate Atherton & James Keey (Married)	DMA
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Mgr Peter Ryan (Ints)	DMA
SUN	22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
TUE	24 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	of the 29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	For Peace in Ukraine & Palestine	DMA
WED	25 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	of the 29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	Noreen Ryan RIP	DMA
THU	26 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	of the 29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	28 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Catenian Intentions	DMA
SUN	29 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Joan Lloyd RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	29 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A	Mrs Ellen Emmett RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
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**GOODBYE TO MGR. FR. PETER RYAN:** This week we say goodbye to Fr Peter. He has been in retirement in the parish for 23 years. And he has supported the parishes very generously over that time, supplying and filling in for our parish priests when they were away. He did this without seeking any recompense. He and his late cousin , Margaret, became friends to many. Peter will be greatly missed. He returns to the Liverpool diocese and will be resident in Southport. We wish Peter every blessing and grace for the future. You are all welcome to join us in Joseph's Place after Mass for cake & refreshments when we will present to Fr Peter our farewell gift.

*Love and Power: Fr Richard Rohr writes about how we can help mend the breach between the world as it is (power) and the world as it could be (love).*

Both love and power are necessary building blocks of God's peaceful realm on earth. Love utterly redefines the nature of power. Power without love is mere brutality (even in the church), and love without power is only the sentimentality of individual lives disconnected from the Whole. The gospel in its fullness holds love and power together, creating new hope and healing for the world.

Power assumes that life is lived from the top down and from the outside in. It draws its strength from elites and enforcement. As such it is efficient, clean, practical, and works well on many short-term goals. The gospel offers us the inefficient, not-so-clean, multi-layered, long-haul way of love. Love is lived much more from the bottom up and from the inside out. It's easy to see why even churches don't believe in it. It does not give ego or institution any sense of control. Often it doesn't even "work."

Perhaps one way of stating the "spiritual emergency" that Christianity faces is that many clergy and church membership were trained from the top down and the outside in. Love was the message, but power/control was the method. Holiness was in great part defined as respect for outer mediating structures: the authorities that "knew," the rituals that were automatic, the laws that kept you if you kept them, the Tradition that was supposed to be the unbroken consensus of many centuries and cultures. I am convinced that the best top-down Christianity can do is get us off to a good start and keep us inside the ballpark, which isn't bad! But it is not close to satisfactory for the great struggles of faith that people today face in family, morality, and society.

The very depth and truth of the gospel has led people to a more daring and necessary conclusion: Human life is best lived from the inside out and the bottom up. Now love is both the message and the method. Somehow our experiences, our mistakes, our dead ends are not abhorrent to God but the very stuff of salvation. There is no other way to make sense of the Bible or of every human life. Are we secure enough now to admit that there is just as much truth, maybe even more, inside our own journeys and for those living on the margins? So-called "tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you" (Matthew 21:31). Mature Christianity is perhaps when the inside meets the outside and the bottom is allowed to teach the top. Authentic power is the ability to act from the fullness of who I am, the capacity to establish and maintain a relationship with people and things, and the freedom to give myself away. Sounds like pure gospel to me.

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Laurence Ayers (23<sup>rd</sup>), Margaret Oxland (25<sup>th</sup>), Patricia Marshall (27<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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** this Sunday, 21st/22nd Oct for APF Missio. Envelopes are available. Give online: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

**HELP WITH SHOPPING NEEDED:** One of our parishioners in Milford who is unable to get out needs help to get the weekly shopping. A family member who used to do this has now moved away. Please contact Fr David at the parish office.

**BATHROOMS DON'T CLEAN THEMSELVES – HELP NEEDED:** As you know, we now have two bright shiny new bathrooms with a third in the Maryland Room being finished in the near future. At the moment, two of us are trying to keep these sparkling when we can but it's a job we feel ought to be shared. It's certainly a lot more pleasant than it used to be and takes only about 30 minutes or so on a fortnightly basis. If you'd like to help, please let me know on 01590 641595. (from Peter Larke)

**THANKS TO DEBORAH & ROGER WARREN:** they have begun clearing the back stairs in the Maryland room & taking stuff to the tip.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Weeks (22<sup>nd</sup>), Margaret Cleverdon Skellon (25<sup>th</sup>), Josephine (Jo) Edwina Margaret Chatterton (26<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen McCabe (27<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.

**THURSDAY LUNCHES AT ST SAVIOUR'S:** They are holding informal and very friendly light lunches at St Saviour's Church Hall every Thursday from 1200 to 1.45pm. Up until the end of October these have been buffet type meals with cold meats, quiches, sausages, chicken, some dips & salad followed by cake and fruit with tea & coffee. The last one of these is on Thursday October 26th. From November 2<sup>nd</sup> these will change to delicious soup lunches with a selection of home-made soups plus cake, tea and coffee. There is no charge but donations are very welcome. Please come and join us! (Some from St Anne's are already enjoying these lunches)

**NEW FOREST FOR UKRAINE:** As winter approaches there are two appeals from NFFU for items that will help the people of Ukraine deal with the cold and dark of winter while their country is still at war: 1. Winter Knitting Appeal 2023. If you are able to knit, please see a full list of items needed attached to the newsletter or on the notice board in the church porch. 2. Hot Water Bottles with covers. There will be a box at the back of the church where you can leave your donations for Fr David to pick up on a Sunday or take them directly to OLMSJ yourself.

**ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS - CAFOD** has set up an appeal so that it can provide urgent, practical help to the families who need it, as soon as it is safe to do so. To donate online, please see the poster attached or on the noticeboard in the porch.

## 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.

**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. **Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Rd, Brockenhurst SO42 7RY time: 11.00am: TEA & COFFEE & CAKE WILL BE PROVIDED.** (After consultations all round the idea of "bring a picnic lunch" was dropped)

**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. Please bring your donations to church and we will pass them on.

**SR VERONICA'S REFLECTION:** Today is World Mission Sunday, our Gospel today reminds us that we have dual citizenship, since we belong to our own country as well as to the Kingdom of God. As such we are obliged to support both in appropriate lawful ways. Let us pray for all who are suffering at this present moment in areas of war and violence, that a just peace may return soon. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNDG3KPrDw>

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Gabriel Imbert, Charlotte Anne Love, Howard Clement French, Mary Margaret Hutchinson (24<sup>th</sup>), Canon Bernard Morris, Freda Roche-Adams (26<sup>th</sup>), Joseph Walsh, Audrey McCann (27<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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**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** At the last meeting of the CWL we had a very interesting speaker, Sue Hoyle, from Stop Domestic Abuse (used to be Women's Refuge). We were able to donate £200 to this very worthy cause.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB IS BACK ON:** Thanks to Nicola Kirby & others the friendship Club will continue. Next meeting will be 6th Nov, 2pm-4pm.

**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.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Total in bank as at: 13/10/23: £260,135.08 This includes GAYL contributions.

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**POPE DECLARES DAY OF FASTING, PENANCE AND PRAYER FOR PEACE:** Pope Francis has invited all Christians, members of other religions and all who hold the cause of peace in the world at heart to participate in a day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace on Friday, 27 October.

**PLEASE CAN YOU PRAY** that the New Forest For Ukraine will very soon find new premises for their warehouse. It is urgent, they are being booted out at the end of the month.

**ALL PARISHES:** If you have moved house or changed your email address or have changed your phone number, or no longer have a land line, could you let the parish office know so we can update our data. Email: [office@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:office@lymbrockmil.org.uk) Phone: 01590 676696. Thank you.

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**SCHOOL NEWS: Zambia Update:** Our children were absolutely thrilled to receive letters this week from their pen pals in Zambia! Governor Roger Maughan brought the letters back after completing his charity bike ride from Zambia to Botswana. Roger visited Eneless Patmos School in Lusaka as part of his work for the charity to tell them that our partnership has raised more than £1000 through our "Zumba for Zambia" initiative. The school were overwhelmed by our efforts and will be using the proceeds to buy musical instruments, in the hope that this will attract more children to education. Many children who are orphans and from the streets attend Eneless Patmos School of their own accord (as it is a charity school) for a free education to better their employment prospects. Our children have loved seeing photos from their counterparts in Zambia and learning about life in Lusaka and can't wait to write back! Many thanks all for your continued support.

**JO CLARKE – AUTHOR:** We had a very special visitor at Our Lady & St Joseph today, none other than Jo Clarke - author of the detective series "The Travelling School Mysteries!" Her books are set in a school that travels the world! Jo told us all about her books, "Libby and the Parisian Puzzle" and "Libby and the Highland Heist" which we have been reading in school! Each class in Key Stage 2 has a copy of the book and it can also be found in our school library! Jo explained that she is a librarian in a primary school and what an important role this is, and why school libraries are so important. We are very lucky to have such a well stocked library bus at OLSJ and our fantastic reading ambassadors in Year 6 who look after it. Jo told us that she had many rejections on the way to publication, but she kept persevering and showing a great growth mindset, leading her to be offered an agent and a publisher in the same week! She explained how the editing process is so important when writing a book - this is something we do on our writing journey too. She shared that she loved the books Malory Towers and the Famous Five growing up and that detectives, mystery stories and boarding school stories were her favourite. She wanted to add a twist in her books, allowing children to explore the world through literature, hence her books are set in Paris, Scotland and now Manhattan! Jo shared that it is very important to do your research when using a real setting in a book - so she had to visit Paris lots to research the city! When writing Libby and the Highland Heist, she had a trip aboard the Caledonian sleeper! What a great idea, to combine a trip with research! Jo also talked about the role her illustrator plays in the production of her books. She showed images of how her illustrations of the title character Libby were refined and changed, and also how the front cover was adapted following her feedback. Jo also worked with Year 6 in a special writing workshop and shared her tips on how to write an amazing 'heist' story! She very kindly signed copies of her books for pupils too. Thank you so much Jo for a fabulous visit - we are all feeling very inspired as both authors and illustrators, and we very much love your books!