

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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The Week: 5th November 2023 - 12th November 2023

SAT	4 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	31 st Sunday of the Year A	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	5 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	31 st Sunday of the Year A	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	5 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	31 st Sunday of the Year A	Tom Tunney RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	5 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	31 st Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
TUE	7 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	of the 31 st Week of the Year	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	8 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	of the 31 st Week of the Year	Harry Newenham RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
WED	8 th	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Funeral	Requiem Mass	Margaret Barnes RIP	DMA
THU	9 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Ded. Lateran Basilica, Feast	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	11 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	12 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday	For all the War Dead	DMA
SUN	12 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday	The Weld Family Living and Dead	DMA
SUN	12 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA

EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO RECEIVE AND SOMETHING TO GIVE.

In our first reading today, the prophet Malachi is exposing the failures of the then “clergy”. The power of clergy generally has been both a blessing and a curse. A blessing when leadership has been enabling, encouraging, empowering and nurturing (as St Paul writes: “like a mother looking after her children). A curse when it has been dictatorial, oppressive, ignorant, narrow-minded and blind to its own prejudices and ego needs. Some clergy imagine they have a God-given right to lord it over a community’s life of faith and worship remaking it according to their own personal likes & dislikes, making others bear the burden of their theological ignorance, scruples and hang-ups. But people are no longer allowing that to happen. This one-sided way of being church is disappearing fast.

An earlier prophet, Jeremiah, had foretold a time when there will be “no need for a man to teach his neighbour” for “they will all know me from the least to the greatest” (Jer 31:34). Through the prophet Joel God declared that: “I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions, and your old will dream dreams” (Joel 2:28). What we are experiencing in the Church and in the world now is the liberation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in women and men of faith. The Spirit is no longer being suppressed by the ego needs of a few exploiting the dependency of the many. It’s been a long time coming. Finally, the oppressive grip of a patriarchal and self-serving elite is being loosened. This elite has only itself to blame for its loss of authority and credibility. For too long ordinary people were not given any confidence in their own, God given, inner authority (the Spirit, the Christ within) but instead made dependent upon external authority which presumed to do the thinking and deciding for them, too often to its own advantage.

In today’s world people can explore and educate themselves. They can enter into dialogue and discussion and be open to many different points of view. As Jesus suggested, they are judging for themselves what is right (Lk. 12:57). They can share experiences and learn from one another. They can benefit from different spiritualities and ways of prayer. They can experience a new awe and wonder as they see the unitive visions of science and contemplative “knowing” converge. And people are discovering that the yeast/leaven of the Gospel is already out there. The Kingdom has been growing of its own accord way beyond the boundaries of denominations and faith traditions.

The Church will always exist, but its form will have to change to allow the Gospel to be fully received and expressed. There will always be authority, but it is the authority of the Christ shared with all the sisters and brothers. There will always be one Father in heaven to whom every little “god” must submit. There will always be one Spirit given to everyone to drink. There will always be one way, the way of loving, humble service. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: James Madden (6th), Mary Bridget Wright, Rose Alice Parsons (8th), John Banks (9th)

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: 4th/5th Nov for the Diocese of Bamenda in the Cameroon. See the item in "All Parishes" for more detail.

THANK YOU: to our parishioners who have "adopted" a bathroom to keep clean!

ON BEHALF OF JOHN & KATE BOOCOCK: John's health has not been too good lately so they have decided to return to Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes which is very near to their home. They will continue to keep in touch and they very much appreciated their time with us at St Francis. We thank them for their generous support of our parish and we will keep them in our prayers as they will keep us in theirs.

FOOTPRINTS FOUNDATION – ZAMBIA: The Foundation has published its annual report which highlights the recent Zambian Charity Cycle and also confirms where all monies which are raised are spent in accordance with the annual report. Please note the support from everyone, including our parishioners, for Roger's cycle rides raised an incredible £7600 which include both this year and last years. A very big thank you for supporting this amazing and much needed ministry supporting the street children of Zambia. The report has been circulated with the newsletter via email.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Juanita Francisca Amanda Scrope, Margaret Cayford (7th), Charles Mylus, Reginald Anthony Nunes, Leonard Norris (8th), Helen Frances Thompson, Winston Christopher Horne (10th), Mgr Canon Raymond Lawrence (11th)

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

RED MISSION BOXES: Would holders of Red Mission Boxes please bring them to Mass and give them to Bill Pignatelli who will be happy to empty them and return them to be filled again! If you do not have a Red Box but would like one please ask Bill and he will be happy to supply one. *Missio* have written to thank everyone in this Parish who has contributed so generously over many years.

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WEEKDAY MASS: this will be in the house during the Winter season.

CALLING ST ANNE'S CAKE MAKERS: We are going to need cakes to go with tea and coffee following the Three Parishes Mass on Sunday, 19th November. Please contact Henrietta to let her know if you can bring a cake and what type you prefer to make by 12th November. Tel 01590 682347.

All Parishes

CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwp.org.uk for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: - Sunday, 19th 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. **A HOT WATER BOTTLE:** is a great comfort when the power's off and you're in a dark cellar at night in winter in Ukraine. Please be generous with HWBs with covers and putting them in the box in the porch over November. Thank you!

BAMENDA SUNDAY 4th/5th November 2023: On Bamenda Sunday (4/5 Nov), we celebrate and give thanks for our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please pray for peace in Bamenda and for their five priests serving us here in the Portsmouth Diocese. Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the projects the Bamenda Fund will be able support in 2024, the 50th anniversary of the formation of the link! Donations can also be made securely online: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php> where gift aid and standing order forms can also be downloaded and bank details can be found for direct transfers. If you already have gift aided your donations to Bamenda, please complete and submit a new form to address the change of name to CDP Bamenda Commission. Thank you for your generosity!

SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: Today in our Gospel reading we seek to serve one another. Jesus gives us the best example. Our challenge is to act in such a way as to draw others to Christ. We should not act as the Pharisees did, by judging others and laying burdens on them by our legalistic understanding of the faith. This is particularly true in the light of the recent synod on how we should cooperate together to build a spirit of understanding and openness to listen to one another in a pastoral way. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xo7niUJgwBo&t=140s> God Bless Sr Veronica OP

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Patricia Wilkins, Niamh Fitzgerald-Graham, Dorothy "Dot" Manghan (4th), John Bickers, Maud Southam, Leopoldine Foot (5th), Velma Neal, Eileen Mary Jenkins (7th), Albert Mellowish, Mary McPherson (8th), Mary Wyatt (9th), Silvio Chiavaroli (10th)

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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MARGARET BARNES RIP: (Words from her daughter, Fiona) Mum arrived in Lymington from Donegal in Ireland in 1951. She initially worked caring for the children of a vicar in Milford on Sea. She worked at a nursing home in Milford also. A few years later she started working as a bus conductress based in Lymington. At the time she was lodging in New Street. She made many friends in Lymington a lot of whom she was still in contact with. She met Charles Barnes and they were married in Our Lady of Mercy and Saint Joseph Catholic Church in 1960. Mum had various other jobs around bringing up her two daughters Fiona and Caroline. She worked as a dinner lady at the school here (having been volunteered for the job by Fiona). As the girls grew up Mum worked at Efford Experimental Station in the packing shed and stayed there until retirement. When Dad sadly passed away suddenly in 2006. Mum stayed in Lymington with Caroline until giving into Fiona's nagging that they should move closer to her in Dorset. The move happened in September 2007. Mum continued to care for Caroline well into her 80s and gradually gave over the caring role to Fiona. During her time in Lymington Mum regularly attended the 6:30pm Mass on a Saturday. She made many friends in the back pews! Margaret's requiem Mass is on Wednesday at 12.30pm in OLMSJ, followed by burial at Highfield cemetery. May Margaret rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next CWL meeting is on Tuesday 14th November at 2.15 pm. There will be a speaker from PACT (Prisoner's Aid Care Trust) and she will be speaking at about 3pm. All parishioners are welcome to the talk. Refreshments will be served.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB meets this Monday 6th November from 2-4pm in Joseph's Place. We will be featuring the Tudor Lady of Dorset who will demonstrate a Tudor lady's wardrobe and bring us court 'gossip'. Not to be missed. Free admission with quiz, raffle and tea at 3pm. Everyone welcome.

Diary Date: The Friendship Club Christmas party will be on Monday 4th December when we will have Eddie Edwards to entertain us. Everyone welcome from 2-4pm in Joseph's Place.

THANK YOU TO OUR FUND-RAISERS who organised the coffee morning in Joseph's Place last Saturday. They enabled us to give £300 to the Baptist Church for their Warm Hub initiative which provides food and warmth for local people. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 25th November from 9.30-1st pm. and will be to raise funds for the Christmas Day Lunch at St Thomas Church. Thank you to everyone who supports our coffee mornings. All proceeds are given on behalf of the people of our parish.

LYMINGTON CARE GROUP: They provide transport for those in need. They need more volunteer drivers. A petrol allowance is paid. Phone 01590 679187 for more information.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 03/11/23: £260,420.08 This includes GAYL contributions.

All Parishes

CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwp.org.uk for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

GIFT-AIDERS: DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE & RETURN YOUR DECLARATION FORMS, THANK YOU.

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CAKES - ALL PARISHES: ONE BIG MASS 19TH NOVEMBER : CAKES: If you are baking a cake for refreshments after the Mass on 19th November, please let the parish office know so the Combined Refreshments Team from the 3 parishes know how many cakes they will have coming in on the day. Thank you to those Bakers who have responded so far. E mail: office@lymbrockmil.org.uk; Tel: 01590 676696

THE NEW FOREST FOODBANK will be running the Reverse Advent Calendar campaign again this year. Should you wish to take part, it works like this – To create a **Reverse Advent Calendar:**

Collect 24 Christmassy items during November – the list will be at the back of the church.

Put them all in a box -the box ideally decorated/wrapped, *not* the individual items.

Drop it off at the Foodbank by 4th December between 9am & 2pm Monday to Friday.

CAFOD EMERGENCY ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL: The terrible situation in Israel and occupied Palestinian territory is tearing lives apart. Your donation today will allow CAFOD to provide urgent, practical help to the families who need it, as soon as it's safe to do so. **Donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/?form=israelipalestiniancrisis**