

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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School: Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. Exec. Head: Gerida Montague
Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils: Mike Reynolds, Lymington; Ian Holden, Brockenhurst; Anthony Kirke, Milford on Sea
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PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator : Linda Guilding; **Health & Safety Reps St Francis:** Colin Stack & John Parry . **For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound:** Contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday Morning
from after Mass until
10.30am

Masses & Services for the Week: 10th August - 18th August 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	LITURGY	INTENTION	P
SAT	10 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	11 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	19 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	11 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	19 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	Michael Hedges RIP	DMA
SUN	11 th	12.30pm	Baptism	Our Lady	Baptism: - baby Edith Rose Tui Kosh	N/A	DMA
SUN	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	19 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
MON	12 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	N/A	
TUE	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	14 th	9.30am	W & C	Our Lady	St Maximilian Kolbe, Mem, (R)	N/A	
WED	14 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	St Maximilian Kolbe, Mem, (R)	as per celebrant	PWR
WED	14 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	St Maximilian Kolbe, Mem, (R)	For persecuted Christians	DMA
THU	15 th	10.00am	Mass	St Francis	Assumption of BVM, Solemnity, (W)	as per celebrant	PWR
THU	15 th	10.00am	Mass	St Anne	Assumption of BVM, Solemnity, (W)	as per celebrant	CB
THU	15 th	12 noon	Mass	Our Lady	Assumption of BVM, Solemnity, (W)	Neil Watson RIP & family	DMA
THU	15 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	Assumption of BVM, Solemnity, (W)	People of the Parishes	DMA
FRI	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	17 th	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady	of the Day (G)	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	17 th	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady	20 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	18 th	9.00am	Mass	St Francis	20 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	18 th	10.30am	Mass	Our Lady	20 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	as per celebrant	PWR
SUN	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	St Anne	20 th Sunday of the Year C (G)	People of the Parishes	DMA

OUR NEW PARISH EMAIL: lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

(Do not use lymbrock@sky.com it is no longer accessible and any emails sent there will be lost)

There is no need to be afraid

In 1934, a group of Christians met at Barmen in Germany. They were alarmed by the increasing power of Nazi ideology over the German churches. In response, and at considerable danger to themselves, this small gathering issued a Theological Declaration. At its heart were words from today's Gospel: 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.' The German word for 'kingdom' is of course *Reich*; and this particular 'little flock' would form what is known as the 'Confessing Church', bravely and unshakably opposed to Nazism, often at great personal cost.

Luke's Gospel was written for a Church who knew the reality of persecution, hostility and opposition. In this context, the exhortation 'Fear not' is a refrain. 'Do not be afraid,' say the angels to Zechariah, to Mary, and to the shepherds. 'Do not be afraid,' says Jesus to his disciples. In the face of powerful threats to its existence, Luke's 'little flock' gladly heard the reassurance of those words.

Fear is a potent force in the world today. We fear loss, we fear failure. We fear threats to our treasured way of life. And the media often work to stoke up such fears: fear of crime, fear of immigrants, fear of travellers. Fear can be a crippling, destructive force in people's lives, preventing them from experiencing the fullness of life that God desires for them. In such situations, it's tempting to treat these words as a sort of comfort blanket; something to hide behind while the dangerous, menacing world goes its wicked way.

But the exhortation is not meant as a licence for us to keep our heads down and keep out of trouble. It is a call for Christians to engage with the world, albeit at personal risk. It is an appeal to work for the kingdom, that kingdom of justice, love and peace, at whatever cost to ourselves. It is a summons to set out in faith, not necessarily knowing where it may lead, like Abraham, like our ancestors at the Exodus, like the German Confessing Christians, and like countless others who have recognised themselves as 'strangers and nomads on earth'.

It is a call to action. The Gospel urges us to be 'dressed for action', and to have our 'lamps lit'. There are echoes of the Israelites preparing for their escape from Egypt, and of Matthew's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. We may not know when the call to service will come, but we have to be ready for it. There are eschatological overtones here, with elements of threat as well as elements of promise. The faithful servants will receive their reward, but woe betide those who follow the way of the world, those who are concerned solely for their own comfort and prosperity.

There is no need to be afraid. This does not mean that we can content ourselves with a life of self-indulgence, for we are called to work for the kingdom. And it is not a guarantee that we will be kept free from the perils of this world. Not all of the Christians who met at Barmen would survive the Nazi years. But it is a promise to those who are faithful that whatever happens in this world, the Lord will be with them.

(From Priests and People by Fr. Peter Edwards)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Mary King, Rosemary Howard (14th), Stephen Sheridan, Audrey Streatfield (15th), Philip Miles McSwiney, Dorothy Valentine Culmer (16th)

Sick & Housebound: Joan Lloyd, Marjorie Horton, Gill Boddington, Sarah Bell, Alison Doubleday & Sean McVeigh.

TAIZE SERVICE 6PM : every 4th Sunday at All Saints'. Beautiful service of prayer, Taize chants, readings and time for quiet reflection. Next one will be **25th August**. We are warmly invited to attend.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Winifred Lumley (17th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers Anna Hubbard, Sean Dunn and Linda Reardon.

Fr Quarmby's Mass times: for the week commencing 11th August: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat at 10am, Tues at 8am. Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 9.00am followed by the Rosary at 9.30am.

Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady on Thursday, 15th August. Mass will be at 10.0am at St Anne's celebrated by Fr Charlie Beirne. Our Parish has been supporting Fr Charlie's missionary work in Africa for many years and we look forward to having him with us on the 15th. There will be a further collection for Fr Charlie's work this Sunday, 11th August.

Dates for the diary: House Mass: The Shearer family have kindly offered their home for our House Mass which will be held on Friday 6th September. More details to follow.

Creation Celebration Mass on Sunday, 22 September. Details to follow.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day meetings: Saturday, 7th September at St Bedes Church, Basingstoke and on Saturday 21st September at St Edmund Campion Church, West Bournemouth. Please see details on the board in the porch.

OLMSJ, Lymington Parish BBQ on Sunday 18th August after the 10.30am Mass. Please support OLMSJ in their efforts to raise money for major building repairs to the church and presbytery. Notice and applications for tickets to be found in the porch or call the parish office.

Any items for the newsletter to anna@boylemellor.co.uk to arrive by Thursday lunch time.

All Parishes

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

25th Anniversary Garden Party Cream Tea – Monday 26th August.

The Dominican Sisters are sending out an invitation to join them at St. Dominic's Priory at Shirley Road, Lymington, SO41 8NH on Bank Holiday Monday – 26th August – at 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. to celebrate their 25th Anniversary. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about their mission and their history, whilst enjoying a delicious cream tea with homemade scones and live music from Forest Folk. Entrance Fee £7 (no charge for children under 5 years). For further information, call the Priory on 01590 681 874.

DO YOU HEAR GOD'S CALL: It is possible that on entering this Church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your mobile phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him. If you would like to see him, send a text message whilst driving.

FREE MONEY FREE MONEY!! :Yes it's true. OLMSJ parish is now linked to the Diocesan recommended *Give As You Live* site. If you purchase goods from on line stores, and you have signed up with *Give As You Live*, the store will give OLMSJ a percentage of each and every purchase! It won't cost you anything. It's free to sign up. The percentage varies depending on the store. It's very easy to sign up. It costs YOU nothing, but OLMSJ gets the percentage of your purchase towards the building fund. If you have an iphone you can register with that too. (Registration with Android phones will come at a later date). Interested? We hope so. We have tried it out and, once you've registered, it's very easy to use. SO, yes FREE MONEY for OLMSJ! When it asks 'Choose a charity to support' type in *Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph Catholic church*. Press 'Search' & follow the instructions from there. ALSO they say *For each person who signs up and raises £5, they'll donate £5 to OLMSJ church*. So please get clicking! <https://www.giveasyoulive.com>. Thank you.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Emily Halligan (10th), Julia Otton, Violet Loader, Monique Magdalene James (14th), Samantha Isabelle Cashen (15th), Adeline Cull (16th)

Sick and Housebound: Anne Nyland, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Johnny Flood, Simone Cluett, Ramona Heath-Saunders, Concetta Losanno, Mai Wilson, Den Walker, Brian Choules, Len Harley, Marie Smith, Celine McCay, Patricia Mate.

MICHAEL HEDGES RIP: The Requiem Mass for Michael will be on Tuesday, 20th August at 10.30am at Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington, followed by cremation at Test Valley Crematorium. In the meantime, we will keep Pauline and family in our prayers. We pray also that Mike may rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

RAFFLE PRIZES: We need quality items for our fund-raising events. If you have any item which you feel would make a good raffle prize please hand it to Linda or hand it into the parish office. Thank you.

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE PARISH EMAIL

ADDRESS: The new parish email address is: lymbrockmil@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk The old email address lymbrock@sky.com is no longer functioning. Please update your email address list accordingly.

KNIT & STITCH will meet next Friday 16th August 2019 in Joseph's Place from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

SOCIAL EVENTS: 11th August- **TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR ORDERS IN FOR THE BBQ** as the food has to be ordered this week. NEXT SUNDAY -18th August- is the BBQ as soon as the hot coals will allow after Mass. If you can bring a pudding or a salad please let Gerry or Mike know today.

Dates for your diary: 29th September – A curry night!; 19th October- Quiz Night

How to pay for tickets: either cash in envelope or see Fund raising item for bank details.

FUND-RAISING UPDATE:

Ordinary Donations Received:

£7,084.75 (of these £5,020.70p is Gift-Aided)

Fundraising Events: £230.00 (Saturday coffee/lunches)

Smartie Tubes £367.81 **Total at Bank: £12,703.26**

Anticipated Income: Remainder of *Living Our Faith*: £3,023

Estimated Gift Aid so far £1.255

Pledges: There are now 10 pledges which will generate a total of £25,800 after 5 years, including Gift Aid. (10 pledges out of over 200 parishioners!)

WE NEED A LOT MORE PLEDGES. Please consider giving an amount each month over 5yrs. You can always alter or cancel if your circumstances change. See the green forms at the back of church. Standing Orders, cheques or transfers payable to:

PRCDTR LYMINGTON BUILDING FUND (account no. 35553160, sort code: 30-80-27)

SEE OPPOSITE FOR DETAILS OF FREE, YES FREE MONEY!!

WELL DONE SMARTIE TUBE FUNDRAISERS! You have raised a tremendous £367.81! There are still a few tubes out there. Could we raise another £32.19 and get it up to £400? OR EVEN BETTER raise another £132.19 and hit the target of £500? Now that would be mind-blowing! Don't forget- if you have lost your Smartie tube, just put the money in an envelope with 'Smarties' written on it. Once again a big THANK YOU to all our Smartie lovers!

HEALTH & SAFETY – OLMSJ: A reminder to drive **SLOWLY** on and off the premises in case someone walks out of the house, church or Joseph's place. From the parish office we see cars coming entering & leaving the premises far too quickly. Anyone walking out of the buildings can't see you **and you won't see them until it is too late**. Remember children could run out from one building to the other without looking. Even when there isn't a service on, there are still visitors around. There are **STOP** signs near the entrances to the church & Joseph's place for a reason. It has been noted that **MOST** of you ignore those signs. **REMEMBER- COME IN SLOWLY. STOP.CHECK. PROCEED SLOWLY. EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.**

CAR PARK: It is a Health & Safety requirement that cars may be parked in marked bays ONLY. This is particularly important when there is a funeral as the hearse needs the turning space.