

# 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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*The Week: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION (when applicable)	
SAT	8 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Paul Richard Scarnell RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Teddy McGinnes	N/A	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Sarah Roche (Ints)	DMA
TUE	11 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	St Barnabas, Mem	Tim & Lizzie Callaghan (Ints)	DMA
TUE	11 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	12 noon	Mass	Requiem Mass	John Sebastian Boocock RIP	DMA
WED	12 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	10 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv Diaconate Ordination (SB & IT)	DMA
THUR	13 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	St Anthony of Padua, Mem	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	15 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	In Thanksgiving (HL)	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Delphina Hoogewerf	N/A	DMA
SUN	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Clement Ignatius Brand RIP F/M	DMA

**DIFFICULT ISSUES:** This Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>, Yr B), for many years now, has been replaced by either Corpus Christi or Holy Trinity. So we haven't been exposed to these particular Scripture passages quite so much. We begin with the story of the "first" temptation in the Garden of Eden. This story is an attempt to talk about the origin of mortality, suffering and evil. It recognises that disobedience to God's command spoils the relationship with God and has consequences in suffering. Nearly 3000 years later mortality, suffering and evil are as much part of human experience as ever. However, within an evolutionary framework, our "stories" or explanations are very different. But whatever story we find helpful the common consensus is that "we all fall short of the glory of God" and that we all need to strive for peace, justice, compassion & harmony. The link with the Gospel is in the line: "It will crush your head and you will strike its heel". This is seen as highlighting the perennial conflict of good versus evil. The protagonists of the good are seen first in the prophets and ultimately in Jesus, who is God's response to our situation (*God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding people's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. 2 Cor 5: 19-20*)

The Gospel deals with some sensitive issues: the relationship between Jesus and his family, the "sin against the Holy Spirit" and the new humanity which transcends family, race and cultural connections.

A truly wise and holy person can often seem so counter-cultural that they appear mad or foolish to many people. Often we are blind to the "insanity" of violence, greed, fear, hatred and superficiality, especially when they take culturally acceptable forms.

The "sin against the Holy Spirit" troubles, (usually unnecessarily), those with anxious dispositions and is totally ignored by those who should actually be worried about it! It is not about careless words. It represents a corruption of conscience that totally inverts or perverts the normal polarities of good and evil. Its like swearing black is white and white is black. As long as someone persists in that mindset a loving relationship with God, the source of all good, is impossible. Jesus uses reason to try to pull them out of it. What we need to beware of is the subtle temptation to justify ourselves by denying the goodness of the "other".

It is clear from this Gospel passage that relationships based on "the will of God" take precedence over ethnic and family ties. The conflict, however, does not arise from God's side because God wants everyone to love each other and anyone who loves lives in God and God in them. But not everyone is ready to accept the inclusivity & unconditional nature of God's love. So some people have hard choices to make. With regard to Mary, the mother of Jesus, the Church has always rejected any suggestion of alienation between Jesus and his mother, following instead the much more positive portrayal given by Luke & John. The church proposes Mary as the model disciple who treasures and ponders God's word and humbly and courageously accepts God's will. (DMA).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Paul Richard Scarnell (9<sup>th</sup>), Anne Todd (10<sup>th</sup>), (Hanny) Johanna Hendrika Barbara McArthur (11<sup>th</sup>), Reginald Victor Longinotto (12<sup>th</sup>), Harry Moorhouse (13<sup>th</sup>), Helen Salt (14<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick & Housebound:** Jacquie Kirke, Barbara Mills, Kath Randle, Rita Ford, June Gow, Norah Sweeney, Sarah Bell.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS, PLEASE:** for Anthony & Judith's daughter-in-law, Jacquie, who is gravely ill.

**JOHN BOOCOOCK'S** Requiem Mass will take place at St Anne's, Brockenhurst on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. John has requested that whilst respecting personal choice, he does not wish black to be worn at his funeral. Afterwards you are cordially invited to a light refreshment Buffet at the Forest Park Hotel. All are welcome. It would be very helpful if you could let Kate know by the end of next week if you are attending the Funeral and refreshments afterwards. **tel: 01425 628165 or email [kboocock22@gmail.com](mailto:kboocock22@gmail.com).** May John rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**NEXT COFFEE MORNING:** Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June after Mass in the Maryland Room. All are welcome. And thanks to the Team.

**COACH TRIP – 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER: PLEASE BOOK NOW.** It would be very helpful if you could book now for this lovely day out to Arundel & Chichester Cathedrals. We need just 30 confirmed bookings to know we can cover the

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Patrick Leahy (9<sup>th</sup>), Canon Brian Murphy-O'Connor, Francis (Frank) Cassidy (11<sup>th</sup>), Lillian Beeley (12<sup>th</sup>), Dylis Margaret McNally (14<sup>th</sup>)

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

**CAFOD LEGACY EVENT :** Join CAFOD's Director, Christine Allen, for a morning of inspiring stories of hope, faith and generosity over a slice of cake and learn more about how you can make a lasting impact through legacy giving. On **Tuesday, 18 June, 10.45 to 12.45, at Our Lady of Sorrows & St Philip Benizi Parish Hall, Fordingbridge.** See the poster in the porch and please let CAFOD know you are coming.

**RESTORE NATURE NOW** The upcoming General Election is an incredibly important moment for wildlife and wild spaces across the UK. Join the march in Central London on Saturday, 22 June to call on ALL political parties to take action for nature's recovery. The event is being organised by nature, wildlife, environment and climate organisations including the Wildlife Trusts, RSPB, Woodland Trust, National Trust and Rewilding Britain and key partners, Extinction Rebellion. Here is the link for more details <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/restore-nature-now> and see this link for the many organisations supporting the event <https://www.restorenaturenow.com/supporters>

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## All Parishes

**50% CAP ON ADMISSIONS TO FAITH SCHOOLS:** You may not be aware that the Church has been pressing for many years for the lifting of the 50% cap, which limited the number of children from faith backgrounds that could be admitted into any new faith school. The cap was introduced in 2010 by the coalition government and since then only three new Catholic Voluntary Aided schools have been opened in England. As a result, many Catholic families throughout the country have been deprived of the opportunity to send their child to a Catholic school.

The Government has opened a consultation on lifting the cap that for the last 14 years has limited the number of Catholic children that can be admitted into any new Catholic school. This is great news for the Catholic Church. However, the success of this consultation will be dependent upon the number of responses that are made by the Catholic community. Please open the link below and respond to the consultation (only name and email address are required). Responses are crucial if Catholic families throughout the country are not to continue to be deprived of a Catholic education. The link to the consultation is here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faith-schools-cap/> Although a general election has been called, the consultation will continue. **The closing date for completion of the consultation is 20th June.**

**General Election -Guidance from Portsmouth Diocese:** We have been asked for guidance about supporting the campaign during the general election. In brief, we are bound by charity law to remain impartial, although we can voice our opinions on particular policies. Attached to the newsletter email is a short slide deck about what we, as a charity, can and cannot do during this time, which we hope will be helpful. If you have any queries, please contact [communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**"KEEP THE DATE" -7th September 2024 for our 3 parishes joint beach clean up.** This year the suggested joint activity for our 3 parishes is a beach clean-up in Milford on sea and the date chosen is just after schools have re-opened. Please keep this date free and look out for more information in July/August.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Alice Fitzpatrick, Howard William Barker, Angelina Agnes Hampton (9<sup>th</sup>), Frank Cassidy (11<sup>th</sup>), Frances Hay (12<sup>th</sup>), Diane Brown, Cyril Wincote, Mary Nicholls (13<sup>th</sup>), Peter Michael Cooper (14<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Jo English, Fr Shaun Budden, Pat Leahy, Clare Bearcroft, Susie Wright, Joan McCafferty, Frances Riches, Ron & Rita Barrett, John & Nicki Collins, Frances Walker, Sean Dunn, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Simone Cluett.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** – The July meeting of the Friendship Club on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July will be a Fish & Chip lunch between 12.30pm and 2pm. If you are interested in joining us, please call Nichola Kirby on 07710 156087. The cost will be around £5.

**Rummikub and Scrabble Club** – Attendance at recent meetings has been low so a decision has been taken to take a break until the Autumn when we will try and get a bigger group together again. If you can think of anywhere we should advertise this please speak to Tom Turnbull or Nichola Kirby

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LYMINGTON AND PENNINGTON - 'Open the book'** Once a month during term time 6-7 volunteers from the different churches from Churches Together Lymington and Pennington (CTLP) visit Lymington Infant school to tell a Bible story. The theme is agreed with the Head Teacher. Helen from CTLP writes the script. The volunteers meet on a Monday morning at 9am once a month at the United Reformed Church (URC) in the High Street to go over the story, allocate parts, block it and choose a narrator. Total time 2 hours once a month including planning and storytelling. It is very rewarding as the children are very absorbed with the story telling. Would you like to be involved in this project taking a Bible story to in children? If so, please email the parish office [office@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:office@lymbrockmil.org.uk) to express interest.

**CALLING ALL DWARF SUNFLOWER GROWERS! - Next Thursday 13th June at 11am** we will be planting out our dwarf sunflowers in the raised beds in the church car park. If you took one of the pots and seeds home to grow your own dwarf variety and would like to plant it out in one of the boxes, then please come and join us. If you can't make it on Thursday but would like your sunflower included, please bring your plant to church any day and leave it in the porch with your name written on the pot so it can be identified when it is planted!

**ROAD CLOSURE – LYMINGTON HIGH STREET:** at No. 2 Lymington High St (just above the junction with Gosport Street & Captains Row) from 18<sup>th</sup> June for 7 days. Diversions will be in place. As far as we understand the church car park will still be accessible but only from the High Street end.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** On 31/05/24 Church Building Fund was £263,190.08.

## 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.

**OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL : THE PRAYER SHELTER: THANK YOU** for all the generous contributions so far. We will be giving an update shortly on what has been given so far and how the funds will be used .

**HEALTH AND SAFETY: Your safety is important to us:**

**ACCIDENTS:** If you have an accident anywhere on the church site, will you please mention it to one of the Welcomers as we have to record it in the Accident Book.

**HAZARDS:** If you notice any slip or trip hazards anywhere on site, please email the office [office@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:office@lymbrockmil.org.uk) so it can be put right.

**EVACUATION DRILL:** All our churches have to have at least one evacuation drill each year. Please treat the drill seriously as it is not only training for the Welcomers and Fire Wardens but also for yourselves. Should an incident occur knowing the procedure to get out of the church quickly and safely could save lives.

**SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION:** Welcome to this week's reflection. We see the challenges Jesus faces in his Mission. Jesus is a sign of contradiction even in our world today. Jesus comes to open the floodgates of God's loving mercy. Do we sometimes misunderstand the mission of Christ? Are we willing to be transformed and see Jesus not as a threat but a source of much grace? God Bless Sr Veronica OP <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0qiXdWksas&t=28s>

The Dominican Sisters – **Light of Truth** June newsletter is out now. Log onto their website: [www.lightoftruth.uk](http://www.lightoftruth.uk) to find out about all the courses and activities that are available.

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**THE GENERAL ELECTION:** SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election. As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.