

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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Parish Administrator: Lisa Thurston. **Email:** office@lymbrockmil.org.uk. **Website:** www.nfwp.org.uk; **Parish Blog:** www.lymrcchurch.blogspot.com. Our parishes are part of & belong to the: **Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, Registered Charity No: 1199568.** **School:** Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Ramley Rd, Pennington, 01590 672711. **Exec. Head:** Gerida Montague. **Chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils:** Magdalen Chadborn, Lymington; Ian Holden, Brockenhurst; Roger Maughan, Milford on Sea. **Parish Safeguarding Ministers:** Dr Wanda Fojt (safeguarding@lymbrockmil.org.uk); Henrietta Reynolds (safeguarding@brock.org.uk); Liz Price (safeguarding@sfmil.org.uk). **PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Dean & Health & Safety Co ordinator:** Linda Guilding; **For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound; & for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Contact the parish office.

The Week: 6th July 2024 - 14th July 2024

| DAY | DATE | CHURCH | TIME | SERVICE | LITURGY | MASS INTENTION <i>(when applicable)</i> | |
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| SAT | 6 th | OLMSJ | 6.00pm | Mass | 14th Sunday of the Year (B) | William Sherring & family (Ints) | DMA |
| SUN | 7 th | St Francis | 9.00am | Mass | 14th Sunday of the Year (B) | People of the Parishes | DMA |
| SUN | 7 th | OLMSJ | 10.30am | Mass | 14th Sunday of the Year (B) | Margaret RIP & Anthony Harrison | DMA |
| SUN | 7 th | St Anne | 6.00pm | Mass | 14th Sunday of the Year (B) | Freya Pike & Family (Ints) | DMA |
| TUE | 9 th | OLMSJ | 10.00am | Mass | 14 th Week of the Year | In Thanksgiving (PE) | DMA |
| WED | 10 th | St Francis | 10.00am | Mass | 14 th Week of the Year | H Miller & M Ash-Miller RIP Anniv F/M | DMA |
| WED | 10 th | St Anne | 10.00am | Mass | 14 th Week of the Year | as per celebrant | DQ |
| THU | 11 th | St Anne | 10.00am | Mass | St Benedict, Feast | William Ewbank RIP | DMA |
| SAT | 13 th | OLMSJ | 6.00pm | Mass | 15 th Sunday of the Year (B) | Catenian (Intentions) | DMA |
| SUN | 14 th | St Francis | 9.00am | Mass | 15 th Sunday of the Year (B) | People of the Parishes | DMA |
| SUN | 14 th | OLMSJ | 10.30am | Mass | 15 th Sunday of the Year (B) | Thanksgiving (AH) | DMA |
| SUN | 14 th | St Anne | 6.00pm | Mass | 15 th Sunday of the Year (B) | Canon John Hally RIP F/M | DMA |

CONTENT WITH WEAKNESS

Mark summarises the reaction of the Nazareth community to their fellow citizen: "And they would not accept him." For them, the sheer ordinariness of Jesus cancels out his new wisdom and works. Nothing kills like frozen familiarity. How does Jesus react to the locals? He says to them: A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house. This is a hard saying. The other evangelists soften it saying, "No prophet is accepted in his own country." In Mark's version Jesus is rejected by his own relations and by those in his own house. Mark has already told us that Jesus' relatives believe him to be out of his mind (3:21): now the rejection seems to be complete.

Jesus' experience of rejection in Nazareth renders him powerless to do any miracle among his own people. This is an extraordinary statement about the human Jesus: people's lack of trust limits his ministry. Jesus is profoundly affected by the way people react to him. He is not a robot, programmed for flawless performance, indifferent to all responses. Distrust disables him. So he moves elsewhere, refusing to be enslaved by his failure to reach his own people. And he never returns to Nazareth again.

By coping with discouragement and failure, Jesus points beyond himself to the power of the Father. The cross of Jesus becomes the most striking symbol of weakness pointing beyond itself, beyond the brokenness of Jesus to the glory of the resurrection. New life emerges out of dereliction. This theme, so constant in the writing of Paul, is applied by the apostle to his own life.

Paul shares a very personal experience. He has come to learn that his own weaknesses are not a problem for God, as if God has no truck with poor achievers. Paul's human limitations, which refuse to go away, not only force him to be more realistic about himself, they also force him to change his image of God. Paul discovers through his own handicap that God's grace does work through human frailty: "So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am content with my weaknesses...For it is when I am weak that I am strong."

Being content with our weaknesses is not an attitude that comes easy to most of us, educated to be content with nothing less than perfection. We might still suspect that God disassociates himself from those who are beaten down by their own limitations; but, like Paul, we have to learn that God isn't like that. Failure and human weakness give God immense scope to act out his own purposes.

Nazareth was the beginning of a new road for Jesus. Paul's thorn in the flesh was the occasion for a whole new way of looking at God and at himself. And we know from experience that when we admit our failures and limitations, that exercise in honesty can mark the beginning of a new understanding. If God can take failure in his stride, we might even end up boasting about God's fantastic style! (From *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: John Noble (7th), Decima Mary Bidwell, Leonard John Runyard (9th), Ethel Annie Marsden, Raymond Wendell Beachey (10th), Leslie Frank (11th), Margaret Nash, Patricia Bell (12th), Ina Veronica Barlow, Mary Elizabeth Halle (13th)

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

NEXT COFFEE MORNING: This Sunday, 7th July after Mass in the Maryland Room. All are welcome. And thanks to the Team.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER MILFORD ON SEA: Please try to support the following events organised by members of Christians Together in Milford:

Songs of Praise - Keyhaven Sunday 7th July 5.00pm

Methodist Church Cream Tea Friday 19th July 2.30 — 4.00

See posters on the porch door for full details

HAND SEWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED There are about 400 knitted squares waiting to be sewn together to make blankets for Ukraine. Any volunteers would be welcome!?

COACH TRIP – 4th 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 cost of the coach booking. Fr David has printed booking forms available at all churches and John Stephenson also at Milford.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Canon John James Hally, James C Holly, Clara Eliza Sanders (8th), Mary Vitoria, Edward Hilary Rymer, Emmeline (Emmie) Walker (9th), Elaine Eugene Deprey, Brendan Joseph McQuoid (10th), Rosina Edwards, Edward Nally, Canon Daniel O'Hanlon, Patricia Mary Brand (13th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Josie Greenhalgh, Michael McCabe, Paddy Lark, Susan McCabe.

SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE: Margaret Brooks asks for prayers for a relative, Freya Pike, a beautiful little girl who is just 2 years old, and also for all her family. She was diagnosed with an extremely rare form of cancer about 4 months ago. Now we have been told that there is nothing more that can be done and she has only about 3 weeks to live. It is just devastating and so hard to come to terms with.

WEDNESDAY MASS AT ST ANNE'S: With the support of Henry Mellor, Fr Quarmby will be saying Mass at St Anne's on a Wednesday. I hope that this will be supported by those parishioners who are available to attend during the week. Fr Quarmby and Henry would also like to re-start the Rosary and adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament before Mass. And it would also be good to have tea & coffee available which might be easier if supplies were kept fresh in the parish kitchen.

CREAM TEA: Thanks to those who have made contact over help on 20th July. We will meet in the Church Rooms to agree jobs for our Cream Tea event on Monday 8th July at 3 pm. We would welcome more offers of help, before, during and after the event, even if you are unable to attend the meeting. More names are hoped for, so if you are able to help in any way please have a word with Henrietta or Annabelle after Mass on Sunday or phone Henrietta on 01590 682347 or email Annabelle annadmellor@gmail.com.

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DELICIOUS CREAM TEA – DATE FOR THE DIARY: The PPC and parishioners of St Anne's are delighted to announce that we have found a more suitable date for the cream tea which we previously had to postpone and would like to invite the parishioners from St Francis and OLMSJ to join us on Saturday, 20th July at 3 pm at St Anne's. More details will follow nearer the time. It would really help us with preparations if you could let us know if you plan to attend, either by phoning Henrietta on 682347 or by emailing Annabelle at annadmellor@gmail.com

"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: Margaret Broomfield (6th), John Ogden (7th), Katherine Griffin, Terence Shelley (8th), George Davies (9th). Joan Marie Smith (10th), Claire Harris, Joan Marie O'Mahoney (11th)

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.

SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE: for Deacon Anthony Cairns who has now been returned to the care home, but is still quite poorly.

MARIA ASSUNTA MALPIEDI RIP: Moz Malpiedi's mother died this week at her home in Italy. Our thoughts and prayers are with Moz, Kay & family. May Maria rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

CWL COFFEE MORNING: The CWL will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 13th July, the proceeds are for Stella Maris - Apostleship of the Sea.

THANKS FROM THE SISTERS AT SWAY: On behalf of the Sisters and Fanning the Flame team I would like to say thank you for the efforts of the recent coffee mornings held in the Parish in aid of our summer camp. We raised in total almost £330. This money will be used to help fund two children from economically difficult situations who would otherwise be unable to participate in the camp. This will be the 30th year we have been running these camps and we are able to cater for up to 100 young people aged 11-25. There are still some places available. If you would like to join in the fun, faith and fellowship of FTF please look us up on our designated website. <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp-2024> God Bless Sr Veronica OP

UPDATES ON HASSOCKS VERSUS KNEELERS: We now have a sample hassock 15" long x 8" wide x 6" deep. The foam is not quite as firm as I would like. However, when we do kneel down and get up we put our hands on the pew which gives us stability.

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

All Parishes

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

SEA SUNDAY 14th July - SECOND COLLECTION: Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)

Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Your support for Stella Maris will make a big difference.

For more info & to donate directly visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk

SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: Welcome to this week's reflection. Today's Readings invite us to reflect on the power of God's Love and the call to share that Love with others even in the face of rejection and opposition. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6npf-W0yYXk&t=70s> God Bless Sr Veronica OP.

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT 27th July 10.00-1.00
"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: going deeper in Praise, Worship and Prayer." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Ros Powell. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

THANK YOU:

THE NEW LECTIONARIES HAVE BEEN PAID FOR:

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners from our three parishes all three sets of the new Lectionary have now been paid for. That is a wonderful response. Thank you to those who have paid and to those who have pledged to pay.

CAN YOU HELP WITH KNITTING, SEWING OR CROCHET? Summer gets hot in Ukraine (up to 35C inland) so we need to build on our fabulous efforts to get them what they need. So light knits (4 or 3 ply – you can always adapt a DK pattern, do a bigger size and knit with 4 ply!) would be especially appreciated now. Please keep any winter knits in storage at home until September. Many thanks. The list of what is required is at the back of OLMSJ church and is also attached to the Newsletter sent out by email.