

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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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

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PA to Pastoral Co Ordinator & Health & Safety Co ordinator : Linda Guilding; **Health & Safety Rep St Francis:** John Parry.

For the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion to the Sick or housebound: Contact the parish office.

**Sacrament
of
Reconciliation:
by Appointment**

The Week: 8th April 2023 - 16th April 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	8 th	OLMSJ	8.00pm	Mass	Easter Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	9 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Easter Sunday Yr A	Michael John Peter Halle RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	9 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Easter Sunday Yr A	Mary Margaret Ash RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SUN	9 th	St Anne	12 noon	Mass	Easter Sunday Yr A	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
MON	10 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Octave of Easter	as per celebrant	DQ
TUE	11 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	Octave of Easter	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	12 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	Octave of Easter	Sally Lynch (Intentions)	DMA
THUR	13 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Octave of Easter	Private Intention (JC)	DMA
FRI	14 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Octave of Easter	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	15 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Octave of Easter	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	15 th	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby George Joshua King	N/A	SVB
SAT	15 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	16 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	16 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Mary Margaret Ash RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SUN	16 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA

Fr David wishes everyone a very Happy Easter and thanks to everyone for their support of our parishes. A special thanks to Linda, Lisa and Frances for invaluable support. Without them it would be chaos!! And a special thanks to all those who have helped our parishes celebrate Easter with great joy. As far as possible, have a most enjoyable Eastertide with family and friends and safe travels to those toing and froing.

DAILY RESURRECTION

What the resurrection of Jesus promises is that things can always be new again. It's never too late to start over. Nothing is irrevocable. No betrayal is final. No sin is unforgivable. Every form of death can be overcome. There isn't any loss that can't be redeemed. Every day is virgin. There is really no such thing as old age.

In the resurrection we are assured that there are no doors that are eternally closed, every time we close a door or one is closed on us, God opens another for us. The resurrection assures us that God never gives up on us, even if we give up on ourselves, that God writes straight with the crooked lines of our lives, that we can forever re-virginize, regain lost innocence, become post-sophisticated, and move beyond bitterness. In a scheme of things where Jesus breathes out forgiveness on those who betray him and God raises dead bodies from the dead, we can begin to believe that in the end all will be well and every manner of being will be well and everything, including our own lives, will eventually end sunny side up.

However, the challenge of living this out is not just that of believing that Jesus rose physically from the grave, but also, and perhaps even more importantly, to believe that – no matter our age, mistakes, betrayals, wounds, and deaths – we can begin each day afresh, virgin, innocent again, a child, a moral infant, stunned at the newness of it all. No matter what we've done, our future is forever pregnant with wonderful new possibility. Resurrection is not just a question of one day, after death, rising from the dead, but it is also about daily rising from the many mini-graves within which we so often find ourselves.

How does belief in the resurrection help us rise from these mini-graves? By keeping us open to surprise, newness, and freshness in our lives. Not an easy thing to do. We are human and we cannot avoid falling – into depression, bitterness, sin, betrayal, cynicism, and the tiredness that comes with age. Like Jesus, we too will have our crucifixions. More than one grave awaits us. Yet our faith in the resurrection invites us precisely to live beyond these. As John Shea once so aptly put it: What the resurrection teaches us is not how to live – but how to live again, and again, and again!

by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI (April 23rd 2000); for a source of very helpful reflections visit: www.ronrolheiser.com

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Mother Mary Albert, Karl Heinrich Jansen, Michael John Peter Halle, Anthony John Haywood (10th), William Murray (11th), Clement William Caffyn (12th), Philip Henry Caswell (13th), Barry Arthur Macklin (14th)

Sick & Housebound: Di Mussert, Martine Mercy, Hilary Sendall, Rita Ford, Canon Peter Wilkie, June Gow, Norah Sweeney, Sarah Bell.

EASTER OFFERING FOR YOUR PARISH PRIEST: Here is the link to the Easter Collection fundraising page for your parish: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/milford-on-sea-st-francis-of-assisi-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2023>

MILFORD CHRISTIANS TOGETHER Joint Easter Service; Please do try to support this Easter Celebration at that **Community Centre 6.00pm on Easter Sunday.**

DIOCESAN FUND-RAISING: Check the figures on the latest fund-raising newsletter- **WE HAVE REACHED 92% OF THE TARGET!!** Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Joseph Edward Walsh Woods, Dorothy Fanny Howland (9th), Dora Eleanor Bradley, John Christy (13th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Paddy Lark, Canon Peter Wilkie, Susan McCabe. Also prayers please for Suzanne Jones who is very poorly, niece of Michael & Edelweiss.

FR QUARMBY'S MASSES For the week commencing 9th Apr: Masses at 10 a.m. all week.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: There will NOT be any refreshments after the Easter Sunday 12 noon Mass. We assume you will all be anxious to get home & prepare/eat Sunday lunch!!

EASTER OFFERING: If you would like to make a Gift Aided offertory to Father David using the plate at church would you please make the cheque payable to "CDP Brockenhurst St Anne". If you want to give cash please put it in a envelope marked Easter Offertory and include your name which we need to claim back the tax. If you have any queries please ring Bill Pignatelli 01590 623360.

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NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL! To see any photos go to the school website <https://olsjschool.co.uk/>; Then click on **SCHOOL LIFE & LEARNING BLOG**; Then scroll down to the individual blogs.

HOLY WEEK: This week Years 4 and 5 of Our Lady & St Joseph school, Lymington transported parents, grandparents and the rest of the school community back to 'AD33. Palestine.' The crowds filled the air with singing of 'Hosanna Lord', while waving palms and welcoming Jesus with great enthusiasm. The Narrators announced in a crisp manner that it was now "Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper". The crowds faded back as we now found ourselves in the Upper Room with the confrontation between Jesus and Judas which left the disciples shocked and angry at the betrayal. We felt the mood change as Jesus humbly washed the feet of the disciples and prepared for the last supper. The Narrators snapped out "Good Friday" and moved us in to the promenade performance of the Stations of the Cross with prayers and music as the cross, carried by Jesus, moved slowly and heavily through each Station to its final destination. The silence from the crowd observing was deafening as Jesus was crucified and then taken to the tomb. Spirits were lifted as the tomb was found to be empty, and joyful music filled the air as the cross stood upright in the centre of the hall as pupils carried symbols from the performance and laid them at the foot of the cross. The crowd, now back in the 21st century, heard Fr David give the blessing and left full of hope in the Risen Lord.

GO PURPLE FOR EPILEPSY DAY: Today at OLSJ we all wore purple in support of **World Epilepsy Day!** Year 6 prepared a special assembly to teach everyone about epilepsy, which impacts 1 in 100 people and how you can support anyone who is having a seizure. With the support of Zach at CARITAS, we also planted lavender and purple flowers on the school grounds, so that we have a permanent 'purple' presence in support of epilepsy awareness. Thank you Zach for all of your help! We also raised £140.50 for **Support Dogs**, the only organisation in the UK to provide and train seizure alert dogs for those with epilepsy. Thank you for your generosity. A big thank you to Shallowmead Nurseries, Stewarts Garden Centre, Everton Nurseries, Folium & Flos and Setley Ridge Garden Centre who all donated purple plants or vouchers to support us today. A big thank you to Kinga's mum who crocheted some beautiful purple flowers for children to wear. We are so grateful for the support of our local community.

CAFOD VISIT: Thank you to Steve from CAFOD who came to deliver a workshop to Year 5 today, focusing on 'Global Trade', to support their learning in Geography. Steve worked with the children to teach them about fair trade, drawing on examples from all over the world. Steve taught the children a 'trading game', using the production of shoes as an example with fictional currency, to show the different roles of money lenders, workers and business owners and how the distribution of profits is unfair. We used this workshop to reinforce our learning about 'Fair Trade' and about the "Fair Trade" mark on products. You can download resources and games to support learning about Fair Trade with your child at home here: <https://cafod.org.uk/education/education-resources/fairtrade-school-resources>

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: George Mould (8th), Peter Brennan (10th), Gladys Bremner, Phillip Charles Lance McCormack (11th), Catherine Mary Hurton (12th), Gertrude McCabe, Eileen Alice Condon (13th)

Sick and Housebound: Canon Peter Wilkie, John & Nicki Collins, Den Walker, Sean Dunn, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Simone Cluett

JUDITH GILES RIP: her Requiem Mass will be at 2pm on Tuesday, 18th April, followed by a gathering in Joseph's Place. The committal will be unattended at a crematorium. Our condolences are with her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

AUDREY SALMON RIP: We have not, as yet, received any details regarding her funeral arrangements Our condolences are with her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

CWL (Catholic Womens League): Our next meeting will be at Eileen's house on the 11th April at 2.15pm.

RED BOX COLLECTION: Our thanks to Jenny Callaghan for taking such good care of the Mission collection boxes and thanks to all of you who contribute to this important work of the Church in spreading the Good News of Christ.

FUND-RAISING: many thanks to the team who worked so hard last Saturday in Joseph's Place to enable the parish to send £500 to **SCARF**. This worthwhile charity supports children, their relatives and friends throughout the region. Our next coffee morning on Saturday 29th April will be to raise funds for the **Minstead Trust**.

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BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 7/04/23: £255,047.58 This includes GAYL contributions.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The fourth session will be on **Saturday, 15th April from 4.30pm-5.30pm**. In Joseph's Place. There will be 2 groups: (1) up to & including 8yrs old; (2) 9yrs old & above. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the whole session.

CONFIRMATION GROUP: The next meeting is this Wednesday, 19th April at 7pm in Joseph's Place.

FROM SR VERONICA: a reflection for Easter Sunday. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHcx3461Fk>

LIGHT OF TRUTH NEWSLETTER: From the Dominican Sisters at Sway: the newsletter containing information on their catechetical courses and lay formation can be accessed with this link: [Light of Truth: March 2023 \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:LightofTruth:March2023@mailchi.mp)

To All Parishioners of our Three Parishes:

You are invited to a parish lunch to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7th May after 10.30am Mass at OLMSJ, Lymington.

All are welcome. It's a good excuse to meet up with friends old and new! There'll be good food- if past lunches are anything to go by. There'll be fun and I expect a competition or two! We need to know how many to expect so there are forms at the back of all 3 churches to sign up a.s.a.p to say how many are coming and which food you will be bringing to share.

OR

let the office know that by email: office@lymbrockmil.org.uk

OR

ring the office 01590 676696 with the details. Lunch will be 12noon so there will still be plenty of time for you to attend anything else which is on that afternoon in Lymington.

FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER: Easter Day is certainly the most important day of the church year, but the Easter celebration lasts a full 50 days, until Pentecost. For families with young children, now is a good time to talk about the symbolism of candles, or to dig out, and chat about all those photos of the family Christening. Are the family Baptism photos still on your phone or memory stick? Why not print them off and put them on show?