

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

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The Week: 27th May 2023 - 4th June 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	27 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	Pentecost Sunday	Una Mary Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	28 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Pentecost Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	28 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Pentecost Sunday	Clare Barry-Ball RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	28 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	Pentecost Sunday	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
MON	29 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	B.V.Mary, Mother of the Church, Mem	as per celebrant	DQ
TUE	30 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	8 th Week of the Year (1)	Lily Pearce RIP F/M	DMA
WED	31 st	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	Visitation of the B.V. Mary, Feast	Martine Mercy RIP	DMA
WED	31 st	St Anne	11.00am	Mass	Requiem Mass	Patricia Farr RIP	PO
THU	1 st	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast	Josephine Pope RIP F/M	DMA
FRI	2 nd	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Choice of Celebrant	as per celebrant	DQ
FRI	2 nd	St Francis	10.30am	Mass	Requiem Mass	Jane Sloman RIP	BW
SAT	3 rd	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Charles Lwanga et alia, Mem	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	3 rd	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	4 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	Martine Mercy RIP	DMA
SUN	4 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	Margaret Robinson RIP	DMA
SUN	4 th	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Darcy Joyce	N/A	DMA
SUN	4 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	Sally Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA

The Big Yes that is Confirmation

Yes to Life: to your wonderful, awesome, mysterious life; to the beautiful, awesome & terrible Universe; to the Life of which your life is a part.

Yes to Love: to receiving and giving love with: family; friends; a future life partner; maybe your children to be; with all humanity; with God who loves you & everyone totally, unconditionally and forever.

Yes to Acceptance: of reality; of the circumstances of your life; of limitations; weakness; suffering; sinfulness; the fragility of life; the necessity of struggle and hard work.

Yes to Responsibility: for yourself, for others; for society; your country; your world; for other creatures; to give and not just to take.

Yes to your Potential: to the Spirit in you; to the gifts, capabilities and creativity that is in you; that you can discover and use for your fulfilment and for the good of others.

Yes to Solidarity: with all who desire and work for peace, freedom, truth, tolerance, fairness, justice & compassion: the "Church" of God.

Yes to Joy: the joy of life; of love; of trusting you are loved completely by God; gratitude for laughter, pleasure and the gift of existence.

Yes to the Journey: to openness, to learning, to the necessity of growing, changing and moving on; carrying forward the blessings of the past and open to the blessings still to come.

Yes to Forgiveness: for yourself; for your friends & loved ones; for others; for your "enemies".

Yes to God: to the unfolding mystery of God in you and you in God; to God who is all in all. (DMA)

From 1 Corinthians 12 to 13 - The Holy Spirit affirms diversity and celebrates difference

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

All the gifts are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as she chooses. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Be ambitious for all the gifts of the Spirit. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the gifts but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offense, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Phillips (30th), William Francis Presland (1st)

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

PRAYERS FOR LIZ PRICE & FAMILY: Liz's her mother, Peggy, died recently. She was 91 years of age and very much missed. Her Funeral Mass was at St Edmund's in Southampton last Wednesday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Liz & the family and may Peggy rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

MARTINE MERCY RIP: You'll be very sad to learn that Martine died on Friday morning in the Macmillan Unit at Christchurch Hospital. Martine had been seriously ill for over a year. We extend our condolences to her sister Claudine and to all her relatives and friends. May Martine rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

SUPPORTING OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH: As you may know the church at New Milton has had to be closed temporarily for health and safety reasons. So, I agreed that on **Friday, 2nd June at 10.30am**, Fr Bill Wilson, the parish priest at New Milton, can celebrate a Requiem Mass for a recently deceased New Milton parishioner, Anne Sloman. I am very grateful to Helen Lister who will assist Fr Bill with the liturgical preparations and to Rita and John who will act as welcomers. May Anne rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

ST FRANCIS PPC: the next meeting is on Thursday, 8th June at 7pm.

A THANKYOU LETTER: from Sister Kay O'Neill FMDM Zambia thanking all parishioners for the very kind donation for the Little Assisi School Project in Lusaka. A copy has been distributed with the newsletter and is on display at the back of church.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Deacon Hilary Parsons (28th), Joseph Francis Taylor (30th), Catherine Mary Playford (1st), Kathleen Clark (2nd), Cecily Barbara Wood (3rd)

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.

THANKS TO FR DAVID QUARMBY: for the very generous provision of weekday and Sunday Masses at St Anne's over the past weeks.

A REQUIEM MASS for the late Patricia Farr RIP (of Lyndhurst parish) will take place on Wednesday, 31st May at 11.00am. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Paul Obada, parish priest at Waterside. Fr David Quarmby will concelebrate and Deacon Stephen Short (Lyndhurst parish) will assist. May Patricia rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

ST ANNE'S FINANCE COMMITTEE: meeting on Thursday, 15th June at 7pm in the parish room.

CHURCH TENT - New Forest and Hampshire County Show: July - Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th. Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments and welcome visitors to the church tent. This is an opportunity to come together to serve our community, promote the place and importance of our Parish Churches and share the hospitality of God with the 1000s who visit the show. All volunteers get a free Day Pass for the show. To volunteer to serve refreshments please book 9am to 1pm or 1pm to 5pm. 4 hours is preferable but if this is too long then please book 2 hour slot starting 9am or 11am or 1pm or 3pm. To volunteer to meet & greet please book a 2½ hour session starting 9am or 11.30am or 2pm. For both refreshments and meet & greet, please contact Mary Robinson as soon as possible on 624584 or email mary@brockenhurstchurch.com. Volunteers are also needed for Children's Activity and Face Painting (DBS clearance would normally be required for this). Please contact Gordon & Wendy on 07759175779 or email gwh341@btinternet.com. We rely on the support of all the churches in the Deanery and beyond for volunteers. As an ecumenical gesture maybe someone would like to offer support for this?

All Parishes

WANTING TO VOLUNTEER? CARITAS NEEDS YOU: Caritas Portsmouth supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. Our volunteer team help make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the parish/community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. There are three key roles to consider:

Caritas Parish Representatives: to be our link in your parish and keeping everyone up to date with our work, events and campaigns.

Caritas School Volunteers: to support our Project Officers with the school activities. We have some exciting initiatives to introduce and would be grateful for your help to reach our young people.

Caritas Events Volunteers: we plan to run a rolling programme of events to learn about specific topics and explore solutions. We need both administrative and practical support to ensure the events run smoothly and safely.

Please visit our website (<https://caritas.org.uk/act/>) for further information and how to apply or get in touch with us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.

Jenny LeLean, Caritas Portsmouth.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Donald Paul Wilson, Maureen Joughlin (27th), Ann Patricia Hooker, Mary Ellen Kyte (28th), Catherine Ann Lowe (29th), William Gailey (2nd)

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

FR BRIAN CROUGHAN RIP: Fr Brian died on 29th April, he was parish priest here some years ago. His Requiem Mass will be at Waterlooville at 2.30pm on Friday, 2nd June. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

DAVID BUCKLAND RIP: The Requiem Mass will take place at OLMSJ, on Friday, 9th June at 12.30pm, followed by burial at Milford Road cemetery. May David rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: We congratulate our lovely young people: Christopher, Eric, Kacper, Kinga, Alex, Nikola and Erin who will be receiving the Sacrament at the Cathedral this Saturday, 27th May. It has been a great pleasure accompanying them on this journey. Our special thanks to our Confirmation catechist, Vicki Pent who shared her joy, creativity and strong faith, not to mention the chocolates!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Next Sunday, 4th June, Adam, Milo, Olivia & Isla will be making their 1st Holy Communion at the 10.30am Mass in OLMSJ. We look forward to a lovely celebration of God's love for them.

LYMINGTON PPC: the next meeting is on Wednesday, 7th June at 7pm in Joseph's Place.

COFFEE MORNING: The Lay Dominican Group will be holding a coffee morning in Joseph's Place on June 3rd. From 9.30-12.30. Proceeds from donations will be for the Fanning the Flame Summer camp to sponsor some needy children to attend.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 21/04/23: £255,727.58 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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Day for Life 17th/18th June; Peters Pence (supporting the work of Pope Francis) (24th/25th June).

SCHOOL NEWS: Amazing things happening at our lovely school. Check out the school website for the full colour experience: www.olsjschool.co.uk. There is so much this time that it is being sent as an attachment to the newsletter email.

OUR THANKS TO MARY DUNN: for the inspirational reflection event *Pentecost: a celebration of diversity*. It was much appreciated by all those present. Thanks to Lisa, Pete, Vicki & Frances for support and to Anthony Kirke who led the Lord's prayer to movement. Here are links to YouTube recordings with instructions for anyone who might like to learn it: [Lords Prayer to movement](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ui3r6as6wc). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ui3r6as6wc>

A COACH TRIP TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY IN LONDON: A proposal has been put forward, to hold a Coach Outing to London, to visit the **National Gallery** in Trafalgar Square, where an exhibition is being held, depicting the life and legacy of **St. Francis of Assisi**, with various works of art and artifacts from around the world on display. A provisional booking has been made with Excelsior Coaches Ltd., to provide a 53 seat coach for the day's outing on **Wednesday, 28/06/2023**, commencing at 9.00 am from the Milford on Sea Church and return to there by 7.00 pm that evening. That would get us to London just after mid-day to see the exhibition, then give free time for everyone to disperse and do as they please, before convening back at Trafalgar Square at 3.45 pm. to commence the journey back home.

There is no charge for entry to the National Gallery, but we will need to arrange tickets in advance, for everyone attending. **The cost of the coach works out at £25.00 per person attending. That requires a minimum number of 34 people to come.** Any number of people less than that would mean it would not be financially viable and we would have to cancel it. On the other hand, if we can get up to 50 attending, there would be a considerable refund to everyone concerned. **Booking forms are available at the back of our churches. But they must be returned next weekend, 3rd/4th June, so that the booking can be confirmed.**

FROM THE SISTERS AT SWAY: This year's *Fanning the Flame* event for young people, will take place this year at Kintbury, near Hungerford. The Sisters are now taking bookings for the camp. More details can be found on the website link: <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp> Here is Sr Veronica's reflection for Pentecost Sunday: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9LE_qhRL8Y

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED NURSE? COULD YOU JOIN THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES? Canon PJ and the Lourdes team are looking for a qualified nurse to join the pilgrimage this July. Bookings for our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes are gaining pace and to be able to offer places to our assisted pilgrims we do need to recruit a pilgrimage nurse. We are looking for someone who would be able to join the pilgrimage to offer general care and advice to pilgrims within our group. The assisted pilgrims usually travel with a friend or family member or occasionally travel alone. Assisted pilgrims usually live in their own homes and so are able to manage and self-care in the hotel but occasionally need a little help and support. *Duties include offering general advice and administering first aid, assisting an individual with medication and generally keeping the pilgrimage safe and well etc.* If you are a qualified and experienced nurse and would be willing to share your training, supporting pilgrims, please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for further information. The successful applicant will need to hold the usual Professional Indemnity Insurance, provide references, and obtain a DBS certificate through the Diocesan Safeguarding team.