

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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The Week: 3rd June 2023 - 11th June 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	3 rd	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	Margaret Robinson RIP	DMA
SUN	4 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	K & A Fox - Golden Wedding	DMA
SUN	4 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	1st Holy Communion Children	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
MON	5 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	St Boniface, Mem	as per celebrant	DQ
MON	5 th	OLSJ School	2.00pm	Mass	Mass of the Holy Spirit	OLSJ school community	DMA
TUE	6 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	9 th Week of the Year (1)	Jim Leigh RIP B'day Anniv	DMA
WED	7 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	9 th Week of the Year (1)	Malcom Davies (Health)	DMA
THU	8 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	9 th Week of the Year (1)	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
FRI	9 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Choice of Celebrant	as per celebrant	DQ
FRI	9 th	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Mass	Requiem Mass	David Buckland RIP	DMA
SAT	10 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Choice of Celebrant	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	10 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	11 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	The Malloy Family	DMA
SUN	11 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	1st Holy Communion Children	DMA
SUN	11 th	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Benno Lawrie Chafer	N/A	DMA
SUN	11 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	Clement Ignatius Brand RIP F/M	DMA

SOPHIA - DIVINE WISDOM: *(She) was by God's side, a skilled artisan, delighting in God day after day, ever at play in God's presence, at play everywhere in the world, delighting to be with humanity. (Proverbs 8:31).*

IMMERSED IN THE DIVINE MYSTERY

God chooses us, yesterday, today and forever: the only choice that ultimately matters is the choice that God has made from all eternity. Before the world was made God chose the whole of creation, humanity included, us included, IN CHRIST (cfr Ephesians 1:4). The Christ is the eternal union between the Divinity and the creation, between the Infinite and the finite, between, spirit and matter, between heaven and earth. In a finite and limited way, we share in the Self of the Christ (cfr. 2 Timothy 2:13). God is the whole of creation, but the creation is not the whole of God. God is the whole of me and you, but you and I are not the whole of God.

The Blessed Trinity, one God, is not a puzzle to be solved, nor a mystery to be shelved or ignored and left to the academics. Our God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, is the life in which we live, the flow that carries us forward and the power that binds everything together. The Holy Trinity is our origin, our purpose, our meaning and our ultimate glory.

God is not just relational by nature. God is relationship itself in a very dynamic sense. God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit is not just loving but is love itself. God is love and love is always giving and receiving, always flowing back & forth. In God it is the giving and receiving of Divine life. The Divine Beauty, Goodness and Truth is made visible in the Christ. The exchange or flow of life and love between the Invisible and Visible (the Christ) is the Spirit.

The God who is love can only be truly known and loved in freedom. We are that part of the Christ mystery that can, by the Spirit, begin to respond in love and freedom to the One who is the Source of all, the Divine Mother/Father. We are invited to receive the love and to let the love flow through us and to give the love to everyone and everything.

That is why our relationships with others are so important. Every opportunity to help, encourage, support, forgive, heal, strengthen, to share, to receive and so on, is an opportunity to let God's love flow in and out of us to the other.

In God we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28); the God who is, who was, and who is to come (Rev 1:8). God is in all and through all and with all (Eph 4:6). Everything exists from God, through God and for God (Rom 11:36). Glory be to God the Father through Jesus Christ his Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Henry Joseph Batty (8th), Paul Richard Scarnell (9th), Anne Todd (10th)

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

CONGRATULATIONS: to Andrew & Kathryn Fox who are celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary this weekend.

MARTINE MERCY RIP: The funeral arrangements for Martine have yet to be finalised. The date will be 22nd June. Because of issues outside of my control the venue is likely to be the Harbour View crematorium. I am hoping to be able to say the Requiem Mass there. Details will follow as soon as they are finalised.

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

THE CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN: According to the latest newsletter from the campaign, St Francis parish has reached its target. I know, we have issues with the process but I must thank all those who have generously contributed.

CREAM TEA!! See the invite from St Anne's in the All Parishes section.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Sarah (Sally) Whelan (4th), Sheila Belson (6th), John William George Hammond (7th), Jeremiah O'Shea, Rose Agnes Plumbly (8th), Patrick Leahy (9th)

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.

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

CARE FOR CREATION Our small Parish group will be meeting on Monday, 5th June at 2pm in the Parish Rooms. Do please think about joining us to chat and plan the next six months in the spirit of Laudato Si' - new members are always most welcome.

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TO ALL THOSE FROM LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST AND MILFORD ON SEA PARISHES WHO VISIT THE SICK/HOUSEBOUND AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, VISIT THE HOUSEBOUND/SICK AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PARISH, OR WORK WITH OUR CHILDREN ON ANY CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME.

The Diocesan Safeguarding dept is offering an up-to-date, face-to-face safeguarding training tailored to your roles in ministry. To avoid Ministers having to travel to Southampton, Maidenhead or further afield, I asked Safeguarding if they would consider putting on a training course specifically for the parishes in the New Forest Pastoral Area, and they have agreed.

The training is compulsory for Ministers of Communion who visit the sick/housebound, and anyone else who visits the housebound/vulnerable representing the parish on a regular basis. **And** to all those in recruitment for, or currently working in, roles with children: 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation and Children's Liturgy catechists. *In accordance with the National Safeguarding Standards, the training must be completed every 2 years.*

There is a certificate on completion of this training. This training is, of course, in addition to DBS checks.

If you are a Minister of Communion, or visit the sick as a representative of the parish, or are involved with- or would like to get involved as a catechist for children, please contact the parish office asap. 01590 676696 office@lymbrockmil.org.uk. The date for the training has been given as **Saturday 16th September** either morning or afternoon, or both, depending on the age group(s) you are involved with. The venue has yet to be decided, depending on numbers, but it will be in the New Forest.

The Liturgy Project – A new Diocesan Initiative: It is very user friendly and informative, a link to the section on today's solemnity is: Next Sunday (theliturgyproject.com) There are sections headed: Commentary, The Word, Liturgy Notes and Music. To give anyone who has yet to visit the site an indication of content, Fr Anthony Fyk begins his Commentary thus: "Preaching on the Most Holy Trinity is a daunting task. A mystery that human minds will never be able to comprehend. Human analogies have been used throughout the centuries, and although they may help us a little bit, they will never do justice." He concludes: "We are now in this liturgical period of Ordinary Time where we make use of the colour green. Green is a colour of hope and of renewal. May this period for us be a time of a deepening presence of the Holy Trinity in our lives."

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Eileen Gartrude Griffiths (3rd), John Rogers, Mary England, Mary Teresa Toolan (6th), Leonard Bogajski, George Royden Boutwood, John William George Hammond (7th), Alice Fitzpatrick, Howard William Barker, Angeline Agnes Hampton (9th)

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

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: This 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.

OLMSJ PPC: The next PPC meeting is 7th June. If there are any issues you would like to be taken to that meeting please contact the parish office by email office@lymbrockmil.org.uk If time allows, we will add it to Any Other Business. If it requires further discussion, it may be put as an Agenda item for the next meeting. You will get a reply to update you either way.

MASSIVE THANKS to everyone who helped and supported our coffee morning last Saturday. We raised a total of £200.10 which has been given to the Motor Neurone Disease Association on behalf of the parish. Our next coffee morning fund-raiser will

be on Saturday 24th June in Joseph's Place from 9.30-1pm and will be in aid of the Kidney Patients Association.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB meeting on Monday 5th June in Joseph's Place from 2-4pm. Eddie Edwards is coming to entertain us and there will be a singalong. There is also be the usual quiz and raffle followed by a cream tea at 3pm, or thereabouts. Entrance is free and everyone is welcome to enjoy a friendly relaxed afternoon. We will also be taking names for the boat trip on the Allison McGregor on Monday 12th June. We look forward to seeing you.

CREAM TEA!! See the invite from St Anne's in the All Parishes section.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW OLMSJ: (extract from an email to Lisa who was responding to an enquiry) "Many thanks for that very helpful information. I have consulted a stained-glass expert who thinks that the window was made by John Hardman & Co, for whom the famous architect AWN Pugin provided the designs until his early death in 1852. Although the Lymington church is later the window behind the altar is very much in his style. The practice of commemorating donors in windows was used by Pugin at Hansom's brother's (Charles) church of Our lady of Dolours at the former Stapehill Abbey in Dorset. Also of 3 lights and tracery, it incorporated St John on the left and St Anne on the right to commemorate John Hardman and his wife who donated the window in 1850. Sadly, this window was damaged in WW2 and became unsafe and had to be removed in the 1960s, and probably lost. The Lymington window is therefore a very important example of this type of window!"

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 21/04/23: £256,092.58 This includes GAYL contributions.

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CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwpp.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: The school are back from the half term this coming week. We'll be celebrating a Pentecost Mass for school on Monday at 2pm. We wish them all well and keep them in our prayers for remainder of the school year.

A COACH TRIP TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY IN LONDON: 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 & picking up at Lymington, Brockenhurst 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. 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 this weekend, 3rd/4th June, so that the booking can be confirmed.**