

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

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The Week: 29th July 2023 - 6th August 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
SAT	29 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	17 th Sunday of the Year A	Fr Abraham Jacob RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SUN	30 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	17 th Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	30 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	17 th Sunday of the Year A	Seymour Ernest C. P. England RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	30 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	17 th Sunday of the Year A	Andrew Cole RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	31 st	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	St Ignatius Loyola, Mem	as per celebrant	RS
TUE	1 st	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	St Alphonsus Liguori, Mem	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
TUE	1 st	OLMSJ	1.00pm	Funeral	Funeral Service Josephine Jeffcock RIP	N/A	DMA
WED	2 nd	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	17 th Week of the Year (1)	Sal Pent RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	3 rd	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	17 th Week of the Year (1)	as per celebrant	RS
FRI	4 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	St John Vianney, Mem	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	5 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	as per celebrant	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	5 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	Transfiguration of the Lord	Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	6 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Transfiguration of the Lord	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	6 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Transfiguration of the Lord	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	6 th	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Oakley Scott Clifton	N/A	DMA
SUN	6 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	Transfiguration of the Lord	Fr David Quarmbury (Recovery)	DMA

THE TREASURE WITHIN & WITHOUT

St Augustine said that “our hearts are restless till they rest in you, O Lord”. If we desire peace, blessing, true joy and every good, there is only one source and that is God. But how do we find God, connect with God, be with God? From our little self-centred perspective God can seem so far away, so far above.

We are confused, our lives are a bundled of contradictions and conflicting desires and aspirations. Each of us, individually and all of us collectively are like the net full of fish. We are a mixture of good and bad, positive and negative. Only God can transform the bad into the good and bring peace and harmony to our souls and to humanity as a whole.

But what is impossible for us, is supremely possible for God. We cannot ascend to God so God has descended to us. We cannot find God, so God has found us. We cannot reconcile ourselves to God, so God has reconciled the whole world to himself in the Christ.

The priceless pearl is, in the words of St Paul: “Christ among you, your hope of glory”. It is the Holy Spirit within us uniting us to the Father and the Son and welling up as a spring of eternal life bringing joy, hope, restoration and everlasting love. The Kingdom of God, says Jesus, is not here or there, it is within us, among us.

In fact every thing and everywhere can be a portal to the Divine because everything has come from the hand of God. As God purifies our hearts more and more we begin to see God more and more, (Blessed are the pure in heart they shall see God!).

If we approach everything seeking light and love, and are ready, according to our capacity, to give light and love then we will find those infinite treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ (Col. 2:3). Jesus said there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents and again that: the one who is forgiven little loves little. So even our falling into sin can be turned to good if by grace it leads us to fall into the merciful hands of God with greater humility.

So all our relationships, activities, work, hobbies, interests can lead us to God if we receive them with gratitude and we are open-hearted and loving to all.

It is just a shame that some self-appointed “gatekeepers” are so judgemental and narrow minded. They want to keep control and be the Masters and Rabbis. They want people to depend only on them. So they do not encourage people to find God everywhere and to celebrate the Spirit that God has poured out on all flesh (Joel 2:28) and the gifts God gives to all people, irrespective of gender, race, status or age.

So we are graciously invited to connect to the Divine life present everywhere. This is a connection nourished by prayer and Sacred Liturgy, but a connection that we must personally respond to & seek to nurture. But even so it is all grace. This union in our deepest heart and soul is not a retreat into introspection or a flight from the world. Drawing on the Divine life within enables us rather to engage with the world to bring, above all by our actions, attitudes and our relationships, something of the peace and love of Christ. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Constance Alice Uniacke (30th), Francis Eric Harrison-Dearle (2nd)

Sick & Housebound: Gretchen Nagle, Helen Lister, Lorraine Muir, Barbara Mills, Kath Randle, Di Mussert, Rita Ford, Canon Peter Wilkie, June Gow, Norah Sweeney, Sarah Bell.

Next Tea & Coffee morning will be on Sunday 6th August thanks to our great team!

HOLIDAY AT HOME AUG 16TH — 18TH MILFORD BAPTIST CHURCH: Three days of fun, gentle activities and crafts with daily light lunch and afternoon tea to round off proceedings on Friday afternoon. A time of companionship especially for seniors who find it difficult to journey away for a summer holiday and would appreciate a break from their normal routine without leaving Milford. Cost £5 a day. Details and booking forms are available in the church porch.

ROGER'S FUND-RAISING 650km CYCLE RIDE: Another year and another charity cycle ride in aid of street children in Zambia. This year I am cycling from Lusaka Zambia to Botswana some 650 kilometres so a bit further this year. Roger Maughan is fundraising for **Footprints Foundation for Children in Zambia**, and they would really appreciate your support. You can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking here: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/roger-maughan4?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=roger-maughan4&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=b91cbdddaa4147c887b5e011484ccbd1.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Footprints Foundation for Children in Zambia, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Terence Richard Houlihan (30th), Leslie Palmer (2nd), Paul Edward Mangin (5th)

Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers: Paddy Lark, Canon Peter Wilkie, Susan McCabe.

FR QUARMBY - OUT OF ACTION: Fr David Quarmby is convalescing after a fall. His mobility is temporarily impaired. When he is discharged from hospital he will be staying with the Sisters at Sway until we can get a stairlift installed at St Anne's. There is no weekday Mass at St Anne's this week. However, there is Mass every day at 12 noon at the Dominican priory in Sway.

FR CHARLIE: Fr Charlie, of the de Montfort missionaries, has written to thank us for the Donation of over £300 for his work in Malawi. He is on leave in this country at the moment and he will come and say the Mass at St Anne's on Sunday, 3rd September. He is looking forward to meeting everyone and wants to thank us for all the support we have given him.

THE HOUSE MASS on Thursday 10th August at 6pm, will be held at Yew Tree Cottage, Waters Green, Brockenhurst. The house is the last but one going towards Meerut Road. It is the third of the white cob cottages and has a Yew Tree in the front garden. Parking is limited on the Green. So please walk if you can, if not, try parking around the corner by the old Cloud Hotel or Butts Lawn.

CYCLE RACKS: Three of these have been installed on the paved patio area in the back garden and two rings have been fixed to the wall of the church on the car park side where you can also lock your bike. Happy cycling!

THE CARE FOR CREATION GROUP: will be meeting on Thursday, 3rd August at 3 pm in the Parish Rooms. We will be thinking about what our parish can do to celebrate the Season of Creation during the month of September. All are most welcome to join us to bring new ideas or just to come along to find out what we are about.

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SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: Welcome to this week's reflection <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wU0DYSHscE&t=16s> May you discover the pearl of great price!! The power of God's love transforming our lives. Please pray for our sisters travelling off to World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Lisbon in Portugal. May they be protected from the intense heatwave that Europe seems to be experiencing at present. God Bless Sr Veronica OP

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Message from John Stephenson: *Dear Fr. David, Yesterday morning (Sun 16th July) on BBC Radio 4, they broadcasted a programme about St. Francis of Assisi, in their religious programme at 8.00 am, recorded at the exhibition currently showing at The National Gallery. I was able to listen to it this afternoon, on BBC Radio "catch-up". It gives a good audio description of the life of St. Francis, and brings back vivid memories of our visit on the 28th June. Kind regards, John.* The link is here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001ly72>

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Eric Powell (29th), Henry Isdell, Colin Craig, Andrea Salmon (30th), Seymour England, Michael (Mike) Hedges (31st), Violet Christie (1st), Salvatore (Sal) Gaetano Pent, Caroline Mary Lee (2nd), Joseph (Joe) Manghan, Pamela (Pam) Lonsdale, John Alan Rutter, Norah Mary Gates (3rd), Charles Frith (4th)

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

"HELP REQUIRED" UPDATE: Thank you very much for responding to the request to keep the Warm Hub and Afternoon Meal programme going during August at the Baptist Church - there are now enough volunteers to provide a warm meal every Wednesday during the school holidays. If you would like to get involved, there are two ways in which we can all help, one is by becoming a volunteer in the future (the organiser's contact details are at the back of the church) and the other is by spreading the word amongst those who would benefit from the programme.

SEEKING ACCOMMODATION IN LYMINGTON AREA: Mr Libin Dominic, a Catholic from India came to the UK in June this year. He has a job lined up at Southlands Special Needs School in Boldre, Lymington and needs accommodation locally. Mr Dominic is 35yrs old. If anyone can provide accommodation for three weeks only until 23rd August that would be a great help. Also, if anyone has a bicycle they don't need or can lend that would also be helpful as he will have a 5 mile journey to work each day.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 28/07/23: £256,837.58 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.

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FOUNDATION GOVERNORS – 2 VACANCIES AT OLSJ SCHOOL: We are looking for one parent governor (appointed by the LEA) and two foundation governors (appointed by the Bishop) to join our great team at OLSJ school. Foundation governors will be keen to support the educational development of the pupils, the welfare both of pupils and staff and the Catholic ethos of the school. DBS safeguarding clearance will be required. Computer skills and access to the internet are also necessary.

HOLIDAY FOODBANKS: Foodbanks usually see an increase in demand for emergency food for children during the summer holidays. Over a third of all food distributed by the foodbank network throughout the year goes to children, but there is extra financial pressure during the school holidays for families who rely on free school meals during term time, amounting to between £30 and £40 a week per child. **To do:** If you regularly donate to foodbanks, consider donating more in the school holidays. If you have never donated to a foodbank, now is a good time to start.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: BRINGING PEOPLE CLOSER TO CHRIST: The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, in partnership with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, is delighted to release details of an **online seminar on Tuesday 21st November exploring strategies for all Catholics to fulfil their mission to bring people closer to Christ.** The keynote address will be given by internationally acclaimed and bestselling author Sherry Anne Weddell from the Catherine of Siena Institute. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world and trained and helps lead an international team who have worked directly with over 130,000 lay, religious, and ordained Catholics in hundreds of parishes in 150 (arch)dioceses on 5 continents. Her book *Forming Intentional Disciples* has sold more than 150,000 copies. Tickets are priced at £10 per person and can be purchased by clicking on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-11non-religious-persons-tickets-646139539757>