

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

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The Week: 5th August 2023 - 13th August 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY/CELEBRATION	INTENTION	P
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 Quarmby (Recovery)	DMA
MON	7 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	at choice of the Community	as per celebrant	RS
TUE	8 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	St Dominic, Mem	Josephine Jeffcock RIP	DMA
WED	9 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Feast	Trixie Lister RIP Anniv & Peggy Murray RIP	DMA
THU	10 th	House Mass	6.00pm	Mass	St Lawrence, Feast	Parishioners & The Baker Family F/M	DMA
FRI	11 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	St Clare, Mem	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	12 th	St Dominic	12 noon	Mass	at choice of the Community	as per celebrant	RS
SAT	12 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	19 th Sunday of the Year A	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	13 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	19 th Sunday of the Year A	Hugh and Connie O'Neill RIP	DMA
SUN	13 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	19 th Sunday of the Year A	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	13 th	St Anne	1.00pm	Baptism	baby Emily Evelyn Pike	N/A	DMA
SUN	13 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	19 th Sunday of the Year A	For those who are unwell	DMA

TRANSFIGURATION

The Gospel gives us Matthew's account of what we have come to call the Transfiguration. Again we have the language of spiritual experience in its different aspects: seeing the Divine aura, the connection with the Law & the Prophets, wanting to stay in a comfortable "place", being drawn further into the mystery of Christ – the "cloud", the shadow, the Voice, the revelation, the counsel of wisdom – "Listen to him", the reaction of fear, Jesus's reassurance – "Do not be afraid", Jesus now seen alone, the command of Jesus: Tell no one until the Son of Man has risen.

God has taken Peter, James & John way out of their comfort zone. They realise Jesus is not just another prophet like Moses & Elijah. They could settle down to that quite easily. No, the Law and the Prophets have done their work. They now fade away. The old religion is now an empty shell, a vacated cocoon, an empty tomb. Only trusting, having faith in God, guides them through the fear, the shadow and the cloud. It is anything but certainty, clarity and self-assurance. It is incomplete, imperfect, "through a glass darkly".

Intriguingly, when Peter is giving encouragement to the new Christians he refers back to this experience in today's second reading. He suggests that we can all have this grace of illumination: *So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts* (2 Peter 16ff).

When we begin to be open to the heavenly realms within the mystery of our being, or when we are awakened to this, we begin to experience the transfiguring of our mortal nature. This is the simple, humble joy of realising God is with us in the "earthen vessel" of our humanity in all its weakness and in all the ordinary and sometimes extraordinary things we do. The awakening happens by the action of God's Spirit. It happens when we are ready. It is not something that is in our control. This is what Eucharist celebrates, expresses and realises: "By the mystery of this (bread), water and wine, may we come to share in the Divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity" (*Prayer said when the water is added to the wine*). (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Constance Marjorie Dora McCoy, Mary Beatrice Lister (9th)

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.

Tea & Coffee morning will be THIS 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.

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St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Angela Callaghan (6th), Olena Kosandiak, Linda Reardon (7th), Eileen Dunham (8th), Herminius Bocchese – Italian P.O.W. Camp Setley (9th), Richard Wallace Last (10th), Canon William Murphy (11th)

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 this 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!

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ILLEGAL MIGRATION ACT FROM CARITAS: It is so disappointing that the Illegal Immigration Bill will now become law. It effectively closes the door to nearly all people who seek to claim asylum as they escape war or persecution. Please consider signing this open letter to the Prime Minister organised by CAFOD and / or writing to your MP. The Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) website includes a template letter, instructions on how to find your MP and more details about the bill if you wish to put together your own letter. <https://www.csan.org.uk/>

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED by New Forest For Ukraine at their Hub in Ampress Park in Lymington for help with sorting and packing stuff to go on their lorries to Ukraine. Both you women and men are very welcome for any time you can manage. Please contact via the website: https://www.newforestforukraine.co.uk/get_involved

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.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Elizabeth Powell (5th), Henry Lang (6th), Emma Segato Barbieri (7th), Patricia Myers, Charles Moverley (9th), Emily Halligan (10th)

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

CONDOLENCES: to Belinda Doyle & family, her mother, Joan Lanyon died this week. May Joan rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL): There will be no August meeting of the CWL. The next meeting of the CWL will be on Tuesday 12th September at 2.15 pm in the Parish room. Our speaker will be Veronica from CWL Southbourne speaking about the work of PACT. (Prison Advice and Care Trust). Members of the parish are welcome. Veronica will be speaking at about 3pm.

SATURDAY FUND-RAISING: Many thanks to our fund-raisers who raised the sum of £293.60 at the coffee morning last Saturday. Proceeds will go to sponsor two youngsters to summer camp with Fanning the Flame plus some extra. It was a really wonderful effort on behalf of the people of the parish. Next coffee morning will be on Saturday 26th August from 9.30-1pm with proceeds to the Alison McGregor boat which gives boat trips for local organisations including our own Friendship Club.

THANK YOU: The Sisters and the FTF summer camp team would like to thank Francis Walker and all the team of helpers for raising the magnificent sum of £293 at a recent coffee morning. This will enable two children to attend the camp from very deprived backgrounds. We have a full camp starting on 14th August. We have a young Ukrainian refugee living with a host family in this country. Please pray for fine weather and our 7 sisters who will be up in Kintbury with the team! Also here is the link for this week's video reflection. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8DtbuyRJ8&t=47s>, God Bless Sr Veronica

FRIENDSHIP CLUB meets on Monday 7th August in Joseph's Place from 2-4pm. Usual program of quiz, raffle, afternoon tea and we have Mel leading us in traditional East End songs with background information. Not to be missed! Free admission, everyone most welcome.

BOARDERS GROUP (AT THE URC): 12.45-3pm; First Sunday of each month; Great company and a warm welcome! Board games, Card games, Jigsaw puzzles. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. United Reformed Church, High St, Lymington, www.lymurc.org.uk 01590 676306.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 04/08/23: £257,112.58 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.

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-1-non-religious-persons-tickets-64613953975>