

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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The Week: 11th November 2023 - 19th November 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION	
SAT	11 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	12 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday	For all the War Dead	DMA
SUN	12 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday	The Weld Family Living and Dead	DMA
SUN	12 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	All Souls & Remembrance Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA
TUE	14 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	of the 32 nd Week of the Year	Dec'd Members CWL	DMA
WED	15 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	of the 32 nd Week of the Year	Eileen Kenny RIP Anniv	DMA
THU	16 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	St Edmund of Abingdon, Solemnity	The Weld Family Living and Dead	DMA
SUN	19 th	BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL	11.00am	One Big Mass	33rd Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 th	OLMSJ	4.00pm	Baptism	Lander & Naiyza Garrido de Ceito	N/A	DMA

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN: What do we do, as Christians, on Remembrance Day & All Souls Day? We may remember those who are no longer with us on this side of life, people we knew & loved and miss; we may remember those who died in war. We may honour extraordinary courage and self-sacrifice. We may mourn tragic sequences of events, cruel and merciless carnage or a staggering blindness that led to folly on a monumental scale. Whatever the experience of our remembering & our mourning, it will doubtless move us deeply whether we are alone, or with others, being silent or joining together in words & music, shedding tears without or within. We mourn too, for the senseless recurrence of conflict in our own time in Ukraine and in Palestine.

The follower of Jesus can never see war as anything but a fruit of failure and tragedy. As a well-known song puts it: the military solution always leads to something worse. War is never a good thing. In some extreme situations it may be a necessary evil. War invariably creates as many problems as it tries to solve, often it creates more. We can never celebrate it or glory in it. It always represents a failure of the ideal, which is peaceful coexistence. Both innocent and guilty are swept up in its turmoil and become victims. Bodies are broken, scarred and maimed, souls are numbed and traumatised and spirits soar either to heights of self-sacrifice and courage or sink to depths of dark, demonic brutality. This means that mourning invites us to take a prophetic stance against the cultural and economic dynamics that rely on and exploit war. It calls us to challenge the politics of hate and oppression. It calls us to expose the lie that creates an enemy "over there" in order to absolve us from facing our own darkness & problems "over here". So we mourn and we pray for all the departed and especially for those who lost their lives as a result of war. We are united with the whole of humanity in creation, in sin and death, and united with humanity in redemption and resurrection. Our trust & confidence is based on God's love: *When I am lifted up from the earth, says Jesus, I shall draw all people to myself* (John); *God has imprisoned all people in their disobedience only to have mercy on all people* (Romans 11).

Sin and death are God's enemies and our enemies, and God wants to do away with their destructive power. God has done this by taking away the "sting" of death which is the power of sin to separate us from God. God reconciled us while we were still enemies. So the experience of death is transformed. It no longer symbolises separation from God but now, in Christ, it becomes the path to eternal life.

Prayer touches the point where all time meets eternity, meets God. This is why we have to pray according to God's possibilities not according to our own impossibilities. That is why the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. So our prayer is not our own it is the prayer of the Spirit praying within us. The Spirit yearns for the revealing of God's children. The Spirit intercedes according to the mind of God. It is an expression of the eternal desire of God to unite all things in peace (cfr Eph 1; Col 1). We can no more refuse to pray than we can refuse to let God's love flow through us. Just as we have no excuse for withholding God's love from anyone, we have no excuse for blocking the desire of God for them, which is the prayer of the Spirit. The Spirit prays that all will be alive to God (Luke 20:37) (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Lavinia Noble, Brian Bates Warren (13th), Dennis Hayward, Eric Rees Jones (14th), Wazyl Mandzy (16th), Anne Scarnell (18th)

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

THANK YOU: to our parishioners who have "adopted" a bathroom to keep clean!

FOOTPRINTS FOUNDATION – ZAMBIA: The Foundation has published its annual report which highlights the recent Zambian Charity Cycle and also confirms where all monies which are raised are spent in accordance with the annual report. Please note the support from everyone, including our parishioners, for Roger's cycle rides raised an incredible £7600 which include both this year and last years. A very big thank you for supporting this amazing and much needed ministry supporting the street children of Zambia. The report was circulated with the newsletter via email last week.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Jean Heritage (12th), Douglas Cooper - R.A.F. Beaulieu 1943 (15th), Patience Graham Nicholson (16th), Kenneth Ephraim Stanfield, William Joseph Hacking, Helen Bodkin, Jeanette Irwine Boylan (17th)

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

RED MISSION BOXES: Would holders of Red Mission Boxes please bring them to Mass and give them to Bill Pignatelli who will be happy to empty them and return them to be filled again! If you do not have a Red Box but would like one please ask Bill and he will be happy to supply one. **Missio** have written to thank everyone in this Parish who has contributed so generously over many years.

WEEKDAY MASS: this will be in the house during the Winter season. This coming Thursday, is the Solemnity of St Edmund of Abingdon, Co-Patron of the Diocese. Mass will be at 10am.

NEW FOREST FOR UKRAINE HUB: We have put a box at the back of the church to collect donations to send out to Poland and Ukraine for those displaced by the war. Following items most urgently needed: Hot water bottles (knitted covers no longer required), knitted items for babies and children, knitted toys, tins of soup and bars of soap. Thank you.

UNITED FOR WARM HOMES: Churches in Brockenhurst have contributed squares to a large patchwork quilt that has been created by groups and individuals across the New Forest to show politicians our community cares about the issues of warm homes for all, an end to fuel poverty and clean green renewables. Friends of the Earth is hosting an event in Brockenhurst Village Hall on Saturday, 18th November, 10am-12noon. Do come along. See poster in the porch for details.

All Parishes

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

NEXT WEEKEND: - Sunday, 19th November, ONLY ONE MASS FOR OUR THREE PARISHES THAT WEEKEND. This will be a special celebration bringing together our three communities. **Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Rd, Brockenhurst SO42 7RY time: 11.00am: TEA & COFFEE & CAKE WILL BE PROVIDED.**

URGENT APPEAL: All the knitters in our parishes! from The New Forest for Ukraine Hub. Could you knit children's/babies hats, mittens, scarves or soft toys this Winter or even hot water bottle covers? You will find a full list of items needed to go to Poland and Ukraine at the back of the church. Please bring your donations to church and we will pass them on. **A HOT WATER BOTTLE:** is a great comfort when the power's off and you're in a dark cellar at night in winter in Ukraine. Please be generous with HWBs and put them in the boxes in the church porches over November. Thank you!

AN APPEAL: Have you any old sheets tucked away in your cupboard which you no longer use? Did you know they could be made into bandages to help the wounded in Ukraine? The Bandage Makers meet at St Francis church every week and have made over 12,000 bandages so far from old sheets. So why not have a look through your bedding drawer and see what is there that you no longer need. If anyone works in a hospital or Care home who have discarded sheets because they are too old and are willing for the group to have them, please contact the parish office. At the moment someone has to go as far as Exeter General hospital for old sheets! I'm sure there must be a source closer to home.

DID YOU KNOW that the contents of First Aid boxes now have a 'use by date'? Have you updated your First Aid box lately? Or maybe you're responsible for updating the First Aid box in your place of work. Are there any bandages or medical supplies in there that are now out of date? Have you been wondering what to do with them? New Forest for Ukraine will get those supplies out to those who need them. Contact the parish office.

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & CO MAYO: 3rd March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Arthur Aylward, Gladys Doughty, Brian Frith (11th), Joanna Finn (12th), Frank Ashworth (13th), Mary Nutt (14th), Maud Christie, Ronald Twitchett (15th), Patrick Heath-Saunders (16th), Beatrice Hodgerinson-Price, Nicholas (Nick) John Filose (17th)

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

ANN SHERIDAN SHERWOOD RIP: Prayers have been requested for Ann. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

PARISH AGM on Saturday, 25th Nov at 6pm Mass and on Sunday, 26th Nov at 10.30am Mass. The parish accounts information for the year 2022-2023 will be circulated beforehand. There will be short presentations from the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee during the homily slot. After Mass there will be an opportunity for questions.

THANKS: Olivia has delivered the lovely wool and knitted items from the box in the porch to the New Forest for Ukraine Hub at Ampress Park. They have sent their sincere thanks and are very grateful for our continued support.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next CWL meeting is on Tuesday 14th November at 2.15 pm. There will be a speaker from PACT (Prisoner's Aid Care Trust) and she will be speaking at about 3pm. all parishioners are welcome to the talk. Refreshments will be served.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB - DIARY DATE: The Christmas party will be on Monday 4th December when we will have Eddie Edwards to entertain us. Everyone welcome from 2-4pm in Joseph's Place.

THANK YOU TO OUR FUND-RAISERS who organised the coffee morning in Joseph's Place last Saturday. They enabled us to give £300 to the Baptist Church for their Warm Hub initiative which provides food and warmth for local people. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 25th November from 9.30-11pm. and will be to raise funds for the Christmas Day Lunch at St Thomas Church. Thank you to everyone who supports our coffee mornings. All proceeds are given on behalf of the people of our parish.

LYMINGTON CARE GROUP: They provide transport for those in need. They need more volunteer drivers. A petrol allowance is paid. Phone 01590 679187 for more information.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 10/11/23: £260,545.08 This includes GAYL contributions.

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GIFT-AIDERS: DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE & RETURN YOUR DECLARATION FORMS, THANK YOU.

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OLSJ SCHOOL NEWS: We are a Modeshift school! Junior Road Safety Officers Year 4 & Year 6: We are sure you are aware that over the previous years we have been very active in encouraging two things. First, is that we encourage all children, if able to make good choices about the ways they are travelling to school. Second, we have been pushing hard to make Ramley road safer to cross. We know this is a concern for many parents and a reason which might stop you from walking to and from school.

In recognition for all the children's hard work, we have been recognised by Modeshift and have been nominated for a regional award. On Wednesday 8th October, we were invited to join a virtual award ceremony celebrating those select schools who have been actively helping to improve in this area. Year 4 as well as our 4 amazing year 6 JRSO officers, joined the ceremony to see if we won. There were 44 schools in attendance for the South east region. Unfortunately, we did not win on this occasion but the hard work of all children was recognised. This is an annual award ceremony so we will continue with hopes of winning this regional event next year.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal: Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

SR VERONICA'S REFLECTION FOR 32nd SUNDAY: Today we are warned to be alert and ready. Are we ready to welcome Christ when he comes or are we unprepared for this momentous event. We need to be spiritually vigilant. This comes about by developing spiritual habits each day taking time for prayer and being alone with God. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkHYO7EPu> 8 God Bless Sr Veronica OP