

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph
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St Anne
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The Week: 19th November 2023 - 26th November 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION	
SUN	19 th	BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL HIGHWOOD RD SO42 7RY	11.00am	One Big Mass	33 rd Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	19 th	OLMSJ	4.00pm	Baptism	Lander & Naiyza Garrido de Ceito	N/A	DMA
TUE	21 st	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	Presentation of Bl Virgin Mary, Mem	For all the departed	DMA
WED	22 nd	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	St Cecilia, Mem	Ruth Helen Adams RIP B'day Anniv	DMA
THU	23 rd	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	of the 33 rd Week of the Year	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	25 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	Jesus Christ Universal King	Tony Warrilow RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	26 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Jesus Christ Universal King	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	26 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Jesus Christ Universal King	Charles M ^c Cartan RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	26 th	OLMSJ	1.00pm	Baptism	baby Isla Elspeth Catriona Hoogewerf	N/A	DMA
SUN	26 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	Jesus Christ Universal King	For All Benefactors of the Parish	DMA

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES - THIS WEEKEND OUR PARISHES CELEBRATE TOGETHER

St Paul reminds us that our physical bodies are whole units made up of different parts. All the parts are needed and all need to function properly if the our bodies are to remain healthy. The philosopher Ken Wilber states that hierarchical structures are just the way everything is ordered. Everything is related, everything is interdependent. Natural hierarchies are structures of enablement not restriction or domination. Human hierarchies can be either enabling or dominating and stifling. The Catholic Church is hierarchical in its essence. But it is called to be a structure that enables, frees and empowers its members. Too often, however, it becomes the opposite, stifling, restricting and disempowering.

There can be different "communities" in the same parish. Neighbouring parishes can be part of a larger organisational structure, e.g. Pastoral Areas or Deaneries. Altogether we belong to a diocese. The dioceses in England & Wales are loosely drawn together by the Conference of Catholic Bishops. There are national groupings and international links and ultimately, as Catholics, we recognise the Pope as the symbol and guardian of unity for the universal Catholic community.

All these layers of connection are or should be administered according to the principle of subsidiarity. This is a modern (Pope Pius XI, 1931) Catholic social teaching that the best institutions for responding to a particular social task are those that are most proximate to it. So our first duty and task is to nurture the communities in which we live and work. The family being the first and most obvious unit. We must invest in, contribute to and nurture our different communities at all levels in so far as we can.

The Diocesan 10 year plan envisages that the parishes of each pastoral area eventually become one parish. But, as far as possible, the process and the eventual outcome must never be at the expense of local communities. The one parish structure and its way of operating must seek to enable and empower its member communities.

Essential to this journey and process is the adoption of the synodal way of relating, discerning and deciding together. This works by respectful and open-minded listening to every member of the community and the mutual seeking in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

There are three questions that need to be explored. Firstly, what kind of church do we long for? Secondly, what kind of church does God long for? Thirdly, what can we practically do now to build for the future. Let us try and address all three questions at once. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are a good place to start: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control. The effort we need to put in is to make communities more welcoming, more joyful, more loving and serene in our trust in God and in our action for compassionate justice. Things are changing and must change but let us not be fearful or anxious or miserable. As we personally grow older and have to make the necessary changes in our life-style we try, as best we can, to do so with grace and serenity. Each generation must make way for the next and more often than not what we hope cannot yet be seen. As Jesus said: "Many prophets and holy people longed to see what you see and never saw it." We must do what we can to usher in the new age of the Church as God would want it: a community where the love and compassion of God can be received and celebrated, where all are drawn together in peace. That is our mission. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Theresa Myrtle Watson (19th), Charles Henry Hutchinson (23rd)

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: Teresa Hobbs (19th), Dr Gilbert Owen Morse (22nd), Teresa Gertrude Morse (23rd) Yvonne Joyce Sutton (24th), Doris Christy (25th)

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

WEEKDAY MASS: this will be in the house during the Winter season.

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 with covers, 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.nfwf.org.uk for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

THIS WEEKEND: - Sunday, 19th November, ONLY ONE MASS FOR OUR THREE PARISHES. 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.

From Pope Francis' Message for Seventh World Day of the Poor 19th November 2023 with the theme of *not turning away*. Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the elderly Tobit, who says to his son, "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7).

Pope Francis tells us that, "Whenever we turn away from those who are poor, we turn away from Jesus himself, who is forever associated with the most vulnerable in society (Matthew 25: 31-46)". Pope Francis goes on to celebrate the next door neighbours: "Ordinary people who quietly make themselves poor among the poor. They do more than give alms: they listen, they engage, they try to understand and deal with difficult situations and their causes."

The focus of today is not fundraising, though fundraising is essential, but encounter, accompaniment and change. We can sometimes 'subcontract' our charity by giving money to an organisation in the knowledge that they will do good. They will no doubt do good, but that approach may leave our hearts untouched by the lived experience of poverty. We are called to go 'beyond fundraising' on a journey of accompaniment with people in poverty, being converted ourselves in the encounter.

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!

SCAM PHONE CALLS – DO NOT SAY "YES" at any point. Hang up immediately. We received a call on Friday on the parish office phone from 0191 743 9323. The first thing the lady said was; "Can you hear me alright?" I hung up immediately. However, if you respond with a "Yes" it is recorded and used as your permission for them to take your money or charge you for a premium call or service. **DO NOT SAY "YES" at any point. Hang up immediately.**

SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: Today we are called to become aware of our special gifts and talents. Are we content to remain with the status quo or are we prepared to take risks and step out in faith, to set our eyes on what is possible if we have faith in God. Never bury your talents; they are for sharing with others to bring about abundant fruit in the Kingdom of God. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlckW9m1Gjk&t=25s> God bless Sr Veronica OP

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Lancelot Fishbourne, (Paul) Bryan Patrick Fortescue (18th), James Osborn, Helen Eileen Kenny (19th), George Scales (20th), Anthony Gerachty, Veronica Lane-Ryan, Edith Mary Turnbull (21st), Johanna Maclean, Agnes Matthews (22nd), Bessie Walsh, Nicholas (Nick) John Filbee (24th)

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

NICHOLAS JOHN CONNOLLY RIP: died peacefully at home with Vanessa. The Funeral Liturgy for Nick will take place on Thursday, 14th December at 12 noon at OLMSJ. Committal Service details are yet to be confirmed. May Nick rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

RUMMIKUB/SCRABBLE CLUB meets on Monday 20th Nov from 2-4pm in Joseph's Place. Come along to learn, practice or play the game of your choice. Refreshments provided. Admission free and everyone welcome.

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.

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.

THANKS FROM LYMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor Darren Cooke's words; "I am writing to you to extend our warmest thanks for your kind generosity in raising and donating of funds to support our warm meals ministry. The gift is a tremendous encouragement to us and we continue to be blessed by the tremendous support your community as been to us. May God bless you abundantly in return for you act of kindness."

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: 17/11/23: £260,550.08 This includes GAYL contributions.

All Parishes

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

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LOTS OF DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Please make a note of them in your diary.

ADVENT

Sunday 3rd December 10.30am Mass : **Youth Mass** where our young people will choose the music, read the Scripture and generally fill us with their enthusiasm and joy.

Wednesday 7th December: 'Born in my stable' A reflection for Advent by Mary Dunn. 7pm OLMSJ. **This is open to all 3 parishes.** You may want to bring a cushion as we will be sitting throughout!

Sunday 10th December: Back by popular request 'Carols, mince pies and Linda's delicious Mulled wine'! Just what you need to get in the mood for Christmas! **This is open to all 3 parishes.**

Wednesday 13th December: Facing Christmas- A candlelit service recognising that Christmas can be a difficult time for some. Sometimes people just want a quiet service in the lead up to Christmas. A time to reflect. For some we recognise that Christmas is a difficult time. 7pm OLMSJ.

CHRISTMAS - PLEASE NOTE :

This year the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve, so that Sunday falls into 2 halves.

The 4th Sunday of Advent in the morning. Christmas Eve in the evening.

Saturday	23 rd Dec:	4 th Sunday of Advent	6pm OLMSJ
Sunday	24 th Dec:	4 th Sunday of Advent	9am Mass ST

FRANCIS			
Sunday	24 th Dec:	THERE IS NO 10.30am MASS AT OLMSJ.	
Sunday	24 th Dec:	4 th Sunday of Advent	10.30am Mass ST ANNE'S

Sunday	24 th Dec:	Christmas Eve Mass	5pm OLMSJ
Monday	25 th Dec:	Christmas Day Mass	9am ST FRANCIS
Monday	25 th Dec:	Christmas day Mass	10.30am OLMSJ
Monday	25 th Dec:	Christmas day Mass	12 noon ST ANNE'S

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Monday	25 th Dec:	Christmas day Mass	10.30am OLMSJ
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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.