

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

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The Week: 25th November 2023 - 3rd December 2023

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION	
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
TUE	28 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	of the 34 th Week of the Year	James & Anne McGarty RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	29 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	of the 34 th Week of the Year	Linda Hogarth (Ints)	DMA
WED	29 th	Boltons Bench	12.30pm	Service	Funeral Service - Michael Plumbly RIP	N/A	DMA
THU	30 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	St Andrew, Feast	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	2 nd	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	1 st Sunday of Advent Yr B	Jan Whitwill RIP	DMA
SUN	3 rd	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	1 st Sunday of Advent Yr B	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	3 rd	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	1 st Sunday of Advent Yr B	Ada Janet Mills RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	3 rd	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	1 st Sunday of Advent Yr B	The Baker Family F/M	DMA

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:

How can we talk of Jesus Christ the King today? What does it mean? First, we have to remember that "Christ" is not Jesus's surname! We should properly talk about Jesus the Christ. The Christ is the Divine Word, the Divine blueprint or plan expressed and made visible in creation, in all that is. Everything, us included, has come from the Divine Word and everything is held in being by the creative love and power of God. So the Christ cannot be anything other than Sovereign, King, Lord or whatever title of supremacy we may care to use.

Here is a great mystery, from the experience of "what is", the visible, we are invited to contemplate the invisible source of all that is. This openness to the Divine Other is faith. In the encounter with Jesus of Nazareth people came to experience, know and believe that Jesus was and is from God in a unique way. In the life, teaching and loving sacrifice of Jesus people experienced Divine love and came to the conviction that this is what life is all about, this is what true love really is, this is the meaning and purpose of everything. And Jesus reveals not only who God is but also the true and full nature and potential of humanity.

By God's gift and God's Spirit we have received this faith, this conviction, we experience it in the lives of all good, compassionate and holy people, we celebrate it in Eucharist and all the sacraments, and hopefully, we communicate it, in some measure, to those we meet, and especially to those in need.

And here is another great mystery: the whole of creation, and us included, are in a process of becoming, of growing, or as St Paul wrote, of "giving birth". We are being drawn out of our prison of "disobedience" and into the embrace of the loving mercy of God. In this mystery of becoming God's love is humble and gentle, merciful, patient and compassionate. The powers of the "world" and the forces of negativity may seem to hold sway for a while but they are all passing away.

God's love has triumphed, does triumph and always will triumph. God is always and already in all and through all and with all. Ultimately, we will all experience the inexpressible joy of knowing and experiencing that God is, indeed, **ALL IN ALL.** (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Eileen Taylor, Gladys Murphy, Margaret Louise Jansen (26th), Thomas Frank Leaman Abbott (27th), John Garth Davies (30th), Frederick Fothergill Culmer (1st), Jean Penman O'Hara, Anne Veronica Chatee, Gerry Hazelden (2nd)

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

SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE: for Di Mussert who is seriously ill.

COFFEE/TEA MORNING here next Sunday after Mass.

HOT WATER BOTTLES FOR UKRAINE: Ukraine temperatures are down to -5° C! Hot Water Bottles are a great comfort when the heating is off. Please give us new HWBs preferably with covers, or a financial contribution so we can buy them to send off as soon as possible (Judith K).

A CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS IN MILFORD: Tree of Joy and Tree of Peace Two Christmas trees will be placed at the bottom of the Village Green on which people can tie ribbons with their wishes or thanks for joy and peace. St. Francis is asked to help organise **Friday Dec. 1st from 2pm to 4pm.** Please just turn up to lend a hand.

Carol Service and Readings on the Village Green. This will be included as a part of the lights switch on **Friday 1st December at 6.00pm** about 30mins.

Carol Singing: Christians Together is organising an impromptu carol singing on the Village Green on **Weds 6th Dec at 11.30.** Please just turn up and take a part.

Nativity Scene: There will be a full size Nativity Scene on the Village Green throughout the Festive Season as we try to preserve the traditional spirit of Christmas.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: William Herbert Clark (30th) Gladys May Jeanette Boocock, Joan Mary Lilpop (1st), William Teague (2nd)

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

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR UKRAINE: Hot water bottles, with or without covers, would make a much-welcomed gift to those impacted by war in Ukraine, living through the winter without power and heat. There is a box at the back of the church for your donations. There is also a basket for cash donations to buy hot water bottles. Other items most urgently needed are knitted hats, scarves, mittens and toys for babies and children. If you need a knitting pattern please contact Annabelle 01590 624587.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: sign up for Cafod's online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection at cafod.ord.uk/pray/advent-calendar.

All Parishes

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

SR VERONICA'S REFLECTION: Today we claim Jesus as our King and of the whole universe. Our king is a shepherd and a servant leader not a high and mighty king who rules from his throne. We shall be judged by how we treat others Christ our King sets the example!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7ttEZJ1Cj4&t=42s>

A date to keep in mind! – Sunday, 17th December at 3pm there will be a Carol service at the Priory. All are invited whether in person or via our live stream service on Church TV. God Bless Sr Veronica OP

A BIG THANK YOU: My thanks to all those who worked really hard on Sunday to make the '3 parish Mass' a success. Many hours of planning and organisation by the 3 Chairs of our PPC's: Ian Holden, St Anne's, Roger Maughan, St Francis of Assisi and Magdalen Chabourn, OLMSJ; along with Linda and myself went into making the event such a successful day. But there were many people who made things flow smoothly on the day: those who set out the chairs & put them away, car parking attendants, Fire Wardens, 1st Aid, Refreshments, Ministers of Communion, Welcomers- who were also Ushers at Communion and did the collection; those who made cakes, the flower arrangers, those who wrote the bidding prayers, Henry on his scissor broom sweeping up at the end, and Alexandra, Kinga, Louis and Natasha our young people who read beautifully. My thanks too to Father David Quarmbly who concelebrated Mass with me. Last but not least, to the 230 of you who were there for Mass. Once again, thank you. Our young people will be back in action again on Sunday 3rd December, the 1st Sunday of Advent, for their Youth Mass. 10.30am.OLMSJ.

THIS CHRISTMAS - 'A Christmas Carol' at the spectacular Beaulieu Abbey ruins. This beloved Christmas classic will be performed by a cast of actors from London's West End in a walkabout production which leads the audience on an hour's promenade around the ancient and atmospheric Abbey ruins. There will be live music, song, dance, mulled wine and mince pies. The show runs every day between December 14th and 24th and you can find more information and book tickets here: www.beaulieu.co.uk/christmascarol. This year, the role of Scrooge will be played by Richard Keightley whose many illustrious credits include starring opposite Judi Dench in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. This is high quality theatre happening right in the heart of the New Forest. We suggest that you come dressed as you would for a Christmas market or a winter walk. The whole performance lasts one hour and you keep moving so you keep warm. It is a rare opportunity to see the stunning Abbey ruins illuminated underneath the night sky.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: John Fiffins (26th), Philip (Phil) Manghan, Anthony (Tony) Warrilow (27th), Robert Keen (28th), Jean Proctor (29th), Edward Grzegorzewski (30th), Patrick Manghan (1st)

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

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.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: Total in bank as at: 24/11/23: £260,580.08 This includes GAYL contributions.

All Parishes

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

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

Correction to item in the newsletter: Mary Dunn's Reflection for Advent: **Born in my stable:** is THURSDAY 7th December not Wednesday 7th December, as was stated in last week's newsletter. Well done, Wanda for noticing this error!

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

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

Sunday 10th December: 2.30pm OLMSJ 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: 7pm OLMSJ Facing Christmas- A candlelit service recognising that Christmas can be a difficult time for some or sometimes people just want a quiet service in the lead up to hustle and bustle of Christmas. **This is open to all 3 parishes.**

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 23rd DECEMBER

Vigil Mass, 4th Sunday of Advent 6pm OLMSJ

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER 4th Sunday of Advent

9am Mass ST FRANCIS

****THERE WON'T BE A 10.30am MASS AT OLMSJ ON THIS DAY****

10.30am Mass ST ANNE'S
SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm First Mass of Christmas OLMSJ

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Mass ST FRANCIS

10.30am Mass OLMSJ

12 noon Mass ST ANNE'S

FROM CARITAS PORTSMOUTH: COP28 is rapidly approaching (30 Nov – 12 Dec). In Laudate Deum, Pope Francis describes how some of the big changes we need to happen to slow the rate of climate change must come from the actions of governments. Let us pray for those leaders, that they can listen to those already affected by climate change and have courage to act. Join other Christians groups in prayer and fasting on the 1st of each month <https://prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/> Use the prayer and intercessions from CAFOD including links to share the Pope's message with your MP. And sign up to the daily reflections during COP28 at Green Christian