

# 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: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION	
SAT	13 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	Hal & Eileen Box RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	Di Mussert RIP & Josie Warren RIP	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA
TUE	16 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year (2)	Ernest Ash RIP F/M	DMA
TUE	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	1.00pm	Service	Funeral Service - Josie Warren RIP	N/A	DMA
WED	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	St Anthony of Egypt, Mem	Josie Warren RIP	DMA
THUR	18 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year (2)	Private Intentions (JC)	DMA
SAT	20 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year	Peter Bassett RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year	Barry Norris RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year	Ellen Turnbull RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA

## THE INVITATION

If we have experienced something of God's love (which was celebrated at our Baptism) we will also experience an attraction. This will be to compassion, goodness, virtue, holiness or some other quality of God. Inevitably we will be attracted to Jesus who embodied all these godly qualities. This attraction draws us and is, itself, a kind of invitation. The invitation is to "come and see" where Jesus lives. This is not just about a house in Capernaum, it is about the whole mystery of God. Jesus, the Christ, as the Divine Word of God lives with the Father before all time. And this Divine creative Word or Energy is in me, in my sisters and brothers, in the poor and suffering, in the word, in the Eucharist, in all creation. Jesus, as eternal Word made flesh, is the personal, discernible, knowable face of God present in humanity.

The invitation is then, to journey in this relationship with God made visible in Jesus. The Scripture readings for this Sunday highlight three key elements of that journey. These are **prayer** (listening to & communicating with God); **life-style** (how we relate to others) and **service** (how we help others).

Samuel (1st reading) shows some of those attitudes that help prayer. Are we ready to respond to God? Do we cherish the "word" God gives us in prayer? Prayer has to be real, rooted in everyday life yet open to the great mystery which permeates everything.

We should express to God how we really feel, think and what we have done and are doing. This honesty is absolutely vital for us. God knows everything already. Our greatest temptation in prayer is to hide our dark side from ourselves and then imagine we are hiding it from God. God has great blessings for us of grace and transformation but we can't receive them if we don't acknowledge that we need them. Scripture will help unmask the areas we'd rather not see. Persevering in this embarrassing struggle with God is the discipline of prayer.

The most important area where we need help and change is in our relationships with others. Excessive dependence, exploitation, abuse, and ill-treatment of others, (sexually, physically, verbally, emotionally or economically), as an individual or member of a group, need to be changed. The change for the better has to start from within and always come from God, even though God's presence may not be explicitly acknowledged.

God is not going to leave us idle. There are a multitude of good works to be done. This good news must have begun to happen in us already. I have to receive good news from God myself in order to be good news for others. The good work is first of all, believing & being & from this it is doing. For the doing we need to discern the right path for us. This brings us back to prayer, to God's word & the help, support & guidance of others who can be trusted. (DMA)

## *St Francis, Milford-on-Sea*

**Anniversaries this week:** Laura Sarah O'Sullivan, Lincoln MacDonald Chatee, Paul Alexander Langford (15<sup>th</sup>), Regina Barbara Frank (16<sup>th</sup>), Thomas Francis Dodd (19<sup>th</sup>)

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

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** please for Hilary Sendall who is very poorly at this time.

**BRIGHT COLOURS PLEASE:** requested by Roger & the family for Josie Warren's Funeral Service which will take place on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan at 1pm in St Francis of Assisi church, followed by burial in All Saints cemetery. May Josie rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**NEW FOREST FOR UKRAINE** are urgently appealing for generators as Russia is destroying electrical infrastructure in the freezing winter. The easily portable generators either cost £275 or higher power ones cost £500. If you can, please contribute any amount by cheque or cash for us to collect at church NEXT Sunday, the 21st. Alternatively you can give directly to NFFU, via their website: <https://www.newforestforukraine.co.uk> and follow "donations" link.

**CAKES – CALLING ALL BAKERS: A FUND-RAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR THREE PARISHES:** The next Coffee Morning in Lymington will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in Joseph's Place. Our only cake-baker is very ill, and so we find ourselves with tea and coffee, but no cakes! Can anyone help bake us a cake please? Ideally, we are looking for a regular commitment to providing cakes to allow us to continue with this "last Saturday of the month" event for the local community, for which all funds raised are donated to local charities. The charity can be chosen by which of our 3 parishes is sponsoring the event. If you can help on this occasion, or as a regular commitment, please contact the Parish Office (Lymington), or Henrietta Reynolds (Brockenhurst) on 01590 682347, or Deborah Minnock (Milford-on-Sea) on 01425 248559.

## *St Anne, Brockenhurst*

**Anniversaries this week:** Catherine Bannen, Denis Irving Fairhurst (17<sup>th</sup>), Denise Mary Brand, Leonard Darlison, Joyce Hilda Runyard (18<sup>th</sup>), Augustus Herbert Plumbly, Lt.Col Desmond John Goldsmith, Maurice McNally (19<sup>th</sup>), Basil O'Donnell (20<sup>th</sup>)

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

**THANKS FROM FR DAVID QUARMBY:** He thanks the kind people who sent him cards and Christmas greetings – ALL VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND TREASURED. A PRAYER WAS SAID FOR EVERYONE'S INTENTIONS.

**EVA MARY BISHOP RIP:** aka "Joy", the Funeral Service will take place on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 11am in St Anne's church, followed by burial at St Nicholas's cemetery.

**PEACE SUNDAY, PROMOTED BY PAX CHRISTI:** Our Parish is marking Peace Sunday at Mass this Sunday, 14th January. While the theme this year is that chosen by Pope Francis for the World Day of Peace, 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace', we will be remembering especially the violent conflict and inhumanity in the Holy Land. The intercessions are composed by Pax Christi. Envelopes will be handed out for donations to Pax Christi for their work towards world peace and justice.

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**OUR EPIPHANY CELEBRATION:** A big thank you to Henrietta for organising a splendid seasonal Parish celebration last Sunday after Mass and our thanks too to all who contributed food and/or helped with making it such an enjoyable and successful occasion.

**DELIVERIES TO THE CHURCH:** As our Church is currently locked during the day, please could anyone ordering leaflets, candles etc for the church provide a safe alternative delivery address (Fr David suggests that you use the parish office in Lymington for deliveries).

## *Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington*

**Anniversaries this week:** Flora Isdell (13<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth McCartan, Hermione Nora Alcock, Sonny Andrews, Doris Joan Mower (14<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Bryan (15<sup>th</sup>), Charles Edward Brown (16<sup>th</sup>), Agnes Read (17<sup>th</sup>), Denis Hayward, Juan Nunez, Teresa Joyce (Quinn) Harverson, Joseph Kenny, Joan Audrey Hayward, Peter Terence McCarthy (18<sup>th</sup>), George Hughan Hampton, Ellen Turnbull (19<sup>th</sup>)

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

**SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE:** for Frances & Den Walker & family.

**RUMMIKUB AND SCRABBLE CLUB** will meet in Joseph's Place on Monday 15 January at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for a game or two, good company and refreshments.

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD (SPUC) –** There will be a second collection after Mass for SPUC, whose main aims are to change public opinion and lobby members of Parliament in favour of the rights of the unborn child.

**NEWS FROM UKRAINE HUB :** The volunteers at NFFU have deservedly celebrated the end of a very productive 2023 after topping 200 tonnes of shipped aid to those in need in Ukraine and to cap it all they anticipate securing their Charity status in the coming weeks. Their temporary occupation of 310 Ampress Lane is coming up for review this month. If anyone knows of any premises close by where they can carry on their good work, please get in touch.

**Knitting Appeal from NFFU:** The appeal for knitted blankets, hot water bottles and covers for the bottles etc., goes on as the people of Ukraine face the harshest of winters in appalling conditions. Our church community and their friends/families, have responded brilliantly and the number of bags of knitted items that has been delivered since the appeal began is staggering. The NFFU have asked that we pass on their "thanks for our outstanding contribution" and their Certification of Appreciation is on display in the church porch.

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**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** On 05/01/24 Church Building Fund was £261,435.08.

## *All Parishes*

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE:** [www.nfwp.org.uk](http://www.nfwp.org.uk) for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

**NEXT WEEKEND:** There is the obligatory collection for our Diocesan Cathedral in Portsmouth. Further information has been emailed to parishioners and you can visit the Diocesan website for online donations.

**THANKS FROM STELLA MARIS (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA):** Our seafarers enjoyed an abundance of Christmas gifts thanks to the great support offered by the many local parishes that responded to our Stella Maris Southern Ports appeal. Please would you pass our huge thanks to all your parishioners who contributed so generously in their prayers, efforts and gifts. All go together to make a positive difference in the lives of seafarers at Christmas who, year after year, are separated from friends and family. We have put together a [video](#) to look back on our activities in the past year and provide information at the end for anyone who would like to learn more or volunteer their services to Stella Maris. <https://youtu.be/EQIZNrrqhAI>