

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

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The Week: 20th January 2024 - 28th January 2024

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION	
SAT	20 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	3 rd Sunday of the Year	Peter Bassett RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	21 st	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	3 rd Sunday of the Year	Barry Norris RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	21 st	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	3 rd Sunday of the Year	Ellen Turnbull RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	21 st	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	3 rd Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA
TUE	23 rd	OLMSJ	9.00am	Mass	3 rd Week of the Year (2)	Jim Leigh RIP Anniv	DMA
WED	24 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	St Francis de Sales, Mem	Mrs Patricia Quinn RIP	DMA
THUR	25 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Conversion of St Paul, Feast	Cathy Pickles RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	27 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	4 th Sunday of the Year	Fr Andrew McMahon OFM RIP	DMA
SUN	28 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	4 th Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	28 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	4 th Sunday of the Year	Kathleen Dorothy Haywood RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	28 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	4 th Sunday of the Year	Canon Timothy (Ted) Dwyer RIP F/M	DMA

JESUS' ALTERNATIVE REALITY

I am told that there are three kinds of cultures in the Western world today, each with its own “bottom line”: political cultures based on the manipulation of power, economic cultures based on the manipulation of money, and religious cultures based on the manipulation of some theory about God.

These three cultures are based on different forms of violence, although it is usually denied by most participants and hidden from the superficial observer. Evil gains its power from disguise. Jesus undid the mask of disguise and revealed that our true loyalty was seldom really to God, but to power, money, and group belonging. (In fact, religion is often the easiest place to hide from God.)

Jesus announced, lived, and inaugurated a new social order, an alternative to violence, exclusion, and separation. Jesus went so far as to promise us this alternate reality. It is no fantastical utopia, but a very real and achievable peace—by the grace of God. He called it the *Reign or Kingdom of God*. It is the subject of his inaugural address (Luke 4:14-30) [1], his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), and most of his parables. Indeed, it is the

guiding image of Jesus’ entire ministry. Most Christians glibly recite “Thy kingdom come,” but this means almost nothing until and unless they also say, “My kingdom go.”

Challenging the status quo is unpopular. Jesus was killed for opposing the religious and political powers of his time. “It is better for one man to die for the people” (John 18:14) than to question the bottom line that is holding the whole system together.

When Christians accept that Jesus was killed for the same reason that people have been killed in all of human history (rather than because he walked around saying “I am God”), we will have turned an important corner on our quest for the historical Jesus. He was rejected because of his worldview much more than his God-view. Yet these two are intrinsically connected.

This now and not-yet Reign of God is the foundation for our personal hope and our cosmic optimism, but it is also the source of our deepest alienation from the world as it is. We are strangers and nomads on this earth (see Hebrews 11:13). Our task is to learn how to live in both worlds until they become one—at least in us. (*Fr Richard Rohr OFM, Thursday, January 18, 2018*)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Sadie Margaret Naomi Hazleden (21st), James Lawrence Hardy (25th), Vincent Richard Harris (26th)

Sick & Housebound: Hilary Sendall, Peter Larke, 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.

JOSIE WARREN RIP: There was a lovely show of support for Josie & the family last Tuesday. Thanks to all who helped & attended.

Coffee Morning this Sunday after Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY: FOR OUR DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL. See in "All Parishes" the message from the Cathedral Moderator, Fr James McCauley.

NEW FOREST FOR UKRAINE. A collection today is for desperately needed portable generators for Ukraine, for heating and lighting, as was advertised in last week's bulletin. Every little bit helps, cash or cheques will be much appreciated, or on-line at newforestforukraine.co.uk

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Barbara Emily Drummond, Anthony Edwards (21st), Mary Ann Kane, Lt Col. Cecil Halliday, Patricia Feeney-McGlone (22nd), Alfred Foster, David Pizer, Eileen Norah Gabony, Tobias (Toby) Hector Langdon (23rd), Mona Fraser (24th), Mavis Menzies, Mary Josephine Gould (26th), Joan Towell, Noel Paul Emblem (27th)

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

RED BOXES: *Missio* have written to thank our parish for its continuing support over many years. This year the red boxes totalled £200.80 plus the *Missio* plate collection of £64.70 a Grand Total of £265.50. If you do not have a red box but would like one please contact Bill Pignatelli 01590 623360.

EVA MARY BISHOP RIP: aka "Joy", the Funeral Service will take place on Friday, 9th February at 11am in St Anne's church, followed by burial at St Nicholas's cemetery. May Eva rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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).

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CAKES – CALLING ALL BAKERS: A FUND-RAISING

OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR THREE PARISHES: The next Coffee Morning in Lymington will take place on Saturday 27th 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.

FROM SISTER VERONICA: Happy New Year to everyone! It has been a bit of a chaotic start to the new year with internet connections failing during the recent storm (A tree across the road fell down on top of the wires!) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAtUunHxiY&t=30s> This week our gospel asks us to reflect on the call of the first Disciples. It reminds us too that we are also called to follow Christ in the Mission given to us at our Baptism. I also thought you might be interested in this short video concerning our Light of Truth Apostolate. It is really a thank you to all who have taken part or contributed in any way https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMfZRH_PTtY As you can see we have had a really successful year all round. God Bless Sr Veronica OP

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Jessie Blackith, Helen Green, Albert Wren (20th), Mary Bryant, Rev Michael Eady, Anthony Duffy, Rev Barry Norris (22nd), Aiden Flood, Anne Rosamund (Ros) Maxwell Brundrett (23rd), Bridget Walsh, Mary (May) Hart Norton (24th), Elizabeth Cutler, Celestin Charles Barnes, Catherine Theresa Pickles (25th), Guido Jellousheg (26th)

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.

THE FRIDGE IN JOSEPH'S PLACE: Every so often food & milk is left in the fridge in Joseph's place. Sometimes it doesn't have a use by date on it- for example, a cake. A cake was left recently and as no one knew who it was for it went stale and to waste. Also food is unmarked so no one knows who has left it there and for whom it's intended. The result is the food and milk goes off. **SO- there are now labels and a pen in Joseph's place. If you leave food or drink in the fridge, please label it and let us know: the date; your name; who the food or drink is for; whether you are coming back for it.** That way everyone is clear as to your intention.

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.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: On 15/01/24 Church Building Fund was £261,440.08.

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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.

WANTED - Rosary Beads. Please donate your spare and unused rosary beads to the Stella Maris charity in Southampton. Your spare beads will be passed on to the many hundreds of seafarers and their families, where there is great demand for them. You can post them to: Stella Maris, c/o St Edmund's Catholic Church, 14 Rockstone Pl, Southampton SO15 2EQ. Email for more information: gregory.hogan@stellamarismail.org

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MOTHER CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE, message from Fr James McCauley, Cathedral Dean, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia has asked me to pass on the following message to you. Father James writes: *"I became Dean of our Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist in September 2022. Since then, the parish has paid for emergency repairs of serious leaks in the Blessed Sacrament and St Patrick chapels, and in the Discovery Centre, which cost £23,060 in total. The cost of these repairs was paid for by parishioners, who responded generously to an appeal for contributions. In January 2023, the 120-year-old West Window began to collapse because of deterioration in the lead work. Its restoration was completed in December 2023 at an estimated final cost of more than £100,000. So far, we have raised almost £38,000 towards the cost of restoration of the West Window. These projects have used up virtually all the Cathedral's available funds.*

The heating and electrical systems are in urgent need of upgrading. One of the three boilers, which heat the Cathedral and Cathedral House, has been broken since spring 2022. The money I had allocated to replace it had to be diverted to pay for the repairs to the West Window. The two remaining boilers both failed in late November 2023. After a week of no central heating, the two boilers were repaired, but we have been advised that all three boilers have come to the end of their useful life, having been installed about 25 years ago. We have no money to replace the boilers, never mind upgrade the heating system to a more energy efficient, "greener" system.

In the summer of 2023, the quinquennial architectural survey was completed and the report we received in September outlined work required over the next five years to the roof, windows, heating, and electrical systems at an estimated cost of more than £1 million. I fully appreciate the financial pressures being felt by you and by your parishioners but would appeal to you to promote and support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 21st January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us."