

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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St Anne  
Rhinefield Rd, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SR

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## *The Week: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION (when applicable)	
SAT	3 <sup>rd</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	Frances Walker Ints (FC)	DMA
SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	Raymond Beachey RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	Frances & Den Walker Ints (LH)	DMA
SUN	4 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA
TUE	6 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	St Paul Miki et alia, Mem	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	W & C	5 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year (2)	Service of Word & Holy Communion	JS
THUR	8 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	No	Service	5 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year (2)	N/A	
FRI	9 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	11.00am	Funeral	Funeral Service	Eva Mary "Joy" Bishop RIP	DMA
SAT	10 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	Anthony Duffy RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	11 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	11 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	11 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA

**GOD WHO HEALS:** Jesus didn't just talk about a God who heals, Jesus actually healed people. He spoke with authority because he was speaking about his own experience of the Father. He acted with power to heal because God's healing love flowed freely through him.

It is good to reflect that of all the ways God might hypothetically use power, God uses it to heal. That is tremendously reassuring and affirming. Jesus does not destroy. The demons are dispelled they are not destroyed. They depart as sickness leaves the body when the fever is over, or as disorder is dispelled when order is re-established.

The healing love of God is not only directed to body and soul, it is also offered to the spirit. Evil is a sickness of the spirit. Jesus said: Those who are well have no need of a physician, it is the sick who need one. I have come to call not the righteous but sinners (cfr Mark 2:17). Part of the sickness of evil is the corruption of desire – to some degree we want what is not good for us or for others. God has to change our desire without destroying our freedom. It is a unique kind of healing. It is multi-layered, on going and life-long.

Jesus treats all forms of suffering as directly or indirectly symbolic of the power of evil. Modern human understanding is beginning to return to this holistic perspective. Everything is interconnected and interrelated. This is not the same as saying everything is somebody's fault. Guilt, as an oppressive negative experience associated with the past, is not part of the solution but part of the problem. It is one of the things that Jesus wants

Everything is related. The soul and the spirit are affected by the body (e.g. post-natal depression) and the body is affected by the soul and spirit (e.g. some forms of addiction). The individual is affected by the group and by society in general. Fashion, secular myth and current preoccupation are part of the cultural air we breathe and it is difficult to think, speak and act counter-culturally. Diet, climate, geography, life-style, pollution or the lack of it, all these affect us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Psychic and spiritual health are adversely affected by a lack of love (lack of God) and definitely skewed by individual or corporate malice. It is possible that certain kinds of emotional and spiritual problems are caused by a kind of spiritual pollution. Just as toxic chemicals can harm our bodies so our psyches can be harmed by negative spiritual energies, e.g. anxiety, hopelessness, self-hatred etc.. In the light of modern quantum physics these interconnections are becoming more understandable.

This is why we must be careful not to dismiss possession as something belonging solely to the ancient cultural world and now irrelevant to us. We need to know what possesses us or perhaps obsesses us. An addict begins by enjoying something but ends up totally dependent on that thing. The enjoyment soon diminishes and then the suffering begins. However, its not just the obvious addictions that trouble us. There are those "hidden in plain sight", things we take for granted like entitlement, military solutions, or the myth of an ever increasing standard of living. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Susan Dove (4<sup>th</sup>), Anthony Patrick Everett (5<sup>th</sup>), Doris Horgan (7<sup>th</sup>), Doris Edith Everard, June Mary Groves (9<sup>th</sup>)

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

**WORD & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:** at St Francis on this coming Wednesday, 7th Feb. Our thanks to John Stephenson who will be leading the service.

**HILARY SENDALL RIP:** The Requiem Mass for Hilary will on Friday, 16th Feb at 2.30pm, followed by Committal at New Forest Crematorium. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan and the family. And may Hilary rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**COFFEE MORNING:** this Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. Our thanks to the team.

**UKRAINE:** Donations for generators still needed. Please put in envelope marked 'generators' in collection. Many thanks!

**ALL 3 PARISHES: The next LYMINGTON Coffee Morning will be Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February** and it will be in aid of Ukraine. All funds raised will go to NFFU at Ampress Park, to help buy generators which are badly needed in Ukraine right now.

**BIG LENT WALK** – See item in All Parishes section. If anyone is interested in a local walk please contact Rosalie: [rosaliemans@hotmail.com](mailto:rosaliemans@hotmail.com).

**DATE FOR THE DIARY:** Milford Choralia Choir have been invited to sing evensong at Salisbury Cathedral on Thurs, 20<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm. If you are interested in going please contact Rosalie as above.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Bernadina Maria Cooper, Gladys (Marie) Blower (5<sup>th</sup>), Lady Helen Murray-Fry, Michael (Mike) James Montague (6<sup>th</sup>), Robert Maxwell Coyle (9<sup>th</sup>), Edwin Ward, Stanley Perry, James Marshall (10<sup>th</sup>)

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

**NO SERVICE:** at St Anne's this coming Thursday.

**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. May Eva rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**NEW FOREST FOR UKRAINE:** The box for donations will remain at the back of the church. Warm clothing items are still very welcome and we are also being asked for tinned soup and bars of soap.

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## All Parishes

**SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION:** Welcome to this week's reflection. We hear about the healing of St Peter's mother in law. A very beautiful account and an amazing moment of service immediately her healing. She prepares a meal for the household. It reminds us too that even in suffering we can still serve the Lord in some way. I am reminded of Lourdes and the huge service seen in action. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBCcwJclLyk&t=6s> God Bless Sr Veronica OP.

**SOMETHING TO EXPLORE DURING LENT: The Chosen** is the biggest crowdfunded project in TV history, and the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus. This series allows viewers to see the life of Jesus through the eyes of those that knew Him. Follow the transformations of His followers through the ministry of Jesus as He journeys to change the world. You can watch every episode of **The Chosen** on Angel Studios for free: download the Angel Studios app and start streaming full episodes. "A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt, a troubled woman wrestling with real demons, a gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people, a religious leader struggling with his beliefs: see Jesus through the eyes of those that met him." Series 4 has just been launched. SERIES 1-3 AVAILABLE [The Chosen | Watch Online For Free | Angel Studios](#)

**CAFOD BIG LENT WALK:** We are so excited to tell you that the **Big Lent Walk** is coming back for 2024! Will you take on the challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help fight global poverty? That's right – that's 5km a day, and you're in good time to get in plenty of training! You can walk, run, skip, or stroll your 200km, when and where you choose, alone or with friends. You'll be among thousands of people up and down England, Wales and Scotland conquering your 200km targets in time for Easter. This Lent, CAFOD is joining forces with SCIAF, our Scottish sister agency, to bring the Big Lent Walk to the whole of Great Britain! From John O'Groats to Land's End, Dundee to Dover or Cardiff to Coventry, people will be tying up their purple laces to give poverty its marching orders. **Join us for the Big Lent Walk.** The money you raise will help people as they overcome poverty. Remember, every step you take is a step closer to a fairer world. Let's tell poverty to jog on! Neil Roper, CAFOD Events

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Margaret Dedeār, Elisa Rowell (3<sup>rd</sup>), Johanna (Ann) Pearce (4<sup>th</sup>), Kathleen Conway (5<sup>th</sup>), Joyce Evelyn Godfrey McEvoy (6<sup>th</sup>), Fr John Hickey, Rose Jackson, Christine Couling (7<sup>th</sup>), Muriel Foot, John Barham, William Fegan, Archbishop Derek Warlock, Alan John Hammond (8<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.

**PRAYERS PLEASE FOR:** Den Walker who is in hospital after a fall. Frances has begun her treatment and we pray everything will go as well as can be hoped.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:-** The February meeting of the Friendship Club will be held in Joseph's Place on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February between 2pm and 4pm** and everyone is welcome. In addition to our usual activities of a quiz, raffle, tea and homemade cake, we have Sarah Roch coming to demonstrate to us her skills working with stained glass. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL):** The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 13th February 2024, at 2.15 pm. This meeting is our AGM but new members/observers are welcome.

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**GENERATORS FOR UKRAINE:** If you would like to donate any amount, however small, towards a portable generator for Ukraine – a small capacity generator is £275 and a large capacity generator is £500-please put your donations in an envelope marked 'Generator' and put in with the parish collection. Thank you for your continued support.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** On 02/02/24 Church Building Fund was £261,725.08.

## 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Calling parents who have children in Yr 3 and who want them to make their 1st Holy Communion. Please make email contact with Fr David to enrol them for this year's programme. You will then receive details about dates and requirements.

**OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - An appeal from the PTA (Parent Teacher Association)** The PTA raises much needed funds for our school. They had really successful raffles in February and July last year. They hope to make their raffle bigger and better this year by seeking out businesses who would be happy to donate a prize or a voucher to support 'our wonderful small but mighty school. If you know of any businesses, maybe your workplace or places you frequent often- a hairdresser, a coffee or book shop etc who may be willing to help, please let the PTA know [OLSJPTA@outlook.com](mailto:OLSJPTA@outlook.com) or speak to Fr David or Linda. Thank you.

**AN APPEAL FROM THE SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB:** Can you help the Gardening Team at the school? There is an active gardening club at our school where the children learn about God's Creation. About growing vegetables and fruit which are then cooked as part of their school lunch. If they have a bumper harvest they share their surplus vegetables with those in need. They plant flowers to enhance their environment and make it welcoming to visitors. But to do all this they need our help.

**Could you donate any of the following:**

- **vegetable seeds**
  - a **donation** towards buying gardening gloves so a whole class can work at the same time
  - have you any **unwanted small plastic pots** so they can grow on seeds?
  - any **flower seeds or surplus plants** to enhance the school grounds
  - maybe **gardening tools** which are still in good condition which you no longer use.
- If you can help in any way, however small, the children and staff would be very grateful. Please ring the parish office 01590 676696 or email [people@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:people@lymbrockmil.org.uk)

**LENTEN RETREATS ONLINE:** from **Redemptorists** - For the online retreat: <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/a-word-for-lent-retreat-2024-online-streaming> For the book only: <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/a-word-for-lent>

From the **Sisters at Sway:** Book now to remember to join us for the first session on 20th February! Registration: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/transformed-by-love-2024-02-20-19-30>