

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

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The Week: 10th February 2024 - 18th February 2024

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION (when applicable)	
SAT	10 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	6 th Sunday of the Year	Anthony Duffy RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	11 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	6 th Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	11 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	6 th Sunday of the Year	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	11 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	6 th Sunday of the Year	People of the Parishes	DMA
TUE	13 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	6 th Week of the Year (2)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	14 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	Ash Wednesday	Special Intention (JS)	DMA
WED	14 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Ash Wednesday	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	14 th	OLMSJ	12 noon	Mass	Ash Wednesday	Julian Wontner RIP	DMA
WED	14 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	Ash Wednesday	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THUR	15 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	of the day	Steve Guinta & Bob Marwin RIP	DMA
FRI	16 th	St Francis	2.30pm	Mass	Requiem Mass	Hilary Sendall RIP	DMA/JN
SAT	17 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	1 st Sunday of Lent	Michael, Patricia & Peter Mangan RIP	DMA
SUN	18 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	1 st Sunday of Lent	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	18 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	1 st Sunday of Lent	Teresa Connolly RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	18 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	1 st Sunday of Lent	People of the Parishes	DMA

THE RISK OF BECOMING AN OUTCAST: In Jesus' time and culture a leper was anyone with a visibly "offensive" skin complaint. They were excluded from the local community and forced to live away from others. If they approached other people they had to shout "Unclean, unclean" to warn them of the danger of contamination. If someone touched them or anything they came in contact with, they would become unclean too. "Lepers" were regarded as being punished by God for something either they or their parents had done. The victim was further victimised by social and religious rejection.

In the gospel the leper approaches Jesus doubting his good intentions; "If you want you can cure me!" In some of the earliest Greek manuscripts of Mark's gospel Jesus is described as being: moved with anger. Later manuscripts have the phrase: moved with pity. If Jesus did experience anger was it because he felt affronted, or because he was angry at the suffering caused by sickness and social and religious rejection? Be that as it may, Jesus makes it clear that he definitely does want to cure the person. And that is what he does.

Jesus then sternly warns him not to tell anyone. Jesus is a person who has strong feelings and is not afraid to show them. Is Jesus worried about being treated as unclean? Will this make it virtually impossible for him to move about and preach? Does he want to avoid a whole flood of sick people demanding cures but not interested in what he has to say?

One thing is clear, Jesus did not want to be thought of as just another faith healer. He had something greater to accomplish.

Despite his warning the leper cannot keep silent. The result is that Jesus cannot go openly into any town. In other words Jesus suffers the same fate as the leper.

There are many things to reflect on here. People who have suffered physically, emotionally and socially may become bitter and cynical. We would probably feel the same. We may be fortunate to be able to offer help. We mustn't expect immediate gratitude and trust in return. Secondly if you help an outcast you are not going to be appreciated by the people who have done the casting out! When AIDS started claiming its first victims those who provided support and sympathy got the same rejection as the sufferers. If there is someone in the family who has upset others it can be difficult if not all are ready to be reconciled

There are many divisions in the world, cultural, political, religious and economic. Those who are trying to overcome divisions, to build bridges get condemned from both sides. Paul's words are relevant: *Never do anything offensive to anyone....try to be helpful to everyone at all times.* If Christians could become known for this it would help matters considerably. Some prophetic work has been done at both local & international level by the Sant'Egidio Community in Rome. They are showing the way forward. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Frederick William Skinner (11th), Herbert John Gallagher, John Edwin Jeckway (13th), Margaret Dodd (14th), Susanne Hare, Margaret Lilian Seaton - Clark (17th)

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

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.

BERNARD FFIELD RIP: the Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 22nd Feb at 10.30am in St Francis followed by burial in All Saints cemetery. Mourners will gather afterwards at The Beach house. Fr Richard Ffield OSB, Bernard's brother, will celebrating the Mass assisted by Fr David. Fr Richard & his brother Oswald would be grateful to know how many people intend to join them for the gathering in the Beach House so that the right amount of food can be ordered. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. And may Bernard rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

NEXT COFFEE MORNING: will be on Sunday, 18th Feb. Our thanks to the Team!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: on Friday 1st March, at 2.30pm in St Mary's Everton. The service was written in 2022 by Palestinian Christians. So this will be an ideal opportunity for us to pray for peace in this troubled region. Refreshments afterwards.

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 24th 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.

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

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: A. Whatman (13th), Mary Hemelryk (17th)

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

LENT BOOK GROUP: If you would like to join a Parish book group over Lent, to read a short story then to reflect and discuss every Friday afternoon (3.0pm-4.30pm), please see the email attachment to the newsletter for more details. The book we will be reading is *Women of Holy Week: An Easter Journey in Nine Stories* by Paula Gooder.

RECYCLING UPDATE: I am sorry to tell you that we no longer have an outlet for milk bottle tops at St Anne's and I would be really grateful if these were no longer left in the porch. NFDG are now taking milk bottle tops in the weekly recycling bags as long as they are attached to the plastic milk bottle.

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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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.

THANK YOU FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB: Thank you to those who have donated seeds and small plastic pots to the gardening club to our Primary school, and to those who have promised plants later on in the season. We still need:

- Flower &/or vegetable seeds
- any donations towards buying waterproof gardening gloves
- small plastic flowerpots to grow on their seeds
- junior trowels- or money towards junior trowels
- any gardening tools you no longer need.

If you can help with any of the above, please contact the parish office.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: John (Jack) Joseph Hoey (10th), Fr Bernard Heeran, Anthony McCoy (11th), Monica Hay, Mary Bernadette Stephenson (13th), Philomena Elizabeth Cutler (15th)

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.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Rini Stuttaford, representing the PPC, will leading the Stations of the Cross at 10am on Friday 16th February in OLMSJ church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT: Saturday mornings from 10am – 10.30am in OLMSJ church. Nearer Holy Week additional opportunities will be available also.

LENTEN SERVICE OF REFLECTION: this will be led by Mary Dunn. It entitled – **The Veil of the Temple**, on Wed, 20th March at 7pm

DO YOU FANCY DONATING YOUR UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO CHARITY?: At the Coffee morning on 24th February, we will be running a Tombola and to make it a success we urgently need your help. We would welcome your last box of chocolates or those lovely toiletries you don't need or that bottle of wine you forgot you had, in fact any gift in good condition which can be used as a prize. Please donate them as prizes for our tombola on 24th February when **the funds raised from the coffee morning will help buy generators for Ukraine.** All donations will be gratefully received and can be left at church on Saturday or Sunday over the coming weeks and will be collected & transferred to a secure place. Thank you for your help.

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BUILDING FUND UPDATE: On 09/02/24 Church Building Fund was £261,760.08.

All Parishes

CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwf.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.

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>

CONGRATULATIONS & PRAYERS: for Rev Mgr Canon Paul Townsend, parish priest of Ringwood & Fordingbridge, who celebrates the 40th anniversary of his Ordination on 11th Feb 1984

NEW FOREST FOR UKRAINE ARE SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS to help at the Hub in Lymington, for up to 3 hrs per session, once a week., for maybe the next few weeks. It will involve packing and sorting, with a wonderful group of volunteers, all helping to send stuff out to Ukraine. Not for you if you are immobile! It will be a wonderful experience! Please phone Mandy on 07969 091921.

FROM BISHOP PHILIP: Prayers for King Charles: The news recently that King Charles is beginning a series of treatments for cancer impels us to commend him to the Lord, asking for God's blessing on the oncologists, nurses and medical staff who are caring for him and also for a successful outcome. May the Lord Jesus give him strength, courage and patience. Many people have battles with cancer in its many forms at various times in their lives, perhaps people we know in our families and parishes, maybe even you who are reading this. I always thank God for the amazing medical advances that have been made, and also for the tender care given by many of the doctors and medical staff dedicated to cancer treatment. As we pray for King Charles, let us also pray for all who are sick, especially those who are very ill and in hospital at this time, and for the healing of the sick. Let's remember especially those suffering cancer that with the joy and strength given by the Lord and the efficacy of the treatments they may have a happy outcome. Bishop Philip