

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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## *The Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION (when applicable)	
SAT	2 <sup>nd</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Dec'd Family & Friends (PE)	DMA
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	George Ruane - 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion	DMA
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Robert Greenhalgh RIP Anniv	DMA
MON	4 <sup>th</sup>	OLSJ School	9.00am	Assembly	Lenten Assembly	N/A	DMA/LMG
TUE	5 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	Mary Miller RIP	DMA
WED	6 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	Ursula Beachey RIP & Peter Larke RIP	DMA
THUR	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent	Dec'd Catenians & Spouses	DQ
THUR	7 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Requiem Mass	Norah Radbourn Davey RIP	DMA
SAT	9 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby James Edward Inelus	N/A	DMA
SUN	10 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	The Baker Family F/M	DMA

## THE DISTURBING PROPHET

The word of God in the Bible, especially the prophetic word, often challenges our hard-heartedness. This is usually so entrenched in self interest, security, collusion & habit that we don't recognise it for what it is. We also tend to lose our capacity to imagine life, relationships, the world in a different way. We regard any invitation to re-imagine our economics, our politics, our social & family relationships as foolishness & folly. We don't see the wisdom of the love and unity with which God binds the whole of humanity & indeed all creation. So we tend to be shocked, surprised and upset by the passion of the prophet who does see things very differently and who is often frustrated by our spiritual blindness. Jesus acting fearlessly with passion and power is a bit too scary for us.

One of the many paradoxes of God's relationship with us is that the mercy of God which has compassion on our weakness & our helplessness and which makes excuses for us, is the same mercy of God that vehemently attacks our complacency, our fear and our enslavement to our "idols".

The Commandments? If Jesus has done away with the Law, if the letter of the Law brings death rather than life, if we are called to live in the new relationship of grace, then what place do the commandments now have?

The commandments represent good foundations. They are thousands of years old. They belong to a certain age & culture but the basics are still important for us today. If our society loses basic values and ignores basic responsibility it is going to be in serious trouble. Whatever the noble heights of our ethical principles may be, the whole edifice, the whole of society is in danger of imploding or just disintegrating in the free for all of individual selfishness.

So it is true we live by grace not by law. Our moral awareness and our ethical principles are much broader, deeper, higher and more sophisticated than ever before. We have come along way since Moses and the commandments nearly 3000 years ago. However the perennial weeds of fear, selfishness, greed, anger, hatred, violence, lust, pride, etc. can strangle the best ideals. The prophets will call us to new frontiers of inclusivity, compassion and caring but they will also warn us not to undermine the foundations by losing sight of basic responsibilities and rights. Sometimes their words and actions will be severe and shocking. But then that is only a response to the depth of our complacency and the strength of our addiction to our "idols". (DMA).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Maureen Purgavie (5<sup>th</sup>), Louisa Maud McNeill, Norman Anthony Davies (9<sup>th</sup>)

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

**COFFEE MORNING:** this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. Our thanks to the Team!

**PETER LARKE RIP:** The Funeral Service for Peter will be on Friday, 22nd March at 11.30am followed by Committal at New Forest Crematorium at 1pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Maevie and all the family. May Peter rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**GEORGE RUANE** will be celebrating his First Holy Communion with us today. We wish him a very happy day with all his family and a deeper awareness of God's life in him.

**A BIG SUGGESTION FOR LENT!** How about buying a plastic sachet or 2, of puréed baby food, for Ukrainian babies (1st few months or older). Sell by dates are about Dec 2024. They also badly need tins of formula milk for babies and little ones too. There will be a box in S Francis porch. Thank you so much!

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** John Hurley Marshall, Mary Elaine Taylor (5<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Baker (6<sup>th</sup>), Robert Letchford, Angela Mary McAuliffe (8<sup>th</sup>), Maisie Grace Emanuel (9<sup>th</sup>)

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

**MASS ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH IN THE CHURCH:** The Mass will be offered for deceased Catenian members and spouses. I am grateful that Fr Quarmby is able to celebrate this Mass. Please give him every assistance and also church heating will be needed.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent appeal** Just a reminder that if you forgot to bring your donation last week, envelopes will be collected again at the back of the Church this Sunday after Mass. Please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

**New Forest for Ukraine** Big thank you to everyone who donated cash for badly-needed generators for Ukraine at the end of Mass last week. We raised £80 to be added to the £635 raised at the OLMSJ coffee morning on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## All Parishes

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** On 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March there will be a second collection Clergy Assistance Fund. This is to enable the diocese to house and support sick and retired priests.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING :** "If it means dying for them I'm going that way, because I heard a voice saying - Do something for others'. "I HAVE A DREAM' 60 years on! How [Martin Luther King](#) martyred himself for civil rights! Speaker - Philip St Lawrence 2.00pm. Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 - Fuller Hall, Lymington Community Centre. Tickets from Reception (call 01590-672337) ALL PROCEEDS in support of our Centre.

**FROM SR VERONICA:** Hello and welcome to this third reflection on Moses and his covenant with The Lord. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W\\_k5hUVIokQ&t=24s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_k5hUVIokQ&t=24s) Like Noah and Abraham he too was called to enter into a covenant with the Lord. But this time there was a twofold promise which required the Israelites to follow and obey the Laws given on Mt Sinai. Now the promises have been made to a nation rather than just a family or a tribe. God Bless Sr Veronica OP

**DO YOU STRUGGLE TO HEAR IN CHURCH?** Do you have Digital Hearing Aids which don't switch to the Loop? Please make contact with Mary Dunn - who has had some success in solving the problem for herself!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter enrichment weekend** at Corpus Christi Church Boscombe 13-14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Saturday 9am to Sunday 5.00pm) A WME weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage, but want to make it even better! To book <https://wwme.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>; further information contact Jackie or Roger 07948516854.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Michael Campbell, James (Jim) Thomas Cannon (3<sup>rd</sup>), Thomas Walker, Alice Manghan, William Cullen (4<sup>th</sup>), Canon Michael Sexton, Clodagh Eileen Shelley (5<sup>th</sup>), Athel Joan Hawker, Leonard Sweeney, Reginald Dennis Gilkes (6<sup>th</sup>), Robert Horan, Enid Acworth, Leonard Walter Thomas Lane, Jeffrey Ralph Skitch (7<sup>th</sup>)

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

**FROM FRANCES WALKER:** I would like to offer my grateful thanks to everyone who has sent cards, wishes and prayers on Den's passing. They have been a great comfort to me at this very sad time.

**NORAH RADBOURN DAVEY RIP:** The Requiem Mass for Norah will be on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am in OLMSJ church followed by Committal at New Forest Crematorium at 12 noon. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband John and all relations and friends. May Norah rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Carolyn & Deborah Power representing Sunday Morning Coffee Team, will leading the Stations of the Cross at 10am on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 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, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

**CWL (CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE):** The next meeting of the CWL is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15 pm our Speaker is from the Air Ambulance at approx 3pm. Members of the parish are welcome to hear this talk.

The next **CWL** coffee morning is on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March, proceeds for Basics Bank, Lymington.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** - The March meeting of the Friendship Club will be held in Joseph's Place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March between 2pm and 4pm and everyone is welcome. In addition to our usual activities of a quiz, raffle, tea and homemade cake we will welcome Marily McCann who will be talking to us about poetry she has written and poems she has enjoyed. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

**DONATIONS OF MONEY FOR EASTER EGGS (STELLA MARIS)** The Apostleship of the Sea has asked us to help provide Easter eggs for seafarers. Put your contribution in a marked envelope please.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER – LYMINGTON: Week of Prayer at Lymington Baptist Church** - their week of "24/7" Prayer is fast approaching! From **Monday evening 11th March - Sunday morning 17th March** they will be praying non-stop, night and day for ourselves, our church, our wider Christian community, our local area and our world in our very own prayer room at LBC. Everyone is welcome to join them.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** On 23/02/24 Church Building Fund was £261,885.08.

## 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. Details about dates and requirements will be circulated in due course.

**CARITAS EVENTS: Date for Your Diary:** If you or your parish are interested in living more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor, come along to the Caritas Online Networking Lunch on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 12:30-1pm** where we will be joined by Jo Lewry from CAFOD to tell us more about the **LiveSimply Award**. Everyone welcome, please [register here](#).

**CHURCH BEYOND WALLS WORKSHOP:** We have put together a workshop to help guide parishes to start to answer the question "What does Poverty look like in my pastoral area?". Following the See-Choose-Act pathway the workshop gives a parish the opportunity to explore what poverty is and how it impacts people locally, consider what gaps in support exist in the community, what gifts and resources are available within the parish and then start to discern and plan a response in line with Catholic Social Teaching. Ideal for parishes or pastoral areas. For further information or to plan a workshop please get in touch with Jenny at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). See flyer attached.