

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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## *The Week: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION (when applicable)	
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
MON	11 <sup>th</sup>	OLSJ School	9.00am	Assembly	Yr R Assembly / Stations Prep	N/A	LMG/DMA
TUE	12 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent	Denville Cameron Walker RIP	DMA
WED	13 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
THUR	14 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent	For those who are unwell	DMA
SAT	16 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Jimmy & Kathleen Swinden RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Denville Cameron Walker RIP	DMA
SUN	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Sylvia Miles RIP	DMA

## CONNECTING WITH NATURE CAN HEAL OUR SOULS AND RESTORE OUR JOY

Thomas Merton (1915-1968), Cistercian-Trappist monk, spiritual writer, inter-religious pioneer and political activist, was hugely influential in the Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and beyond. He re-awakened an appreciation for contemplative prayer and the perennial spiritual apophatic tradition, which emphasised that experience of God which is beyond all categories of human understanding, cfr Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus". Thomas Merton was a very important inspiration for Fr Richard Rohr OFM. Merton commented on the experience of aridity in prayer and the spiritual life referred to by a number of medieval (& later) spiritual writers. He suggested that much of this joyless experience was down to a defective asceticism that rejected the God-given joy offered by an appreciation of nature. God has given us two love letters, the first is universal is the creation the world of nature accessible to everyone. The second is written in the Judeo-Christian tradition and is the Bible. If we do not appreciate and learn from the first we will struggle to understand the second. (DMA)

### The Summary from Richard Rohr's Daily Reflections (9<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

While calling ourselves intelligent, we've lost touch with the natural world. As a result, we've lost touch with our own souls. I believe we can't access our full intelligence and wisdom without some real connection to nature.

One of the foundational reasons for our sense of isolation and unhappiness is that we have lost our contact with nature. (Richard Rohr)

After almost fifty years of being a Franciscan Sister, I learned that beauty for Franciscan theologians and philosophers is the ultimate and most intimate knowing of God, another name for God, the name for God. (Marya Grathwohl)

We will be spiritually nourished by this world or we will be starved for spiritual nourishment. No other revelatory experience can do for the human what the experience of the natural world does. (Thomas Berry)

What can we give back through a pattern of reciprocity to a planet that gives us so much? What will make the more-than-human creation glad that we are here? (Debra Rienstra)

I'm not saying that God is all things or that all things are God (pantheism). I am saying that each living thing reveals some aspect of God. God is greater than the whole of our universe, and as Creator inter-penetrates all created things (panentheism). (Richard Rohr)

We can say God is the whole of creation in a material and finite form. God is the whole of us but we are not the whole of God. The Divine Word becomes "flesh", becomes the finite expression of Itself. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Pamela Rosemary Greenwood (12<sup>th</sup>), Isobel Maud Baker (13<sup>th</sup>), Joseph John McGowan (14<sup>th</sup>), Clarence Patrick Nello Thompson (15<sup>th</sup>)

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

**COFFEE MORNING:** next Sunday, 17<sup>th</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 Maeve and all the family. May Peter rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**A BIG SUGGESTION FOR LENT!** How about buying a plastic sachet or 2, of pureed 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:** Monica Jackson (10<sup>th</sup>), Anne Lupton, Patricia Alcock (12<sup>th</sup>), Barbara Lloyd, Kathleen Teresa Conway (13<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth Anne Olney, Mary Noelle Symons (15<sup>th</sup>)

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

**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 THIS WEEKEND:** The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team, responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. The team organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses and sabbaticals. It looks after the junior clergy, the overseas clergy and especially the retired clergy. Online donations can be made by using the following link: [Clergy Assistance Fund Second Collection 2024 | Give as you Live Donate](#)

**THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT:** How many plastic containers do you throw away from your food and household items in a week? 5? 6? 26? Well now is the time to find out and in so doing you will put pressure on the Government to reduce plastic waste.

Go to [www.thebigplasticcount.com](http://www.thebigplasticcount.com) and get a 'Tally form', then over the next week make a note of how many pieces of plastic you throw away. Simple.

The overall aim is to put pressure on the UK government to participate in the Global Treaty backed by the UN to reduce the over production of plastic which harms our natural environment.

Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* has asked us directly to Live Simply in harmony with Creation.

Our Laudato Si team here at OLMSJ is supporting the UK wide **BIG PLASTIC COUNT** organised by **Greenpeace**. Will you support it too?

Please help: Count your plastic and get the results in. This is a simple thing you can do to be part of this worldwide initiative to try to prevent plastic from harming our world. To see how you can help please visit [www.thebigplasticcount.com](http://www.thebigplasticcount.com). There is also some information at the back of the church.

**SR VERONICA'S REFLECTION:** Hello and welcome to this 4th Sunday Lent. Today we consider the covenant made with David. David was chosen as the bloodline of the promised Messiah. David was the great hero of the nation of Israel but also a sinner in the eyes of God. But God ruled that the throne of David would last forever. So, the Church today is asked to submit itself to that great Son of David who rules over us from heaven <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B9DZwg9XTM> God Bless Sr Veronica OP.

**The Chrism Mass this year takes place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 11am in the Cathedral in Portsmouth and Bishop Philip wishes to invite you to it!** *The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments: the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism. The blessing of the Holy Oils is one of the most ancient ceremonies of the Church and it is always celebrated in the Cathedral with the priests, deacons, religious and lay people of the diocese. The Mass is one of the main diocesan events of the year and during it, all the priests make a renewal of their commitment to priestly service, "manifesting their communion with the Bishop" (Roman Missal). It is always a wonderful manifestation of the Church in our Diocese of Portsmouth and an opportunity to thank God for our Catholic faith. I would like to invite you all to join us for this great celebration. (Bishop Philip)*

**If you are going to the Chrism Mass you would be advised to get there very early as the Cathedral gets very full very quickly.**

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Roy Green, Colin Moon (10<sup>th</sup>), Rev Michael Nugent, Arthur Peart (11<sup>th</sup>), Norah Manghan, Robert Conway, Rev Andrew Lavery, Raffaele Franzese (12<sup>th</sup>), George Price, Kathleen Ashworth, Andrew John Beale, Maria Teresa Giordano (13<sup>th</sup>), Helena Jenvey (14<sup>th</sup>), Constance Martell, Joyce Laura Ambrose, Mary Noelle Symons (15<sup>th</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Fr Shaun Budden, 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Eileen Rayner representing the CWL, will leading the Stations of the Cross at 10am on Friday 15<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.

**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.

**THE YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025:** Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year, entitled '*Pilgrims of Hope*'. The Jubilee year only comes around every 25 years. More information to come as the year goes on. In preparation for the Jubilee Year, the Pope has proclaimed 2024 to be 'A Year of Prayer.' It will focus on all prayer but particularly the prayer Jesus gave to his disciples, the 'Our Father.' The Lord's Prayer.

### THE PROJECT:

OLSJ and our 3 parishes of Milford on Sea, Lymington and Brockenhurst are trying to find which languages are spoken among our families, relations and friends in our communities. This includes dialects for example Yorkshire.

When we have collated all the languages spoken, or which were once spoken years ago, we will have the *Our Father* translated into those languages and will display them in our school and our parishes in time for Pentecost on May 19th. It's a celebration of diversity today – and synodality.

*"In a Church that is living synodally, different cultures, languages, rites, ways of thinking, and realities can engage together and fruitfully in a sincere search for the Spirit's guidance"*, said the Synodal Church in Mission Synthesis Report from Rome in October 2023.

Our Gallery will be an echo of the Church of the Paternoster on the Mount of Olives with its hundreds of language versions on ceramic plaques.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Could you let us know by phone 01590 676696, email [office@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:office@lymbrockmil.org.uk) or on paper through the letterbox of the presbytery, which language(s) or dialect(s) are spoken, or were once spoken, within your family, relatives and friends in your community. For example: You may have had Irish Grandparents, but you were born in Liverpool and married someone from Yorkshire! Or your parents were born in Birmingham, but you were born in Wales. Your parents may have been born in Poland, but your children born in Hampshire. Or you may all have been born and bred in Hampshire! Whichever your ancestry, please let us know the languages spoken asap. **WE DON'T NEED NAMES, UNLESS YOU WISH TO GIVE THEM, JUST THE LANGUAGES SPOKEN.**