

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

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The Week: 23rd March 2024 - 7th April 2024

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION (when applicable)	
SAT	23 rd	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	Palm Sunday	Joan Cunningham RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	24 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Palm Sunday	Michael Halle RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	24 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Palm Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	24 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	Palm Sunday	Florence Esme Morrison RIP F/M	DMA
MON	25 th	OLSJ School	8.45am	Session	Stations of the Cross - Rehearsal	N/A	LMG/DMA
MON	25 th	OLSJ School	2.15pm	Assembly	Stations of the Cross	N/A	LMG/DMA
TUE	26 th	Ca the dra l	11.00am	Mass	Chris m Mass	For our parish catechists	DMA/DQ
TUE	26 th	OLMSJ	6 - 6.30pm		Sacrament of Reconciliation	N/A	DMA
WED	27 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	Liturgy of Holy Week	Den Walker RIP (JS)	DMA
WED	27 th	OLMSJ	12 - 12.30pm		Sacrament of Reconciliation	N/A	DMA
THUR	28 th	OLMSJ	12 - 12.30pm		Sacrament of Reconciliation	N/A	DMA
THUR	28 th	OLMSJ	7.30pm	Mass	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	For all who serve our parishes	DMA
FRI	29 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Service	Stations of the Cross	N/A	DMA
FRI	29 th	URC Church	11.00am	Service	Good Friday Ecumenical Service	N/A	NK
FRI	29 th	OLMSJ	3.00pm	Service	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	N/A	DMA
FRI	29 th	OLMSJ	6 - 6.30pm		Sacrament of Reconciliation	N/A	DMA
SAT	30 th	OLMSJ	10 - 10.30am		Sacrament of Reconciliation	N/A	DMA
SAT	30 th	OLMSJ	11.00am		Polish Blessing of Easter Food	N/A	BK/DMA
SAT	30 th	OLMSJ	8.00pm	Mass	Easter Vigil	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	31 st	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Easter Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	31 st	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Easter Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	31 st	St Anne	12 noon	Mass	Easter Sunday	People of the Parishes	DMA
TUE	2 nd	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	Tue - Octave of Easter	Ursula Beachey RIP	DMA
WED	3 rd	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	Wed - Octave of Easter	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
THUR	4 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Thurs - Octave of Easter	Josie Greenhalgh (Ints) F/M	DMA
SAT	6 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Mary Margaret Ash RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SUN	7 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	7 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Joseph & Flora Weid RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	7 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	2 nd Sunday of Easter	as per celebrant	DQ

HOW DOES THE CROSS OF CHRIST SAVE US? Long before the time of Jesus the prophets of the Jewish religion, especially Jeremiah, Ezekiel & Isaiah, had recognised that the Covenant with Moses was not working. They had reached an impasse. They had fallen into a deep pit and there was no way out. Basically they had broken their side of the Covenant and there was now no remedy. A new beginning was needed but only God could do that.

The problem with the first covenant is that it created sin & guilt. By sin I don't mean wrong or destructive behaviour but behaviour that is deemed to separate us from God and from God's love. By guilt I do not mean personal or collective responsibility but self & social hatred & rejection. Personal responsibility is just a fact that we must come to terms with. Immoral & destructive behaviour has to be recognised, confronted and ultimately changed. Neither of these human experiences can negate God's love for us. If you only read half a story you are liable to get it completely wrong. The Jewish people got it completely wrong when they accepted accusation, judgement & condemnation as the last word. Jesus came to bring the true light to this situation.

When the Christian Bible refers to the death of Jesus it relies heavily on metaphors of ransom, payment and blood sacrifice. This is because the first believers in Jesus had to understand the death and resurrection of Jesus in terms of what went before in their own religion. What preceded it, of course, was the Law and the Prophets and all the ritual of animal sacrifice associated with the Jewish religion before the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. While this provided a rich, interpretative framework for the first Christians it is not so important for us now. *(continued overleaf in All Parishes section)*

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Margaret Joan Brown (25th), Douglas Victory Hutchinson (26th), Kenneth Webdale (27th), Piotr Rowinski, Patrick Debbonaire Maunsell, Ellen Elizabeth Wesborn (29th), Raymond John Salt (1st)

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

NEXT COFFEE MORNING: Sunday, 7th April. Our thanks to the Team!

SPECIAL THANKS: to everyone who helped prepare for Peter Larke's Funeral Service and to all those who came. Thanks to Roger Warren for playing the organ so well.

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH: Stations of the Cross in St Francis church at 11.00am This should finish in plenty of time for those who wish to join Christians Together for the service on the village green at 12.00pm (in All Saints Church in the event of bad weather)

THANK YOU for a good response to the request for sachets of baby food and containers of baby dried milk. Box still in porch, the collection goes on!

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Rosa Palmieri, William George Nicholas (25th), Florence Esme Morrison (26th), Mary (May) Gertrude Jackson, Jill Rosemary Laloi (28th), Mary Westby, Bridget Mary Holland (29th) Cecelia McFadden, Clement Simon Brand (1st), Joseph Benjamin Weeks, Fr Joseph Connolly, Edmund Francis Deprez, Luzia Maria Bumphrey (2nd), Mary Ann Foley, Christian John Manley, Christina Mann (3rd), Anthony Richard Thorpe (4th), Marie Frances Taylor (5th), Michael George Lane (6th)

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: here at St Anne's on Wednesday of Holy Week, 27th March, at 7pm. As in previous years, parishioners from St Saviour's will be joining us.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS AT 12 NOON: Don't forget clocks spring forward! I will try to be with you as close to 12 noon as possible.

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(Continued from front page:) And in some ways it has become a barrier to the proclamation of the Good News precisely because of its richness, complexity and historical remoteness. We really need to leave behind all these metaphors which, if interpreted logically, end up completely distorting the image of God. Unfortunately many Christians are still unaware of the implications of these crude metaphors which if used unthinkingly without qualification can make God appear as an angry monster demanding a blood sacrifice in order to be appeased.

Abandoning the biblical imagery may appear dangerously presumptuous if it wasn't for the biblical writing itself attributed to John the Evangelist. The text is: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:16). And in another place we are told quite emphatically "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Jesus remained faithful to his Father, refusing to deny his goodness and compassion even when it cost him his life. Jesus' love for the Father is the expression of God's love for us. Jesus' forgiveness of his enemies is God's forgiveness of us. This is the light, the truth of love and this love takes our sins away. They are taken away not by ceasing to be, for what was and what is will always be. They are taken away in the sense that our behaviour no longer has the power to separate us from God. (See Apocalypse 12:10). This power of condemnation was given by the Law but the Law has been abolished as the sole arbiter of our relationship with God. It is replaced by God's invincible graciousness. "Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. (but now the law is abolished so) thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:56). God sacrifices God's self for us to bring us the revelation of the love that reconciles and unites all things in heaven and all things on earth (Eph 1:10; Col 1:20). (DMA)

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Archbp John Henry King, Audrey Bernadette Salmon (23rd), Mary Scales, Alfreda Frances Collins, John Jenkins (24th), Herbert Cull, Pauline Dorothea Stevens, Rosemary Pepler (25th), Ethel Woodford (26th), Patrick Carroll, Antoinette Hacker (27th), William Mate (28th), Palatiano Russell (30th), Tiffany Read (31st), Margaret Monica Light (2nd), Charles Cull, Doris Smith (3rd), Joan Felicity Martine Hoyle, John Bodell, Anthony Bonett (4th), Bp Anthony Emery (5th)

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT: In Holy Week additional opportunities will be available see the service schedule on the front page of the newsletter for details.

KATE FELLOWS RIP: died on 20th March. She is not a parishioner but had been coming to the friendship club for years. May Kate rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

THE BIG COFFEE MORNING NEXT SATURDAY: The next Lymington Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 30th March 2024 in Joseph's Place from 10am to 1pm. All proceeds to **Honeypot**, a charity which offers residential breaks to young carers and vulnerable children across the UK, as well as offering a range of digital and face-to-face support services. **All cakes gratefully received.**

NFFU KNITTING APPEAL UPDATE: "Sincere thanks to all knitters for helping to support the people of Ukraine during this very cold winter. The latest and on-going appeal we have received is for baby clothes including mittens, socks and hats, knitted soft toys and baby blankets from pram/cot size upto bed size. Thankfully temperatures are improving and for now, the need for more scarves, hats and gloves for toddlers and young children has been taken off our appeal list". Hot Water Bottles NFFU have been able to secure more hot water bottles to send out on the next lorry but need covers for them. Could you help by knitting covers for standard size hot water bottles? You can use any colour or pattern you like and if you don't have a pattern there are copies available at the back of church. **THERE IS A DROP BOX IN THE PORCH OF OLSJ** for all knitted items.

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

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CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.nfwf.org.uk for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances. Here is the link to the Give As You Live page for this Good Friday: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>.

CLOCKS GO FORWARD ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

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SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: Welcome to this week's reflection. We begin this great Holy Week with Palm Sunday, and continue throughout the week to embrace the journey of Jesus to the Cross and his burial in the tomb. It is a week of many emotions, joy at the arrival in Jerusalem moving to the cry to crucify him. We journey with those closest to Jesus and experience their emotions too. May the week bring you many blessings and graces. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnTzS99PL0E> God Bless Sr Veronica OP.

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. So just let us know what your chosen language is.