

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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## *The Week: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION (when applicable)	
SAT	6 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Mary Margaret Ash RIP Anniv F/M	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Michael Halle RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Veronica Croker RIP	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	as per celebrant	DQ
WED	10 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	W & C	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	N/A	HL
THUR	11 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	St Stanislaus, Mem	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	13 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Ursula Beachey RIP	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Xavier Karol Hajduk	N/A	DMA
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Hanora Teresa Dunne RIP F/M	DMA
TUE	16 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter	Canon Peter Wilkie RIP	DMA
THUR	18 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA
SAT	20 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Canon Peter Wilkie RIP	DMA

**WOUNDED & RESURRECTED:** The archetypal encounter between doubting Thomas and the Risen Jesus (John 20: 19-28) is not really a story about believing in the fact of the resurrection, but a story about believing someone could be *wounded and also resurrected at the same time!* That is a quite different message, and still desperately needed. "Put your finger here," Jesus says to Thomas (20:27). And like Thomas, we are indeed wounded and resurrected at the same time, all of us. In fact, this might be the primary pastoral message of the whole Gospel.

Earlier, I wrote that great love and great suffering (both healing and woundedness) are the universal, always available paths of transformation, because they are the only things strong enough to take away the ego's protections and pretensions. Great love and great suffering bring us back to God, with the second normally following the first, and I believe this is how Jesus himself walked humanity back to God. It is not just a path of resurrection rewards, but always a path that includes death and woundedness.

We cannot jump over this world, or its woundedness, and still try to love God. We must love God *through, in, with,* and even *because of* this world. This is the message Christianity was supposed to initiate, proclaim and encourage, and what Jesus modelled. We were made to love and trust this world, "to cultivate it and take care of it" (Genesis 2:15).

Do not think I am talking about believing only what you can see with your eyes or proposing mere materialism. I am talking about *observing, touching, loving the physical, the material, the inspirited universe – in all its suffering state –* as the necessary starting place for any healthy spirituality and any true development. Death and resurrection, not death or resurrection. This is indeed the depth of everything. *To stay on the surface of anything is invariably to miss its message – even the surface of our sinfulness.*

Jesus invited Thomas and all doubters into a tangible kind of religion, a religion that makes touching human pain and suffering the way into both compassion and understanding. For most of us, the mere touching of another's wound probably feels like an act of outward kindness; we don't realise that its full intended effect is to change us as much as it might change them.

Human sympathy is the best and easiest way to open the heart space and to make us live inside our own bodies. God never intended most human beings to become philosophers or theologians, but God wants all humans to represent the very Sympathy and Empathy of God. And its okay if it takes a while to get there.

(Extracts from *The Universal Christ* by Fr Richard Rohr OFM, pp111-113, SPCK, 2019)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Samuel Randle (7<sup>th</sup>), Mother Mary Albert (Park Place Convent), Karl Heinrich Jansen, Michael John Peter Halle (9<sup>th</sup>), Anthony John Haywood (10<sup>th</sup>), William Murray (11<sup>th</sup>), Clement William Caffyn (12<sup>th</sup>), Philip Henry Caswell (13<sup>th</sup>), Barry Arthur Macklin (14<sup>th</sup>), John Joseph Seery (16<sup>th</sup>), James Boyd Smith (18<sup>th</sup>), Patrick Joseph Lang (19<sup>th</sup>), A Chamberlain (20<sup>th</sup>)

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

**COFFEE MORNING:** this Sunday after Mass in the Maryland Room. All are welcome. And thanks to the Team.

**TRIBUTE FROM OLIVER STANLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW FOREST BASICS BANK:** Firstly, Anthony Kirke, our longest standing trustee, has stood down since my last communication. His contribution has been outstanding, very calm and always encouraging. His judgment will be missed and his vast experience within the NFBB has been a great benefit to me personally and to the whole board of trustees, thank you Anthony.

**A MESSAGE FROM MAYVE LARKE:** Dear Fr David, the Finance Committee & all the people of the parish, Thank you all so much for your thoughts and prayers at this sad time for myself and family. Peter would have loved the print of the Isle of Wight. We spent many happy hours looking at that view from our beach hut. I have given it pride of place in our summerhouse as a lovely reminder. Peter has left a big gap in our family, but lots and lots of happy memories. Mayve.

**SUNFLOWERS:** We are selling sunflower seedlings for £5 each. The money raised will be used to buy baby food which will be sent to Ukraine. Please ask Anthony.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Joseph Edward Walsh Woods, Dorothy Fanny Howland (9<sup>th</sup>), Dora Eleanor Bradley, John Christy (13<sup>th</sup>), Reynaldo Scrope, Anne Claudette Webb (16<sup>th</sup>), Iris Hilda Lucy McClone, Anne Le May (17<sup>th</sup>), Bernard Robert (Bob) Sparrow, Sheila Groombridge (18<sup>th</sup>), Jean Rixon, Susan Kathleen King (19<sup>th</sup>), Mary Emily Pinn (20<sup>th</sup>)

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

**THANKS:** to everyone who prepared the church so beautifully for the Easter celebration. Thanks to Fr David Quarmby for celebrating Masses while I'm away.

**FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** following on from the recent 5 yearly building inspection the FPC will be meeting on Tuesday, 16th April at 7pm in the parish rooms.

## All Parishes

**WEEKDAY MASS: AVAILABLE EVERY DAY** at St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms, Sway, Lymington SO41 8NH; (what3words location: "props.auctioned.surfed"): All their Masses this week, Monday to Saturday, will be at 12.15pm. Sunday Mass is at 11am.

**FROM FR DAVID - A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:** for everything they do for their parishes of Brockenhurst, Lymington and Milford on Sea: To our three PPC's and Finance Teams, the Sacristans, The Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, the Welcomers, those who prepare the Rotas, the Fire Wardens and those responsible for our Health & Safety. To the CWL, SVP & the Catenians. To those who arrange the flowers in church. To those who work with other Christian groups in Churches Together. To those who prepare refreshments and those who clean our churches. To those who look after our outdoor spaces and the Care for Creation groups. To those who fund raise for various charities and actively support the Ukraine Hub. To those who support our Primary school. To our school governors. To those who assist with the Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes and our Youth Mass. To those who pray for all of us. To all of you for all your support, Easter cards and gifts. Last but not least, to Lisa and Linda who keep my head above water!

**THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THE GENEROUS EASTER OFFERING THIS YEAR**

**SR VERONICA'S EASTER REFLECTIONS:** Let us rejoice in the Risen Lord and may he grant us many blessings and graces during this beautiful season of Eastertide.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W29i1Zmt8yw>

I do hope you have had an enjoyable Easter. This second reflection is a bit late this week since Sr Catherine who looks after the IT side of things has gone to US to be with her father who is very unwell at the moment. Please keep him in Prayer (Charles Bloom)

Many thanks God Bless Sr Veronica OP <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiZo6CNG5fU>

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** John Horan, Brian Webb, Mary Flood (6<sup>th</sup>), Bernard Turnbull, Lillian Cole, Martin James Gourlay (7<sup>th</sup>), George Mould (8<sup>th</sup>), Peter Brennan (10<sup>th</sup>), Gladys Bremner, Phillip Charles Lance McCormack (11<sup>th</sup>), Catherine Mary Hurton (12<sup>th</sup>), Gertrude McCabe, Eileen Alice Condon (13<sup>th</sup>), John Ghost, David Ronan (15<sup>th</sup>), Jemima Secchi, Marion Cecilia Nicholson (17<sup>th</sup>), James Kitching (18<sup>th</sup>), Declan James Good, Brian Edward Griffiths (19<sup>th</sup>)

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

**THE COFFEE MORNING LAST SATURDAY:** raised £220 for **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. **Thank you all the helpers and providers of cakes**

**CWL COFFEE MORNING:** will be on Saturday, 13th April and will be raising funds for the New Forest Basics Bank.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** The April meeting of the Friendship Club will be held in Joseph's Place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 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 Mel who will join us for a sing song. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

**THANKS FROM JOAN & BRIGID:** to the parishioners (two doctors & an experienced nurse/midwife) who cared for Joan & Brigid's mother, Kathleen Gleeson, who was unwell at church on Easter Sunday. After check-ups at Bournemouth Hospital, Kathleen is now recovered and back with her family in London.

**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 OLMSJ** for all knitted items.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** On 25/03/24 Church Building Fund was £262,300.08.

## 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.

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2024: FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN.** Regardless of where you live in the world, gender equality is a fundamental human right. Advancing gender equality is critical to all areas of a healthy society, from reducing poverty to promoting the health, education, protection and the well-being of both girls and boys. There has been progress over the last decades, but there is still lots to do in order to achieve the UN gender equality goal by 2030. Pope Francis invites us to join his prayer intention "...that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world."