

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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## *The Week: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION <i>(when applicable)</i>	
SAT	27 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	For 1st HC Children & parents	DMA
SUN	28 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	28 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Charles Joseph Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	28 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
TUE	30 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Una Mary Weld RIP F/M	DMA
WED	1 <sup>st</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	For those who are unwell	DMA
THUR	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	St Athanasius, Mem	Jane Fletcher RIP Anniv	DMA
SAT	4 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Clare Barry-Ball RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	5 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	5 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	5 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	The Baker Family F/M	DMA

### REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

Direct confrontation often causes more harm than good. Saul was aggressively hunting down the followers of Jesus. That aggressive energy was still driving him when, only days after his dramatic conversion, he begins challenging his former co-religionists with his new-found faith "Jesus is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20). Today's reading describes him "preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord". Having raised a proverbial hornet's nest Paul and his companions began to suffer the unintended consequences of his zeal. His minders took the wise and prudent decision to quietly spirit him away. Today's extract finishes with: "The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit". **How** we say something often has a greater effect than what we say. Are we trying to share a truth or insight we have come to realise or are we just trying to prove ourselves "right" and the other person "wrong"? Before we presume to confront or challenge or dialogue it would be good to become aware of the energies that are driving us. Are they angry and aggressive or peaceful and benevolent?

We are often prone to anxiety. And God can sometimes be sensed, experienced or thought of as One who is overwhelming and all-demanding. In contrast we experience ourselves as weak and sinful and never good or holy enough. If we are not careful our negative imaginings and anxieties can run away with us. In our second reading today, John recognises the vulnerability of our consciences which can "raise accusations against us". We need to "quieten our consciences" to preserve the peace Christ gives us and even our mental health! The way to do this is to honestly assess the reality of our practical compassion and love. Are we really trying to love and care for one another according to our capacity and means? If yes, we can be at peace. If no, we need to repent.

"I am the Vine and you are the branches". The life, beauty and goodness of God is manifest in everything. We human beings can begin to appreciate these qualities in the experience of our relationships. It is in our relationships that God's life, beauty and goodness are freely given and received as love. The fullness of God's self-giving can only be received in relationships of love and freedom. *One has to be in it to win it*, as the popular saying goes! One has to be in the relationship to receive the blessings of the relationship. "Remain in me", Jesus says, "as I remain in you". We are part of the Divine mystery. As Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:13: *we may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful for he cannot disown his own self*. And it is only in this Divine relationship that we can "bear fruit". This is because the fruit is none other than the personal goodness of God given to us and flowing through us as pure gift. As Paul wrote in Galatians 5:22: *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*. By keeping the great commandment, *love on another as I have loved you*, we will bear much fruit. (DMA).

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Bernard Leo Harrington, Mildred Elizabeth Kilvert (29<sup>th</sup>), Maud Elizabeth McNeill (1<sup>st</sup>), Alfred Bernard Little (3<sup>rd</sup>), Alma O'Sullivan, Vera Irene White (4<sup>th</sup>)

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

**SPECIAL PRAYERS, PLEASE:** for Anthony & Judith's daughter-in-law, Jacquie, who is gravely ill.

**COFFEE MORNING:** next Sunday, 5th May after Mass in the Maryland Room. All are welcome. And thanks to the Team.

**MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP (MAF) Aircraft Visit:** The MAF plans to bring one of their aircraft and a flight simulator to Milford village green on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May in order to advertise their missionary work. You can sit in the pilot's seat of a real Cessna 150 aircraft and try your hand at landing an MAF plane on the flight simulator. Please do try to support this event sometime during the day 10.00am - 4.00pm. Kevin Crook from MAF will be talking to us on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. I won't do a homily that day and Kevin will speak for under 10 minutes at the end of Mass.

**ANNE CAUL RIP:** A few years ago Anne moved down to Milford to be with family but because of health issues did not make contact with the parish. Her Funeral Service will be on Friday, 10th May at 12.30pm. There will just be a small group of family mourners in attendance.

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER MILFORD ON SEA:** St. Francis needs a second person to represent our parish as a part of this group from the four Milford churches. It has the overall responsibility for organising all the joint Christian events in the village, ranging from Christmas carols to Good Friday on the Green. Meetings are usually monthly, in the mornings. If you are interested in helping with this please speak to Elisabeth Hall (01590 644839) or at church.

**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:** Canon Robert Scantlebury, Peter Lupton, Margaret Mildred Wilkins, Rosario Scrope (29<sup>th</sup>), William Raymond Ryan, Olive Eva Maud Milton (30<sup>th</sup>), Canon James Walsh, Marie Josephine Hermalle Sister Dominic (1<sup>st</sup>), Capt. William John Lamb CVO, OBE (2<sup>nd</sup>), Patricia Agnes Farr (4<sup>th</sup>)

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

**CAFOD APPEAL FOR SUDAN:** Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](https://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal). Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. This Sunday, at the end of Mass, Michael Janssens, our CAFOD rep. will give a short talk on the crisis in the Sudan. We will have a second collection on Sunday, 5th May for CAFOD.

**BIRDSONG** Sitting in St Anne's garden one morning this past week with a phone app to identify birdsong, we picked up the sounds of no less than 12 different bird species in the space of 10 minutes. Our Church garden is a wonderful haven for wildlife.

## 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.

**OLSJ SCHOOL NEWS: YEAR 6 PRAYER LEADERS:** *Blessed God, Heavenly Father, we come together to celebrate your love. The words that you speak, fill our hearts. You bless us as we rejoice in your Holiness. The Word of the Lord spreads peace, love and joy. Amen.*

This week in Year 6 we continue to reflect on new life and wondrous beginnings. We reflect on Easter. We have focused on prayer for blessings and adoration for what God has done and is still doing for us. We recognise that his wondrous plans and opportunities he creates are ongoing. Within Year 6, we have been creating our own opening and closing prayers that we will draw upon within our class collective worship. We share these with our community, in hope that they bring peace, light, love and warmth. *Lord God, we pray that our lives will continue to be blessed by you. Help us to teach others of your Holy words and to celebrate our lives that you have blessed us with. King of Kings, nourish us, feed our minds, souls and hearts as we share your blessed words. Amen.* Today's opening and closing prayer was written by one of our own Year 6 pupils.

**SR VERONICA'S REFLECTION:** We ponder on the analogy of the vine and the branches which Jesus introduces to us in St John's Gospel where Jesus shares his intimate relationship with his Father. We too are invited to enter into such a relationship through the Church. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkgkJGfbBc>

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** Matthew McCarthy, Emily Gertrude Jones (27<sup>th</sup>), John Walsh (28<sup>th</sup>), Michael John Heneghan (29<sup>th</sup>), Gerard Manghan, Michael Booth, Patricia (Pat) Mary Mate (30<sup>th</sup>), Thomas Scanlon, Diana Begg, Anne Josephine Thomas, Margaret Annie Topp (1<sup>st</sup>), Peter Goffart, Mary Ann Gillespie, Declan English, Leigh Horton, John Elmer Stevens, Jane Fletcher (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Sick and Housebound:** Joseph Slavin, 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.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** In the Catholic Church, May and October are months traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. The Rosary is a form of prayer that helps us to reflect on the life of Mary and Jesus. During the month of May there will be an opportunity to say the Rosary as a group before Mass. If you would like to say the Rosary, it will start on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 5.40pm and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 10.10am at OLMSJ church. Just mention it to the Welcomers on duty when you arrive and they will direct you to the group.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** The next meeting of the CWL will be on Tuesday 14th May at 2.15 in the parish rooms. Rini Stuttford will be giving a presentation of her wild life photography via the TV at approximately 3pm. This is a free presentation and all the parish is welcome. The CWL will be giving a donation from their funds to the Children of the Universe, a charity set up by the Stuttford family, in Africa

**SUNFLOWER SEEDS:** Thank you to everyone who took seeds home with them last weekend. We should see a wonderful display of colour in the car park from the dwarf Sunflowers, and of course the bees and other insects will love them. Then there's the tallest Sunflower competition: Parish v School. Who will grow the tallest Sunflower? Prize for the winner. Watch this space!

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** On 26/04/24 Church Building Fund was £262,775.08.

## All Parishes

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE:** [www.nfw.org.uk](https://www.nfw.org.uk) for resources to support us in our faith and in our care of one another.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS: CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal:** Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](https://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal). Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. We will have a second collection on Sunday 5th May.

**World Communications Day 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024** (mandatory) Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2024 follows the theme 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication'. He asks how we can remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose? You can read the full message here (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/>). The link for online donations <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-communications-day-second-collection-2024> The Second Collection for World Communications Day assists the Church to support this theme and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world.

**SCHOOL NEWS: Blue Peter Book Club:** Our Year 6 Reading Ambassadors are continuing to run their own "Blue Peter Book Club," based on the texts selected by BBC's Blue Peter. This half term, we are reading "Am I Made of Stardust," which focuses by award-winning scientist and BBC broadcaster Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock (MBE), full of questions about the universe, such as: How long would it take me to fly to a star? What would happen if I fell inside a black hole? Would I get a phone signal in space? Are there rainbows on other planets? What does dinner tastes like on the International Space Station? This book is packed full of fabulous facts, mind-blowing insights and engaging explanations from the renowned space scientist. Our younger pupils enjoyed reading the book with our Reading Ambassadors, who continue to use their lunchtimes to spread a love and enthusiasm for reading in school! A big well done to them!

**Year 5 blog:** The children in Year 5 have recently been studying different forces and how they affect our everyday lives. They performed an experiment on air resistance where they tested 3 independent variables: size of the parachute, shape of the parachute and material of the parachute. They thought carefully about how to perform this test fairly and how to record and present their results. In English, the Year 5 children have been exploring technological language. Once they have built their vocabulary in this area, they will design their very own spy gadget to use in an action narrative! They will also be working on using speech in this genre of writing and moving the story forward with dialogue. In maths, the children are learning about different types of measure such as capacity, length, weight and time. They will be learning to fluently convert different measures and subtract and add mixed units. The pupils have moved onto summer sports in PE and are currently learning the different disciplines in athletics. They have been working closely on their sprinting technique to become more dynamic and powerful through their stride pattern. They have practised high knee drives, arm propulsion and reaction time in an attempt to become faster out of the blocks!