

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

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The Week: 11th May 2024 - 19th May 2024

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION (when applicable)	
SAT	11 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	7 th Sunday of Easter	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	12 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	7 th Sunday of Easter	Peggy Murray RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	12 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	7 th Sunday of Easter	Lily Pearce RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	12 th	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Betty Di Maria	N/A	DMA
SUN	12 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	7 th Sunday of Easter	Sheila Kennedy RIP	DMA
TUE	14 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	St Matthias, Feast	Susan Weston (Ints)	DMA
WED	15 th	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	7 th Week of Easter	Caitlin Robb RIP (AH-1)	DMA
THUR	16 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	7 th Week of Easter	Canon Peter Wilkie RIP	DMA
FRI	17 th	OLMSJ	3.00pm	Service	Memorial Service - Joseph Slavin RIP	N/A	DMA
SAT	18 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	Pentecost Sunday	Caitlin Robb RIP (AH-2)	DMA
SUN	19 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Pentecost Sunday	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	19 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Pentecost Sunday	Josephine Pope RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	19 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	Pentecost Sunday	Bert Cooper RIP F/M	DMA

LOVE ENDURES: "No one has ever seen God, but as long as we love one another God will live in us and

God's love will be complete in us". (1 John 4: 12). (CAC core faculty member, Cynthia Bourgeault, beautifully describes growth in "conscious love" in her sermon, given at her daughter's wedding. I hope you will find it quite profound, as I did. Fr Richard Rohr)

It's easy to look at marriage as the culmination of love, the end point of the journey that begins with "falling in love." [But] marriage is not the culmination of love, but only the beginning.

Love remains and deepens, but its form changes. Or, more accurately, it renews itself in a different way. Less and less does it draw its waters from the old springs of romance, and you should not worry if over time these dimensions fade or are seen less frequently. More and more, love draws its replenishment from love itself: from the practice of conscious love, expressed in your mutual servanthood to one another. It will transform your lives and through its power in your own lives will reach out to touch the world. But how to stay in touch with that power? At those times when stress mounts and romance seems far away, how do you practice that conscious love that will renew itself and renew your relationship?

Here is the one [practice] that works for me:

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Corinthians 13:7). "**Love bears all things.**" This does not mean a dreary sort of putting-up-with or victimization. There are two meanings of the word *bear*, and they both apply.

The first means "to hold up, to sustain"—like a bearing wall, which carries the weight of the house. *To bear* [also] means "to give birth, to be fruitful." So love is that which in any situation is the most life-giving and fruitful.

"**Love believes all things.**" [This] does not mean to be gullible, to refuse to face up to the truth. Rather, it means that in every possible circumstance of life, there is a way of perceiving that leads to cynicism and divisiveness, a closing off of possibility; and there is a way that leads to higher faith and love, to a higher and more fruitful outcome. To "believe all things" means always to orient yourselves toward the highest possible outcome in any situation and strive for its actualization.

"**Love hopes all things.**" In the practice of conscious love you begin to discover a hope that is related not to outcome but to a well-spring a source of strength that wells up from deep within you independent of all outcomes. It is a hope that can never be taken away from you because it is love itself working in you, conferring the strength to stay present to that "highest possible outcome" that can be believed and aspired to.

Finally, "**love endures all things.**" Everything that is tough and brittle shatters; everything that is cynical rots. The only way to endure is to forgive, over and over, to give back that openness and possibility for new beginning which is the very essence of love itself. And in such a way love comes full circle and can fully "sustain and make fruitful," and the cycle begins again, at a deeper place. And conscious love deepens and becomes more and more rooted. (from Fr Richard Rohr's *Daily Reflection - Wednesday, May 2, 2018*)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Jenowefa (Jenny) Zaremba (15th), Robert Thomas Gerard Patey (17th)

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. **And also** for John Boocock who is on end of life care in Lymington Hospital. And our thoughts and prayers are also with his wife Kate.

COFFEE MORNING: next Sunday, 19th May after Mass in the Maryland Room. All are welcome. And thanks to the Team.

SPONSORSHIP APPEAL FROM JAMES KIRKE: Dear parishioners, I am running the Bristol half-marathon in May to raise money so that, inspired by Roger Maughan, I can take advantage of an incredible opportunity to travel to Zambia to be a staff member for a [Mission Direct project](#). We will be building classrooms and toilet blocks for the local schools in Lusaka as well as working with local partners to help children on the streets to break substance addictions and get them back into school. My previous involvement in Ugandan schools was inspiring. Your generosity is essential to fund my plane ticket and accommodation so that I can go and help lead the project. Please sponsor me. Thank you for taking the time to read this, for your prayers and any donations. Please donate directly on to James' Crowdfunding: [James](#) or cheque to "J A Kirke" and give to Judith or Anthony. With sincere thanks, James Kirke.

St Anne, Brockenhurst

Anniversaries this week: Patricia Heritage (14th), Luke Kelly, Kathleen Murphy (16th), Erna Stanbury, Eric Griffiths, Monica Wibberley (18th)

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

THANKS TO FR DAVID QUARMBY: for celebrating the Ascension Thursday Mass at St Anne's last week and for the support of our sacristans in making the necessary preparations.

WEEKDAY MASSES: from now on until the cold weather returns. The Thursday morning Mass will be in the church.

Cream Tea 2024: After last year's success, we are planning to put on a cream tea again this summer for our three parishes. Saturday, 6th July is the day – please book that in your diaries. And watch this space for more details to come!

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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.

A NEW CHAPLAIN FOR THE NEW FOREST HOSPITALS: Fr John Adikwu has been appointed as Ecumenical Chaplain for the New Forest hospitals which include Lymington Hospital. Fr John Adikwu is a Catholic priest in the Vincentian Order and previously has been working in the Hallam Diocese where he served as parish priest for three parishes. He has been authorised by Bishop Philip to administer the Sacraments to any Catholic patients who request it. However, he is the chaplain for all the patients irrespective of religion or Christian denomination and he is employed by the New Forest Hospitals Trust. He has his own residence in Ringwood.

HAVING A STAY IN HOSPITAL? (From Bishop Philip) If as a Catholic you are admitted to hospital, please ensure – or ask your family to ensure - that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. One suggestion would be for the patient to carry a note to give to hospital staff on admission notifying staff that they are Catholic and that they would really appreciate the Catholic chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward making the request. Hospital staff are always under immense pressure, and it can happen that a person's religious details ("spiritual needs") are overlooked upon admission, especially if it is an emergency. Our hospitals generally do a fantastic job enabling our chaplains to offer support to patients and to administer the Last Rites. Let us pray for all the medical staff who are caring for the sick – and also for our magnificent chaplains in their irreplaceable work. Let us pray too ourselves for a happy death and that no Catholic dies without the sacramental care of Mother Church.

(P.S. From Fr David – you can always request from me the Sacrament of the Sick BEFORE you are due to go into hospital or if you have received a serious illness diagnosis)

ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH: MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme and barbaric proposals. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. The Bill will be debated on 15 May, so please contact your MP **NOW**. Please pray for the defeat of these amendments, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Antonio Di Maria (12th), Rev. Abraham Jacob, Eila Farie, David Buckland (13th), John Slater, Richard Mark Uniacke (14th), Edith (Edie) Manghan, Alice Elizabeth Marsh (15th), Pauline Agnes Gregory, Gary Stratton, Ruby Harris (16th), Peter Henry, Barbara De Vere-Hunt, Richard (Ric) Kay, Albert Edward Cooper (17th)

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE – JOSEPH SLAVIN RIP: On Friday, 17th May at 3pm there will be a Memorial Service for Joe in OLMSJ church. Refreshments will be available afterwards. May Joe rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

REQUIEM MASS – JANE RAYNER RIP: This will take place on Tues, 4th June at 12.30pm in OLMSJ. The burial will be at Highfield at 2pm. Afterwards there will be a gathering at South Lawns. May Jane rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

HOT PRAYER: Mary Dunn will be giving a reflection on prayer and the Holy Spirit on Thursday, 16th May at 7pm in OLMSJ. Mary will give a short introduction to the subject after Mass next weekend (11th/12th May)

May - The month of Mary and the Rosary: The Rosary is being recited every Saturday and Sunday before each Mass and everyone is welcome to join in at whatever time you arrive at church. Pope John Paul II described the rosary "as an exquisitely contemplative prayer. It is a way of rendering Christ with Mary who lived with her eyes fixed on Christ, treasuring his every word and pondering them in her heart". If you would like to ponder on the mysteries of the rosary, there are a few small books to borrow, at the back of the church. If you would like to help lead one of the recitations over the next two weekends, please contact the Parish office".

FRIENDSHIP CLUB:- The May meeting of the Friendship Club will be held in Joseph's Place on Monday 13th May 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 Sr Julie from the Dominican Sisters in Sway who will talk to us about her life. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The next meeting of the CWL will be on this Tuesday 14th May at 2.15 in the parish rooms. Rini Stuttaford 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 Stuttaford family, in Africa

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: On 11/05/24 Church Building Fund was £263,155.08.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: World Communications Day 12th May 2024 (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.

HELP WITH DEMENTIA: Caritas Portsmouth is hosting Sue Carter from the Alzheimer's Society, to run a Dementia Friends Information Session for anyone interested in hosting a Dementia Café, looking to make their parish more Dementia Friendly or just want to know more to support people in their family or community. Everyone welcome. The session will be held online on **Tuesday 21st May at 7pm**. Please register in advance [HERE](#). For more information please contact us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: Jesus in leaving this world commissions us to go out to the whole world and pass on the Good News of the Gospel. We do so in the knowledge that he will send us all the graces we need through the power of the Holy Spirit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOLOnJhFj0&t=45s> Just a reminder that the sisters are launching their new 2 year certificate discourse in catechesis (which as of yesterday, has the seal of approval of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales!) You are welcome to an introductory zoom meeting on 29th May where we hope to give an outline of what is involved and be able to answer any questions you may have. <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/certificate> God Bless Sr Veronica OP

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