

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

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The Week: 18th May 2024 - 26th May 2024

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION (when applicable)	
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
TUE	21 st	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	7 th Week of the Year	Jane Rayner RIP	DMA
WED	22 nd	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	7 th Week of the Year	John Boocock RIP	DMA
THUR	23 rd	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Jesus Christ - Eternal High Priest	For those who are unwell	DMA
FRI	24 th	OLMSJ	2.00pm	Mass	OLSJ School Mass	OLSJ School Community	DMA
SAT	25 th	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	Delix & Danyia Jiby 1st HC	DMA
SUN	26 th	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	John Boocock RIP	DMA
SUN	26 th	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	John Roberts RIP Anniv	DMA
SUN	26 th	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity	as per celebrant	DQ

HEARING GOD IN OUR OWN LANGUAGE For Luke, the writer of the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel, Pentecost is the great empowerment of the disciples of Jesus. They had been discouraged by Jesus death, mysteriously enlivened by the resurrection experiences of Jesus but they were still afraid and unsure of their next move.

So they were altogether, women, men, apostles, disciples - and Jesus' mother was there too. They were praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amazingly, just as was prophesied by the prophet Joel, the Holy Spirit comes down on all of them, with wind & tongues of flame. They are given courage and boldness to openly praise God for all God's wonderful works. And all those who heard it were amazed that they could hear the praises of God in their own language.

So, irrespective of gender and status, the great gift of the Holy Spirit is given to everyone, male & female, slave or free person. The praises of God are declared in the different languages of the hearers. They didn't have to listen to it in Hebrew or get a translator.

So the Holy Spirit was overcoming divisions, prejudices, statuses and empowering everyone male or female, young or old. The Holy Spirit was establishing the democracy of the Spirit. In harmony with Jesus' own teaching the Spirit does away with selfish ambition, status, power, privilege. The Holy Spirit does away with special clothing and any other obsession with appearances or trivial things. The Holy Spirit makes known to everyone that God is with us in all our situations. We don't have to be in any particular places, or say any particular words, or use any particular style of language. We don't have to try to reach up to God, or try to make ourselves acceptable to God. We don't have to change God's mind or persuade God to be good to us. God has already done all this for us in Jesus. God is now Emmanuel, God With Us. In Christ we become his Body & Blood and God is present with us in the ordinary things and situations of every day.

The Holy Spirit gathers the community together where all are brothers and sisters. No one sets themselves up as the only Teacher or Master, because Christ is the Teacher. No one allows themselves to be called Father and the others do not allow anyone to dictate or dominate the group because they have only one Father, in heaven. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the followers of Jesus learn from the gentleness and humility of Jesus. They allow themselves to be changed and become as children, not silly, naïve and irresponsible, but spontaneous, grateful, non-judgemental, trusting, believing, & benevolent. The Spirit teaches them to love and serve one another with joy and graciousness. The Spirit teaches them that they are all one. So there is no need for competition, jealousy or envy. Everyone has an equal value in God's eyes and everyone has some role they can fulfil which helps the community. No one is better than anyone else.

The Holy Spirit teaches everyone that they are on a spiritual growth journey. The Spirit is leading them into the fuller truth. They will come to know other "sheep" that Jesus has that don't come from the same culture or religious tradition. The followers of Jesus will listen to them, share with them and learn from them. They will admire and respect the work that God has done in gathering all these different groups in different parts of the world.

The Holy Spirit will dwell in the hearts of all, leading them on a spiritual journey of prayer. On this journey it doesn't matter about words, because the Spirit will pray in ways that are beyond words. The prayer of the "little ones who have faith" will be primarily thanksgiving and praise. They will praise God for all the wonders of the creation. They will thank God for all the greatness of God's compassion, mercy and goodness revealed in Jesus.

They will delight in all the marvellous things they can do, in all the gifts and talents they have, in the many ways they can be kind, loving, caring and life-giving. They will recognise also limitations, weaknesses, faults and failings. But because they have complete trust in God's love they do not waste energy on self-condemnation, guilt or anxiety. They do not allow themselves to be paralysed by discouragement. Instead, taking responsibility for themselves and for those in need they take positive action and do all they can to make things better for everyone. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Jenowefa Bernard Eden (19th), Jane Tinslay, Constance Elizabeth Violet Slade-Jones (20th), Owen John Marshall (21st)

Sick and 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: this Sunday, 19th May after Mass in the Maryland Room. All are welcome. And thanks to the Team.

JOHN BOOCCOCK RIP: We are awaiting confirmation of the funeral arrangements for John. The Requiem Mass will be at St Anne's, where John grew up. May John rest in peace and rise in glory. Our prayers are with Kate and all friends and relatives.

LORD TEACH US TO PRAY: The Lord's Prayer is very familiar to all of us, but when was the last time we really prayed it like it meant something? When it connected with our hearts and soul in a way that deepened our prayer? On 23rd May Linda will lead an interactive session on the Lord's Prayer and we will discover it is more than a prayer you recite, but your own lesson from Jesus on how to pray.

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MILFORD CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE THURSDAY 30TH MAY: This year's united service of Christian Praise and Prayer will be held on 30th May at the Milford Baptist Church (at the top of Barnes Lane) at 10.00am to be followed by tea/coffee. Please do try to support this event.

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: Fr Terence Green, Andre Eugene Marie Joseph Proye (20th), Henry Wardale (22nd), Emma Hooper (23rd), Tessa Joan Nally (24th), Maureen Kinnon (25th)

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

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SUNDAY, 26th MAY: Fr David Quarmby has kindly agreed to celebrate the Sunday evening Mass next weekend.

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!

All Parishes

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT (LIS) DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH on ZOOM - 7 Sessions starting on Thursday evenings, from 6th June to 18th July 2024 from 7.30pm until 9pm. Refresh or unlock those wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit. Re-discover the joy of being a disciple of Jesus. Live Holy Spirit Day for course participants at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 29th June starting 9.30am with Mass until 1pm. Adoration at 8.30am optional! Tea and coffee will be provided. Welcome to bring and share packed lunch afterwards. Please use this link to register – <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlf--trDwiGNauzyTilVcwylzHwq87dG> Free to all – Crowdfunding to cover costs – <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/CHARISportsmouthLIFEINTHESPIRITcourse>

LEARN HOW YOUR SUPPORT HAS HELPED THE WORK OF STELLA MARIS: the Catholic maritime charity *Stella Maris* (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an [online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm](#). You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Colleen Hunter (18th), Cecilia Moverley, Paul Joseph Neary (19th), Madelena Jellousheg (20th), Madeleine Rowles (21st), James Russell, Kay (Kathleen) Van Kesteren (22nd), Mary Carr, Ester Margaret (Peggy) Walsh (23rd)

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.

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.

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DIOCESAN MEDAL AWARDED TO FRANCES WALKER: (These are her words of thanks, the full text has been emailed to everyone)

Thank you: I am deeply humbled, honoured and truly grateful to have received the Diocesan Medal. I am very aware that this recognition is not just a personal accolade for service to the parish, but also a testament to the collective spirit and dedication that thrives within our parish community, and our Faith which drives us.

I wish to express my profound thanks to Fr David, and all who have supported me and shared my journey here today. Your leadership, kindness and commitment to our Faith and community are inspirational. With thanks and blessings - Frances Walker

CWL COFFEE MORNING: Last Saturday the CWL raised £164 for Oakhaven Hospice. The weather was fine and it was a busy morning. Thanks to our ladies for a great effort and result.

RUMMIKUB AND SCRABBLE CLUB: will meet in Joseph's Place on Monday, 20th May at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for a game or two, good company and refreshments. Do you know anyone who would like to join us? If so, please pass on these details.

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

All Parishes

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

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>

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OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL : THE PRAYER SHELTER: Our Primary school - Our Lady and St Joseph - is creating a Prayer Shelter. When it is refurbished, it will be a quiet place where children can sit and pray. There will be lots of resources available to the children especially books connected to prayer, the Saints etc. Would you like to donate towards the cost of these books to encourage these young people to explore prayer and their faith? If so, would you like to donate towards the cost? Anything from £2 to £10 would be great! Please leave the donation in an envelope marked 'School' or see Fr David. Thank you to those who have donated so far.

SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: May the great gift of the Holy Spirit fill each of you with many blessings on this great feast. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbWzsNorgsQ&t=17s> Today we reach the end of the Easter season. Let us look out for the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we engage in the great work of Mission to which we have been called. God Bless Sr Veronica OP

DATE FOR THE DIARY: St Anne's 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! Parishioners from all THREE parishes are very welcome.