

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

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The Week: 25th May 2024 - 2nd June 2024

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION <i>(when applicable)</i>	
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
TUE	28 th	OLMSJ	10.00am	Service	Word & Holy Communion	N/A	JH
WED	29 th	St Francis	10.00am	Service	Word & Holy Communion	N/A	JS
THUR	30 th	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	8 th Week of the Year	as per celebrant	DQ
SAT	1 st	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	Gill Norris (Health)	DMA
SUN	2 nd	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	Joan Lloyd RIP B'day Anniv	DMA
SUN	2 nd	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	Jim Leigh RIP B'day Anniv	DMA
SUN	2 nd	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	Jo Cole (Int)	DMA

IMMERSED IN THE DIVINE MYSTERY

God chooses us, yesterday, today and forever: the only choice that ultimately matters is the choice that God has made from all eternity. Before the world was made God chose the whole of creation, humanity included, us included, IN CHRIST (cfr Ephesians 1:4). The Christ is the eternal union between the Divinity and the creation, between the Infinite and the finite, between, spirit and matter, between heaven and earth. In a finite and limited way, we share in the Self of the Christ (cfr. 2 Timothy 2:13). God is the whole of creation, but the creation is not the whole of God. God is the whole of me and you, but you and I are not the whole of God.

The Blessed Trinity, one God, is not a puzzle to be solved, nor a mystery to be shelved or ignored and left to the academics. Our God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, is the life in which we live, the flow that carries us forward and the power that binds everything together. The Holy Trinity is our origin, our purpose, our meaning and our ultimate glory.

God is not just relational by nature. God is relationship itself in a very dynamic sense. God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit is not just loving but is love itself. God is love and love is always giving and receiving, always flowing back & forth. In God it is the giving and receiving of Divine life. The Divine Beauty, Goodness and Truth is made visible in the Christ. The exchange or flow of life and love between the Invisible and Visible (the Christ) is the Spirit.

The God who is love can only be truly known and loved in freedom. We are that part of the Christ mystery that can, by the Spirit, begin to respond in love and freedom to the One who is the Source of all, the Divine Mother/Father. We are invited to receive the love and to let the love flow through us and to give the love to everyone and everything.

That is why our relationships with others are so important. Every opportunity to help, encourage, support, forgive, heal, strengthen, to share, to receive and so on, is an opportunity to let God's love flow in and out of us to the other.

In God we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28); the God who is, who was, and who is to come (Rev 1:8). God is in all and through all and with all (Eph 4:6). Everything exists from God, through God and for God (Rom 11:36). Glory be to God the Father through Jesus Christ his Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen. (DMA)

St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

Anniversaries this week: Martine Lucette Madeleine Mercy (26th), Kathleen Phillips (30th), William Francis Presland (1st)

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.

JOHN BOOCOCK'S Requiem Mass will take place at St Anne's, Brockenhurst on Tuesday June 11th at 12 noon. John has requested that whilst respecting personal choice, he does not wish black to be worn at his funeral. Afterwards you are cordially invited to a light refreshment Buffet at the Forest Park Hotel. All are welcome. It would be very helpful if you could let Kate know by the end of next week if you are attending the Funeral and refreshments afterwards. **tel: 01425 628165 or email kboocock22@gmail.com.** May John rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

COFFEE MORNING: next Sunday, 2nd June after Mass in the Maryland Room. All are welcome. And thanks to the Team.

ST FRANCIS PPC: is meeting on Thursday, 30th May at 7pm.

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: WELL DONE, James Kirke. He ran his Half Marathon. (13 miles) in hot sun, in Bristol last Sunday, and finished! This was to help raise money for his volunteering in Zambia in July with Mission Direct. All donations still needed please. 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: Deacon Hilary Parsons (28th), Joseph Francis Taylor (30th), Catherine Mary Playford (1st)

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

SUNDAY, 26th MAY: Fr David Quarmbay has kindly agreed to celebrate the Sunday evening Mass this 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

SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION: Welcome to this week's reflection. Today we celebrate the great Mystery of the Blessed Trinity, a difficult concept for many to understand. Today we are invited to enter into this Mystery which draws us ever deeper into the mystery of Divine Love. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fso5t9U3944&t=14s>.

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/tz1lf--trDwiGNauzyTilVcw7zHwq87dG> 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

MARRIED COUPLES: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 7th September at 2pm. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your own Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet, you can post a COPY along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope "Significant Wedding Mass".

Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

Anniversaries this week: Bridie Heneghan (25th), Donald Paul Wilson, Maureen Joughlin (27th), Ann Patricia Hooker, Mary Ellen Kyte (28th), Catherine Ann Lowe (29th)

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.

CWL – CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE would like to thank Rini Stuttaford for an excellent talk on her wildlife photography and had pleasure in donating £200 to Rini & Keith's charity the Children of the Universe which provides pre-school education for poor children in South Africa. On Saturday the 8th June we will have a coffee morning for various small charities in our area.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: We will take a second collection on the weekend of 1st/2nd June inviting contributions towards the creation of a Prayer Shelter at Our Lady & St Joseph school. The structure is already there it just needs decorating and furnishing with suitable resources.

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.

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.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL! As you know they have had an Ofsted inspection which was outstanding. They recently had a Diocesan inspection by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate on behalf of the Bishop of Portsmouth

They looked at 4 areas of every Catholic aspect of school life and all 4 were **OUTSTANDING!**

Overall effectiveness

The overall quality of Catholic education provided by the school,

Catholic life and mission

How faithfully the school responds to the call to live as a Catholic community at the service of the Church's educational mission.

Religious education

The quality of the delivery of religious education curriculum.

Collective worship

The quality and range of liturgy and prayer provided by the school

To get Outstanding is an incredible achievement. We are so proud of the staff and pupils and governors at our school.

ECO SCHOOL: (The full report on the making of the Eco school is in the newsletter attachment) We have been busy creating a wonderful forest school area this half term. We have a beautiful wild area behind the library bus where soon it will be a hive of activity and exploration. **Thank you so much** for all your very kind donations they will be extremely helpful as we develop the area. We have received pots and pans, bug hunting equipment, Identification books and much more!

We would still be grateful for anymore donations of:

woodland animals- both toys and cuddlies.

Utensils for the mud kitchen, tea sets, goblets, cups for the mud kitchen

Bug hunting and information books

Tarpaulin, tent pegs for den building

Pallets, cable drums for tables

Astroturf to weatherproof the pallets.

If you have any of the above or anything else, you think would enhance the area and you would be happy to donate we would be very thankful!