

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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## *The Week: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION <i>(when applicable)</i>	
SAT	1 <sup>st</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	Gill Norris (Health)	DMA
SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	Joan Lloyd RIP B'day Anniv	DMA
SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	Jim Leigh RIP B'day Anniv	DMA
SUN	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	The Body & Blood of Christ	Jo Cole (Int)	DMA
TUE	4 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	9 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	Gerry O'Neill & Alan Meek RIP	DMA
TUE	4 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Mass	Requiem Mass	Jane Rayner RIP	DMA
WED	5 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	St Boniface, Mem	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
THUR	6 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	9 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	Sally Whelan RIP Anniv	DMA
FRI	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sol	as per celebrant	DQ
FRI	7 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL	2.15pm	Mass	OLSJ School Mass	OLSJ school community	DMA
SAT	8 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Joseph & Flora Weld RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Harry Newenham RIP F/M	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	12.30pm	Baptism	baby Teddy McGinnes	N/A	DMA
SUN	9 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Sarah Roche (Ints)	DMA

**EATING & DRINKING OUR OWN REALITY:** Today we are celebrating the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (known previously by its Latin title: Corpus Christi). Every presence of the Christ is REAL. Christ is really present in the poor, in the little ones, in everyone and in creation; in the word of Scripture, in the people, in the ministers, in the sacraments. Today's feast concentrates on the Eucharistic presence of Christ which is just as real as is every other presence.

Jesus was conscious of his union with the Father. He knew he had come from God. He also knew everyone and everything has come from God. Sharing the same Divine source means that at some level there is an essential unity and identification of all in the One. This is why Jesus knows that his body and blood is one with the bread and wine. The divine is manifest in the many and the many are one in the Divine. Even on the physical level physicists can say we are all forms of the one energy that brought the universe into being.

So Jesus was a spiritual genius and artist because he took simple things used in everyday meals and, by a unique association with himself in the death and resurrection he was to experience, he created a transformational ritual. This ritual which we have come to call the "Mass" has been at the centre of the liturgical life of Catholic & Orthodox Christianity since the beginning.

The Eucharist is first of all the celebration of God's work in Jesus freeing us from sin and death and sharing with us Divine life. For this free, undeserved grace we can only give heartfelt thanks, which is in fact the meaning of the word Eucharist. Secondly the Eucharist is invitation and challenge. The invitation is to be "one body, one spirit in Christ" so that we can no longer regard ourselves as separate from others. Rather we are invited to recognise our responsibilities for others and to others. The call is to treat others as ourselves, to love others as ourselves. This way of love is a challenge to accept the sacrifices love may ask of us. As Jesus gave his life and death for us, so we are called to give our living and our dying for one another. In this way the Eucharist expresses something that is happening in our every day lives: a growing experience of gratitude to God and a growing capacity to love as Jesus has loved us. All this is made possible by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Eucharist reveals the ultimate pattern and purpose of our lives.

In the Eucharist we celebrate the gift of ourselves in God. Holy communion makes a powerful statement that God's life is in us, as the prayer at Mass says: "By the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity". Holy Communion gradually attunes us and confirms us in this mystery of loving union with God. If God can take simple bread and wine and make them his Body & Blood how much more does God take us and delight in us being the "Body and Blood of Christ" in the world today. This is not our doing, it is by God's graciousness alone. We are no better than anyone else, it is just that by faith, we are made aware of this relationship and by the Holy Spirit that we can begin to respond appropriately. This is the Good News to be shared respectfully with others.

God's big HUG and EMBRACE which is the Eucharist accompanies us at every stage of our lives. It is the hug and embrace of unconditional love which desires the best for us and nurtures the best in us. When we're very young its all hugs and kisses and comfort. As we grow there is also encouragement. As we get older still there is also challenge. As we get older still its there is a call to loving service and responsibility. We are never ready for so great a gift or for so much love. We respond gradually, sometimes enthusiastically, sometimes indifferently, sometimes we rebel, maybe upset at God for not making things go as we would like. As long as we keep returning to the Source in humility with as much acceptance as we can muster the grace continues its work. Everything is turned to our good once we allow ourselves to be caught up in the flow of God's love which fills the whole creation. (DMA)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Henry Joseph Batty (8<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.

**JOHN BOOCOOCK'S** Requiem Mass will take place at St Anne's, Brockenhurst on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kboocock22@gmail.com). May John rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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

**COACH TRIP – 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER: PLEASE BOOK NOW.** It would be very helpful if you could book now for this lovely day out to Arundel & Chichester Cathedrals. We need just 30 confirmed bookings to know we can cover the cost of the coach booking. Fr David has printed booking forms available at all churches and John Stephenson also at Milford.

## St Anne, Brockenhurst

**Anniversaries this week:** Kathleen Clark (2<sup>nd</sup>), Cecily Barbara Wood (3<sup>rd</sup>), Sarah (Sally) Whelan (4<sup>th</sup>), Sheila Belson (6<sup>th</sup>), John William George Hammond (7<sup>th</sup>), Jerimiah O'Shea, Rose Agnes Plumbly (8<sup>th</sup>)

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

**CANCELLATION OF THE CREAM TEA** We are very sorry to have to announce that the Cream Tea being planned at St Anne's on Saturday, 6th July, will have to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. We will do our best to find another date later in the summer so watch this space.

**CAFOD LEGACY EVENT** Join CAFOD's Director, Christine Allen, for a morning of inspiring stories of hope, faith and generosity over a slice of cake and learn more about how you can make a lasting impact through legacy giving. On Tuesday, 18 June, 10.45 to 12.45, at Our Lady of Sorrows & St Philip Benizi Parish Hall, Fordingbridge. See the poster in the porch and please let CAFOD know you are coming.

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## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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--trDwjGNAuzzyTiLVcwy7lzHwq87dG> Free to all – Crowdfunding to cover costs - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/CHARISPortsmouthLIFEINTHESPIRITcourse>

**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](mailto: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".

**LISTEN TO A DELIGHTFUL STORY:** "The Day He Met Jesus" by Lucy Caldwell. It was broadcast on Radio Four on Friday, 31st May at 15.45pm in the "Short Works" series. You can find it on BBC sounds. It is only 15 minutes but it is really inspiring and beautifully narrated in a Belfast accent.

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lymington

**Anniversaries this week:** William Gailey (2<sup>nd</sup>), Eileen Gartrude Griffiths (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Rogers, Mary England, Mary Teresa Toolan (6<sup>th</sup>), Leonard Bogajski, George Royden Boutwood, John William George Hammond (7<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.

**REQUIEM MASS – JANE RAYNER RIP:** This will take place on Tues, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm in OLSMJ. 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 COFFEE MORNING:** The next one is on Saturday 8th June at 10am. The money raised will go to various CWL Charities. Please pop in and support this event if you are in town next Saturday.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:-** The June meeting of the Friendship Club will be held in Joseph's Place on Monday 3 June between 2pm and 4pm and everyone is welcome. In addition to our usual activities of a quiz, raffle, tea and homemade cake and in line with expressed interest at the start of the year, we will be doing some gentle sitting exercises. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

**DWARF SUNFLOWERS:** Just a reminder that on **Thursday 13th June at 11am** we will be planting out our dwarf sunflowers in the raised beds in the church car park. If you took one of the pots and seeds home to grow your own dwarf variety and would like to plant it out in one of the boxes, then please come and join us at 11.00, tea and biscuits provided! **For all those who are in the competition with the school to see who can grow the tallest sunflowers**, Mr Clark tells me the children's sunflowers are growing nicely and are doing really well! The gauntlet has indeed been thrown down!

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** On 31/05/24 Church Building Fund was £263,190.08.

## All Parishes

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE:** [www.nfwf.org.uk](http://www.nfwf.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 this weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**ROAD CLOSURE – LYMINGTON HIGH STREET:** at No. 2 Lymington High St (just above the junction with Gosport Street & Captains Row) from 18<sup>th</sup> June for 7 days. Diversions will be in place. As far as we understand the church car park will still be accessible but only from the High Street end.

**SR VERONICA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION:** Welcome to this week's reflection for Corpus Christi. This great feast reminds us of that great gift of the Eucharist whereby we can come face to face with Christ in person. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahzzduUQLGE&t=88s>

**CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS:** The sisters have now launched their new venture of a Certificate in Catechesis. This is a new catechist course which now has the official seal of approval from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. There is a promotional video which hopefully will answer any questions and outline what is involved. <https://youtu.be/i9j2IYrnuN8>.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY: Your safety is important to us:**

**ACCIDENTS:** If you have an accident anywhere on the church site, will you please mention it to one of the Welcomers as we have to record it in the Accident Book.

**HAZARDS:** If you notice any slip or trip hazards anywhere on site, please email the office [office@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:office@lymbrockmil.org.uk) so it can be put right.

**EVACUATION DRILL:** All our churches have to have at least one evacuation drill each year. Please treat the drill seriously as it is not only training for the Welcomers and Fire Wardens but also for yourselves. Should an incident occur knowing the procedure to get out of the church quickly and safely could save lives.

**THE GENERAL ELECTION:** SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election. As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

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