

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

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph  
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St Anne  
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St Francis of Assisi  
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## *The Week: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024*

DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	SERVICE	LITURGY	MASS INTENTION <i>(when applicable)</i>	
SAT	29 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul	Deacon Anthony Cairns (Ints)	DMA
SUN	30 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul	For those who are unwell	DMA
SUN	30 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	30 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul	Frank Pignatelli RIP	DMA
TUE	2 <sup>nd</sup>	OLMSJ	10.00am	Mass	13 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	Special Intention (PE)	DMA
WED	3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Francis	10.00am	Mass	St Thomas, Apostle, Feast	Ernest Ash RIP F/M	DMA
THU	4 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	10.00am	Mass	13 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	The Baker Family F/M	DMA
SAT	6 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	6.00pm	Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	William Sherring & family (Ints)	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis	9.00am	Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parishes	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	OLMSJ	10.30am	Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Margaret RIP & Anthony Harrison	DMA
SUN	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Anne	6.00pm	Mass	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)	Canon John Hally RIP F/M	DMA

### Ss PETER & PAUL

This feast celebrates two founders of community who shared in the sufferings of Christ as an intrinsic part of that development work. Their role is fleshed out from the Acts of the Apostles and from Paul's letters and combines the task of evangelisation with a willingness to endure persecution for their public commitment to operating in Jesus' name.

Acts describes a Peter who is in prison and facing severe punishment for his proclamation of the risen Jesus. Yet his ministry is not finished and God's angels intervene to release him to continue his vocation of working for the growth and support of Christian community. It is interesting to note the role of that same community in achieving his release as they pray continually to God on his behalf. The writer of Acts understands the prayer of the community as effective in working with God's own power to further the divine plan of establishing Christian communities. The life and action of Peter are given greater significance by this means. God, divine messenger and human worshippers combine to free a powerful community leader to return to the heart of his group and to strengthen it in his turn.

The Epistle text pictures Paul as also giving all his energies to community building among the followers of Christ and suffering in consequence. The chosen metaphor for this is the popular sport of the day, the Games. His life constitutes the libation or offering poured out at the start of a race and his preaching has been the race itself. Once again this action is situated within God's own energies.

As Paul runs his race, preaches the gospel of Christ, he encounters much opposition – symbolised by meeting a hostile lion on the road. But God has intervened to keep him alive so that God's own message can be proclaimed. It is in his role as righteous judge that God both protects Paul and also draws him on to complete his ministry. Paul imagines God as the magistrate standing at the winning post holding the Victor's crown out to the one who keeps on doing his task to its full completion.

The text from Matthew provides a focus for these stories. The central event in this scene, the acknowledgement of Jesus as Meshiach, as Anointed by God and so a royal son, is attached to central symbols in this passage, to the images of rock, of church, of gates and of keys. The community of those who share a confession of faith is like a building built on a rock. But this building is also dynamic, a force which can break down the gates of the underworld and take it over. The building on the rock has its own gates but these have keys which can offer a proper mode of entrance. The figure of Peter is symbolically both rock and keys. He is the means by which others can find a way into the community through an opened door. At the same time he can close the door to prevent evil forces entering. In these images the function of the Founder Disciple is set out. Such a person is called to give all human energy and effort to the tasks of founding and caring for Christian community whatever the personal cost.

(From Priests and People – preaching and teaching the Word by Mary Mills)

## St Francis, Milford-on-Sea

**Anniversaries this week:** Winifred Smyth (30<sup>th</sup>), Filippos Michael Militsopoulos, Jane Mary Beavon (1<sup>st</sup>), David Whiteford Erskine Bell (2<sup>nd</sup>), Brian John Marshall (5<sup>th</sup>), Susan (Sue) Carol Wardlaw (6<sup>th</sup>)

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

**JACQUIE KIRKE RIP:** Anthony & Judith's beloved daughter in law, Jacquie, died peacefully on Wednesday this week. Thank you to everyone who included her in their prayers, these helped enormously.

**NEXT COFFEE MORNING:** Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July after Mass in the Maryland Room. All are welcome. And thanks to the Team.

**HAND SEWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** There are about 400 knitted squares waiting to be sewn together to make blankets for Ukraine. Any volunteers would be welcome!?

**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:** Count (Nicky) Ireneuss Wladyslaw Michael Mjchalowski (1<sup>st</sup>), John Gabony (2<sup>nd</sup>), Beryl Hirst (4<sup>th</sup>), Dermot James Lyons (5<sup>th</sup>)

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

**FRANK PIGNATELLI RIP:** Bill's brother, Frank, died peacefully last Thursday morning. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill & Helen & Frank's family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

**CREAM TEA:** Thanks to those who have made contact over help on 20th July. We will meet in the Church Rooms to agree jobs for our Cream Tea event on Monday 8th July at 3 pm. We would welcome more offers of help, before, during and after the event, even if you are unable to attend the meeting. More names are hoped for, so if you are able to help in any way please have a word with Henrietta or Annabelle after Mass on Sunday or phone Henrietta on 01590 682347 or email Annabelle [annadmellor@gmail.com](mailto:annadmellor@gmail.com).

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## All Parishes

### PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL:

An Extract from a book by Lavinia Byrne entitled: *Original Prayer* and from the chapter: *Praying when you are ill*.

In hospital, and when I came out I could barely pray. Yet, what I very soon realised was that other people were praying and doing my praying for me. The power of prayer is such that we can do it for other people and nothing is more helpful than to pray for a sick person and to pray on behalf of them. They may simply not be up to it themselves.

When you see a list of sick on your parish bulletin, they are not there for decoration. They do genuinely need your prayers, for comfort, for strength and for the courage to endure their sufferings. By praying for and with the sick we identify with them and help them carry the burden of all they are going through. We find a new route to be one with Jesus in his sufferings. 'Christ will be in agony until the end of the world. During this time we must not sleep', wrote the French philosopher, Blaise Pascal. The reference to sleep is critical, for Jesus knew of our tendency to drop off when faced with pain. His apostles slept in the Garden of Gethsemane when he withdrew from them to pray before his passion. He said to them, 'So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray (Matthew 26: 40-41 RSV). The command still stands.

**DELICIOUS CREAM TEA – DATE FOR THE DIARY:** The PPC and parishioners of St Anne's are delighted to announce that we have found a more suitable date for the cream tea which we previously had to postpone and would like to invite the parishioners from St Francis and OLMSJ to join us on Saturday, 20th July at 3 pm at St Anne's. More details will follow nearer the time. It would really help us with preparations if you could let us know if you plan to attend, either by phoning Henrietta on 682347 or by emailing Annabelle at [annadmellor@gmail.com](mailto:annadmellor@gmail.com)

## Our Lady & St Joseph, Lyminster

**Anniversaries this week:** Eileen Finn (29<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Aylward (30<sup>th</sup>), Ellen Emmett (1<sup>st</sup>), Mabel Anne Veronica Keddie (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kains Coles, James Flood, Josephine Anne Jeffcock (3<sup>rd</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.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE:** for Deacon Anthony Cairns who has now been returned to the care home, but is still quite poorly.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** - on Monday 1st July we will meet between 12.30pm and 2pm for a fish and chip lunch. If you would like to attend but haven't ordered please call Nichola Kirby on 07710 156087 before Monday. Thank you.

The next **LYMINGTON COFFEE MORNING** will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in Joseph's Place from 10am to 1pm. All proceeds again to the Summer Camp fund for young people aged 11 to 21, which is run by the sisters at St Dominic's Priory and a team of "Fanning the Flame" volunteers who have been running the event for over 20 years. All cakes gratefully received.

**UPDATES ON HASSOCKS VERSUS KNEELERS:** We are still waiting for a sample hassock to be able to show people what they are like. In the meantime we have had four responses in favour of hassocks and one against. If anyone would like to donate towards the cost of the hassocks, please contact the parish office. We are also considering inviting individual parishioners to purchase a hassock which could then have a dedication stitched on to it. Or alternatively we could have a small engraved brass coloured plaque attached to the back of the pew.

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

## All Parishes

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

**SECOND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE** Sat/Sun 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June: Peter's Pence is the name for the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need.

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives, and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel is as old as Christianity itself.

Link to dedicated donation page for newsletters: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence-second-collection-2024>

**FROM SR VERONICA:** This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of SS Peter and Paul. Two great Apostles of the Church St Peter chosen as head of the Church and St Paul chosen to take the Gospel message to the Gentile World of the time. Each in their own way serve the Lord in their special calling. We should ask ourselves what have I been chosen to do for the Lord. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCDa4q5PkYE>

**UKRAINE APPEAL FOR SAFETY PINS:** The bandage makers are very short of safety pins for bandages for the wounded in Ukraine. Please leave any spares you may have in an envelope in the Dropbox in the porch at OLMSJ". Thank you.

**"KEEP THE DATE" -7th September 2024 for our 3 parishes joint beach clean up.** This year the suggested joint activity for our 3 parishes is a beach clean-up in Milford on sea and the date chosen is just after schools have re-opened. Please keep this date free and look out for more information in July/August.

### THANK YOU:

#### THE NEW LECTIONARIES HAVE BEEN PAID FOR:

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners from our three parishes all three sets of the new Lectionary have now been paid for. That is a wonderful response. Thank you to those who have paid and to those who have pledged to pay.

**CAN YOU HELP WITH KNITTING, SEWING OR CROCHET?** Summer gets hot in Ukraine (up to 35C inland) so we need to build on our fabulous efforts to get them what they need. So light knits (4 or 3 ply – you can always adapt a DK pattern, do a bigger size and knit with 4 ply!) would be especially appreciated now. Please keep any winter knits in storage at home until September. Many thanks. The list of what is required is at the back of OLMSJ church and is also attached to the Newsletter sent out by email.