



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

10th January 2021 - The Baptism of the Lord

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Our Churches

Our Lady of Sorrows, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1JX
St Anthony of Viareggio, Gossamer Lane, Bognor Regis, PO21 3DD
St Richard of Chichester, Top Road, Slindon, BN18 0RG

Mass is also celebrated in St Mary the Virgin (C of E), Church Lane, Barnham

Catholic Schools

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An Epiphany Blessing for the Home

In many parts of the world, it is traditional to bless your home on the feast of the Epiphany remembering the visit of the wise men to the house of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Gather the family by the front door of the house, and mark this inscription in chalk on the lintel of the door, or another suitable place: **20 + C + M + B + 21** (The numbers refer to the year, and the letters to the traditional names of the three wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar; they also abbreviate the blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat* – May Christ bless this house.) You might like to pray this prayer together:

Lord God of heaven and earth,
who revealed your only-begotten Son
to the nations by the guiding of a star,
we ask you to bless this house and all who enter it.
May you fill all who pass by this way
with the light of your Son,
that their love for others may reflect your love for us.
May the splendour of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts,
that we may pass through the shadows of this world
and reach the brightness of our eternal home.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday 9th		
OLOS	10am	Wellbeing of Gillian O’Gorman
OLOS	5.15pm	Keith Simpson RIP
Sunday 10th		The Baptism of the Lord
OLOS	8am	John & Kathleen Eagle RIP
St Richard’s	9am	Roy Fernandes RIP
OLOS	10am	Mary Wendy Kelly RIP
St Anthony’s	11am	People of the Parish
OLOS	6pm	Ernest Frederick Bloor RIP
Monday 11th		
St Mary’s	9.30am	No Mass
OLOS	10am	Thanksgiving - the Ambrose Family
Tuesday 12th		
St Anthony’s	9.30am	No Mass
OLOS	10am	Requiem Estella Rufino Peters RIP
Wednesday 13th		
OLOS	10am	Margaret Roohan RIP
Thursday 14th		
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Friday 15th		
OLOS	10am	Keith Simpson RIP
Saturday 16th		
OLOS	10am	Iris Atkinson RIP & Betty Burnett RIP
OLOS	5.15pm	Mary Elizabeth Cole RIP
Sunday 17th		
OLOS	8am	Betty Burnett RIP
St Richard’s	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	10am	Wellbeing of Sarah Crossley
St Anthony’s	11am	Muriel Anderson RIP
OLOS	6pm	Michael Fuller RIP

Requiem in Aeternum



Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently:-

Maura Rigby RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:-

**Veronica Mathe, Thomas Byrne,
Catherine Higgins, Sheila Burke, Patsy Cox,
Philomena Dunk, Margaret Roohan,
George Goodheart, Baby Patrick Mersey,
Dorothy Pike, Mary Kate Martin,
Eileen Pichford, Joan Gamage,
Nazli Mourad, Samuel Alcroft**

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for

**Sarah Crossley, John Carr, Paula Brouder,
Arthur Wicks, Paul McGuire, Colm Callanan,
Moira Deefholts, Susanne Tidmas-Cole,
Michael Willcocks, Teresa Sweeney, Paris
Stevens, Margaret Grace, Didi Verdiana
Diaris**

Please contact the Parish Office by email for anyone you wish to be included in our Prayers.

COVID-19 Update

Mass - Current legislation allows communal worship at Mass to continue, please check the Parish website for any changes. The 10am Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows will continue to be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

Private Prayer - the church will not be open for private prayer during the current lockdown.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Please contact Fr Chris or Fr Victor to arrange an appointment for Confession either by telephone or email.

Sacrament of the Sick - please telephone at anytime 01243 823619.

Booking a Place to Attend Mass

The online booking system is now up and running on the Parish website - please use this to book a place at Mass. Please read the instructions carefully. If you or anyone you know does not have internet access, please call the parish office. If you haven't booked a place, you will only be allowed into the Church if there is space available. Thank you for your cooperation and help.

Planning a Baptism?

Parents wishing to have their children baptised, are required to attend a preparation meeting.

To register please ring Angela on
07760 224302

Thank you!

Fr Victor and Fr Chris would like to thank all -parishioners for their very kind cards, gifts, thoughts and prayers over Christmas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Let us pray for each other for God's very many blessings for 2021.

Christmas Gifts for the Homeless

Thank you to all parishioners who so generously provided gifts for those in need attending Sunday morning breakfast. These were distributed over the past two Sundays and were very much appreciated. The remaining gifts were donated to Stonepillow and My Sister's House.

Sue O'Boyle

Helping Others Join in the Sunday Mass

Many thanks to those parishioners who have volunteered to help others share in our Sunday Mass by 'phone since Lockdown 1.0 and continue to help those unable to access Mass through the parish website. This is enabling people to share the Mass with each other and with the community.

If you know of any parishioner who could benefit from this or would like to volunteer, please contact Margaret Fraher on 07971 460331. If you prefer to phone in direct to hear the Mass simply ring 0203 901 7895, tap in the Meeting ID: 842 8938 4643, and you'll be able to hear all of Sunday's Mass from 10am (calls charged at the standard rate).

Sunday Virtual Coffee

Join fellow worshipers for coffee after Sunday Mass

After 10am Mass on Sundays you are invited for coffee with fellow Mass goers via Zoom. A great opportunity to connect with others in the Parish. What to expect... We begin by gathering in one Zoom room and then divide into smaller breakout rooms for easier conversation. Around 11:30am we gather back together to end. You are welcome to come and go as you wish.

Just click on the link on the website

Justice & Peace Webinar 2021: How Should this Diocese Respond to the Food Poverty Crisis?

The number of people experiencing food insecurity has increased dramatically during the COVID-19 crisis, with families in our diocese under increasing pressure. Join our free Justice & Peace Webinar to find out what parishes can do to help on Saturday 16th January 2021: 10 am to 12.30 pm. To book your free place and receive the Zoom link, contact Rosie Read, Social Action Secretary, at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk

Helping a neighbour with livestreaming

We're delighted to be able to livestream Mass from Our Lady of Sorrows, and we have a brilliant team who have set things up for us so a large number of the parish and beyond are sharing in our celebration of Mass on a regular basis. However, not everyone has access to this technology or knows how to use it. To address this, we would like to set up a network of people who have the technology and know-how to share that with others who do not. For instance, one person would visit with a laptop and either use the parishioner's wifi or bring hotspot access to the internet, and set it up so that the person visited can join in with the livestreamed Mass.

If you feel able to help with this or have any questions about this, please contact Margaret Simmons Tel: 07926 507071 or Email: margaretsimmons3@gmail.com Likewise, if you, or someone you know, would benefit from this scheme, and you are happy for a parishioner to come into your home to set things up, please also contact Margaret Simmons.