



# The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

*11th August 2024 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B*

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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

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## The Bread of life

Jesus reveals himself as the bread of life.

For he alone nourishes the soul.

He alone makes us feel loved even when everyone else disappoints us.

He alone gives us strength to love and forgive in difficulties.

He alone gives us the peace to the heart that it is searching for,

He alone gives eternal life when life here on earth ends.

He is the essential bread of life.

*Pope Francis (Angelis address, August 2021)*

In these weeks when we are listening to John, Chapter 6, we may be drawn to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith. In my own life, I am forever grateful to the priest from my school days who caused me to reflect on whether I truly believed that Jesus is present body, blood, soul and divinity in Holy Communion. Until then I hadn't thought this through and I thank God that I remain awestruck every time I stand before Jesus in the Eucharist.

This week may we choose to be open to God's tender care, and to savour the goodness he gives in our lives.

*Tony Lucas*

<b>Saturday 10th August</b>		
St Richard's	9.30am	Norah Muriel Densham RIP
OLOS	6pm	Frank Bradwell RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday 11th</b>		
<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Tony & Mavis Higgins RIP
<b>Monday 12th</b>		
OLOS	10am	Jimmy McNicholas RIP
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Phil & Brenda Cremmen RIP
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>		
<b>St Maximilian Kolbe</b>		
OLOS	10am	Steve Goss RIP
<b>Thursday 15th</b>		
<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
OLOS	10am	In thanksgiving Ryan Johnson
OLOS	7.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Friday 16th</b>		
OLOS	10am	Sally Petronijevich RIP
<b>Saturday 17th</b>		
St Richard's	9.30am	Albert & Patricia Cook RIP
OLOS	6pm	Paul & Joanne Slater RIP
<b>Sunday 18th</b>		
<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Simon Claridge RIP

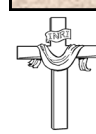
**The Word Who is Life – Holy Hour** In presenting his pastoral plan to the Diocese, Bishop Richard has particularly asked us to pray for the Diocese during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a Holy Hour on the first Friday of each month, including the Rosary and Benediction.

**Masses in Polish**

Saturday 6pm St Anthony's  
 Sunday 9am St Anthony's      4pm Our Lady of Sorrows

**Rosary - Lady Chapel Our Lady of Sorrows**  
 Wednesdays after 10am Mass  
**Adoration and Rosary - St Richard's**  
 Wednesdays 2.30pm to 3.30pm  
**Adoration - St Anthony's**  
 Thursdays 11.30am to 12.30am  
**\*Adoration - Our Lady of Sorrows**  
 Will resume on Friday 6th September after 10am Mass

***Requiem in Aeternum***



Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently:  
**Rosina Chalk RIP**  
 (Liz Lucas' Mother)

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:  
**Eileen Brennan, Frank Bradwell, Jim Chalk, Simon Claridge, Phil Cremmen, Dennis O'Donnell, Kathleen Meenan, Ian Griffith, Ernest Brown, Majorie Crouch, Freda Coleman, John McMahon, Anthony Flynn**

***Prayers For The Sick***

Your prayers are asked for:  
**Ann Holste, Madeleine Wolfe, Alex Burns, Maureen Collins, Kath Stimpson, Therese Brooks, Victor Wood, Ger Buckley, Norman Carroll, Priscilla & Peter McKay, Beverley Bailey, Bridget Orfelia, Richard Green, Ian Findley, Claire Amaladoss, Deidre Sobey, Val Warner, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Paula Rathke, Ann Bevan, Teresa Willcocks, Mary Tyler, Mo Moore, Julia Fagan, Alan Rossiter, John Cooper**

*At the end of each month, this list of friends and parishioners who are sick will be brought to the altar with the prayer intentions on the Prayer Board at OLS. The new month will begin a new list.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Saturdays 5.15pm Our Lady of Sorrows or by appointment

**Sacrament of the Sick**  
 Please contact Fr Chris  
 Tel 01243 823619

**Forthcoming Funerals**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**  
**Anne Whitney RIP**  
 Wednesday 28th August, 10am

**Our Lady of Sorrows**  
**Rosina Chalk RIP**  
 Wednesday 4th September, 2pm

*Please pass these details to anyone who might like to hear so that all who wish may gather at the funeral Mass to pray.*

## Welcome to the Parish

If you are new to the parish or visiting on holiday please introduce yourself to one of the Welcomers in the church at the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. They will be happy to help with introductions and any queries you may have. Parish registration forms are also available in the church or on the website.

## Fr Chris writes...

Many thanks, once again, to everyone who shared in the celebration of my Silver Jubilee recently. Your kindnesses and prayers nourish me greatly and daily. My final Sunday in the parish will be Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows – fitting, since it was on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows that Fr David and I arrived in the parish in 2015. Given that we've recently had a party, I think the best way for me to say goodbye and thank you would be in a simpler way, after each of the Sunday Masses – but it would be good to celebrate together, so I'd like to suggest that we have a cake-share and coffee after each Mass. If you are able to bring something to share with your brothers and sisters, that's great, but everyone is welcome to join in!

## Children's Liturgy

Over the summer holidays there will be no Children's Liturgy at the 11am Sunday Mass. Recommencing on Sunday 8th September **a new register will be started** please complete the registration forms in the church and drop off to the Parish Centre.



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

## Coffee Morning - 15th August

On Thursday 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption, the SVP will be hosting a Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass. All are welcome.

## Race Night Saturday 17th August 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Organised by the Knights of St Columba. A fun night for all the family, 8 races and a Ploughman's supper. Teas and coffee will be available or bring your own drinks. Tickets will be available at the church doors after Masses - £3 per person, free entry for accompanied children.

## Abraham (A course for those over 70ish)

A series of 5 days with the Chemin Neuf Community to look at the possibilities as we age, at The Priory, Storrington RH20 4LN. Thursdays 19th September, 3rd October, 17th October, 31st October and 14th November - 10am to 4pm. Explore your life now and in the future. It's never too late. God called Abraham when he was 75!

Contact Felicity Hadley for more details [storrington@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org) or visit <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/abraham/>

## Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book

Our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage marks its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with the launch of a special commemorative book. Over the book's c.130 pages, tales of faith, hope, love in action, journey and vocation are told with hundreds of photos to illustrate them, evoking memories from every decade of the pilgrimage.

Copies cost £20 plus postage and can be pre-ordered here: [forms.office.com/e/fRQkZmDp9D](https://forms.office.com/e/fRQkZmDp9D)

## Marriage Anniversaries Mass - Saturday 12th October 11.30am Arundel Cathedral

An opportunity for those celebrating a significant anniversary. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(12-Oct-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate is holding a Divine Mercy Reflection  
Saturday 31st August, 1 pm to 4.30 pm at Arundel Cathedral**

The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. There is no need to book - all are welcome, to find out more please call Millie M: 07957594646.

**Sowing Seeds of Hope**

In Laudato Si and other writings Pope Francis regularly encourages us to be 'seeds of hope for our suffering humanity and our planet.' One way we, as a Live Simply Parish, can do this is to share what we have with one another and others in Bognor and our wider world.

Later this year CAFOD will be organising a SEED EXCHANGE to enhance our gardens and help the pollinators next year. Could you be part of this? Now is the time to start collecting seeds from the flowers and plants that you so enjoy. Please place these in envelopes and label them and, if possible, include a description and a photo and hand them in to the Parish Office. More information on this initiative to follow at a later date.

*CAFOD are still collecting foreign coins as donations; if you have any loose change from your holidays and would like to donate, please drop these off in an envelope to the parish centre marked CAFOD Foreign Coins.*

**Save the date** - Marking Anti-Slavery Day on Friday 18th October a day of events raising awareness of modern slavery in Chichester, at the Cathedral from 10am. And, at The Assembly Rooms, St Martin's Street, Chichester from 6.30pm to 8.30pm join Bishop Richard and Bishop Alastair Redfern with speakers from Sussex Police, West Sussex County Council, the Mothers' Union and our diocesan Modern Slavery Ambassador volunteers. All are welcome.

**Intercession with the Christ Child - Parish Home Visitation Outreach 2024**

Families & Individuals across our parish are invited to host an Image of the Christ Child, originally sculpted and blessed at Christmas Mass in Bethlehem in 2009. It is an invitation to pray for your family intentions, and for the peace of the world. Weekly spaces are available from July 21st and throughout August and September. Contact Antonia Moffat for details - [antonia4161@gmail.com](mailto:antonia4161@gmail.com)

**From a Family who have already hosted ...** "It was a great blessing and help to have the Bethlehem statue of the new born Holy Infant in our home. It was a focus for our morning and evening prayer and a reminder of God's generous love. He gave us time for thoughtfulness (as we thought of Gaza and Ukraine) ... in these heartbreaking circumstances, only the God who loves us so much that he sent His Son to suffer for humanity can affect leaders to accept reconciliation and peace. The smile of the Infant restores our trust and brings happiness."

**Offertory Collections July**

Offertory Plate Collections	£2466.34
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 992.00
Bankers Orders	£6099.50
Contactless Machines	£ 252.50
CAF donations	<u>£ 55.00</u>
	<b>£9,865.34</b>

**Special Collections**

Flower for Fr Chris's Jubilee	£301.20
Stella Maris	£530.74
Let the Children Live	£1,502.16
Xaverian Missionaries	£1,237.60

Many thanks to all you give to the parish. If you are eligible to Gift Aid your donation, we are able to claim an additional 25% from the Government. This year £11,758 has been recovered from the Government. This is a valuable source of income to the Parish, if you are a UK taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your donation forms are available in the churches, on our website or via the Parish Office, donations can be made by Standing Order or in weekly envelopes. *You can also register for Gift Aid even if you already donate by Standing Order*, if you have any queries please do contact the Parish office.