



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

11th May 2025 - Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter - Year C

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St Anthony of Viareggio, Gossamer Lane, Bognor Regis, PO21 3DD
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From around the Deanery...

Call and Response



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*. We reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly caring for his flock.

It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Last year, Pope Francis wrote of a "polyphony of diverse charisms and vocations [within our] Christian community." This is part of the message of our own Diocesan Pastoral Plan. We are all expected to discern where the Lord is calling us to serve. As he explained, "Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace."

And if discernment is to happen, we are required to make use of those essential Christian dispositions: silence, stillness, and listening.

Just prior to Ordination, I was sent on retreat to Douai Abbey. On a personal level, I was not in a good place, hit by sudden nervousness and doubts. Early one morning an elderly monk, the complete opposite of me, very calm and gentle, led us in *Lectio Divina*. I was on the point of exploding as he slowly explained step-by-step how this was done. We focused on the Psalm from the mass that day. Through the silence, stillness, and listening, I had one of the most profound experiences of God speaking to me. There were no voices, but it changed me. All my fear, doubt, (and anger) was taken away.

I will leave the final words to Pope Francis: "*Rise up!* Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace!"

Fr. Nick Harden

Saturday 10th May		
St Richard's	9.30am	Basil Mills RIP
OLOS	6pm	Maureen Collins RIP
Sunday 11th		Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Neil Evans RIP Anniversary
Monday 12th		
OLOS	10am	Jean (John) Cooper RIP
Tuesday 13th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Richard Green RIP
Wednesday 14th		St Matthias
OLOS	10am	Maureen Collins RIP
Thursday 15th		
OLOS	7pm	Ross Le Marchant RIP
Friday 16th		
OLOS	10am	Catherine & Harold West RIP
Saturday 17th		
St Richard's	9.30am	Michael Heywood RIP
OLOS	6pm	Stephen Featherstone RIP Anniversary
Sunday 18th		Fifth Sunday of Easter
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Steve Goss RIP

Requiem in Aeternum



Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently:
Jean (John) Cooper RIP
Christine Halfpenny RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Peter Davies, Betty Walker, Irene Jones, Betty Serna, Nancy Gardiner, David Holste, Catherine West, Robert Dixon, George Maybert King, Theresa McHaffie, Michael Heywood

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:
Edward Earl, Jill Taylor, Hilary Ceppa, Teresa Willcocks, Kath Stimpson, Lucia Elsom, Mo Moore, Janet Smith, Baby Elliott, Paula Rathke

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

Is available after weekday Masses at Our Lady of Sorrows and in the half hour before the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Or, by appointment.
 Tel: 01243 823619

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr David
 Tel 01243 823619

Masses in Polish

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

Second Collection this weekend World Day of Prayer for Vocations

For the Education of future Priests. This collection can also be Gift Aided.

Rosary - Lady Chapel Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesdays after 10am Mass

Adoration and Rosary—St Richard's

Wednesdays 9.30am to 10.30am

Adoration - St Anthony's

Thursdays 11.30am to 12.30am

Adoration Lady Chapel Our Lady of Sorrows

Fridays after 10am Mass until 2pm

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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Your prayers have been answered, we have our next Shepherd of the Flock of Christ, Pope Leo XIV. Please keep him in your prayers.

I'm going to be away this weekend and so I leave you in the capable, fun and interesting hands of Fr Peter. I shall be in Dorset with Fr David King's Dad on our motorbikes.

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and we pray especially for vocations to the priesthood. What we need are men who can walk in the footsteps of Christ and, to borrow a phrase from Pope Francis, not be afraid to 'smell' of their sheep. An interesting metaphor rendered all the more powerful by Jesus' closeness to the people of his day - the sheep of His pasture. He leads them, he leads us, for he is the Lord of the Church and it is from his priesthood that the Church's priesthood derives entirely. A priesthood of service and self sacrifice. Of love, but not just any old love - compassionate love. Intimate love. The love of desire we call *eros*. He doesn't love us in condescension (as some priests have been known to do, sadly). He loves us as his friends. His brothers and sisters.

The whole Church - Pope, Bishops, priests, deacons and peoples are called to be pastors of the world and all creation. To search out the strays and lost. To bind up the wounded and brokenhearted. To offer God's forgiveness and peace. But the ordained priest does this as "another Christ" for His people. He is called to model very intensely and joyfully the totality of Jesus' love for the world, creation and all people. Please pray that God gives us grace and strength for this great commission. And pray for new vocations!

See you next week.

God Bless you.

Fr David Benedict Osborne

Redshirts/Purpleshirts Fundraising Concerts

Friday 16th May, St Richard's, Slindon - Starting at 6pm with a shared supper (if you can, please bring a plate to share). The concert will start at approximately 6.45pm.

Saturday 24th May, Our Lady of Sorrows - Starting at 4pm followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre.

No tickets required, just turn up, enjoy the concerts and donate if you can to the young people from our Parish who are going to Lourdes to support disabled pilgrims this summer.

St Anthony's May Fayre—17th May, 10.30am to 12.30pm

There will be a Raffle, Bric a Brac, Plants, Books, Cakes, Jewellery, Gifts, Toys and Games and much more for sale. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be served. All are welcome.

A Live Simply Parish Event

The CAFOD team invite you to the Annual Plant Sale to be held in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday, 1st June**, together with a Cake Sale and Raffle. This is always an interesting event which brings people from different ages, together in community while reaching out to others in the world who need our love and help.

Donations of plants (annuals, perennials, vegetables etc.), cakes, and raffle prizes will be received with gratitude. Thank you in advance. Donations can be brought to the Parish Centre on Saturday 31st May between 2.30pm and 6pm. For more information please contact Gabrielle 07736 814364



To celebrate the birthday of the Church, you and your family are invited to an open-air Mass in St Mary's school field, followed by a bring and share picnic and fun fair on **Sunday 8th June at 11am**.

Please do come along with family and friends, this is a brilliant opportunity to share your faith at a lively and fun church event. Mass will begin at 11am, and from 12 noon onwards we'll share lunch, and the inflatable assault course will be open.

Don't forget to bring a dish to share!



Do you want to find out more about Christian belief in the context of our challenging lives and troubled times? Are you curious about what and why Christians believe what they do? Then maybe the Alpha course is for you.

Come and join our next course at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Centre, Hislop Walk, Bognor Regis PO21 1LP (at the back of the church) on **Wednesday 14th May at 7pm** for a simple meal, interesting film and a chance, in a convivial environment, to ask searching questions about faith. Everyone is welcome, whatever your experience of church. The evening is completely free of charge and there is no pressure to sign up for more. Simply come and see!

To book on the course, or for more details, e-mail Liz at alphabognor@gmail.com, phone the office or simply turn up!

Join us for a Pentecost retreat
Friday 6th - Sunday 8th June 2025
St Bruno's, Worth Abbey



"Something from the Spirit can be seen in each person, to help everyone." 1 Cor 12:7

An accessible retreat led by Emily Hollins (LCSB), including drama, music and praying with images. The cost for the weekend is £195 (£150 subsidised) This is a fully accessible event and tickets can be booked using the following link: : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lcsb-pentecost-retreat-worth-abbey-6th-to-8th-june-2025-registration-1310681807569>

For more information and day visitor rates please Email eventsandfinance@lcsb.org.uk

Red Box 2024: Thank You!

In 2024 you raised £1,138 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Our Missionary community here in Bognor Regis and Slindon is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Glenn MHM working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enable people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community.

We will be banking Red Boxes in the last week of May, please drop off your boxes at the Parish Centre. If you would like to donate this way boxes can be collected at the Parish Centre or Repository. Donations to the work of Missio can also be made online, please visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

Emmaus Group - Accompanying people enquiring about Catholic faith

The Emmaus Group meets again on **Tuesday 13th May**, 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.

Quiet Day at Storrington Priory

Led by the Chemin Neuf Community, Thursday 5th June 10am to 4pm. A talk, guided prayer and a simple lunch. For enquiries or to register please email: storrington@chemin-neuf.org



Celebrating baptism is a joy for families, and for the parish family, and we're delighted to welcome families looking to celebrate this wonderful gift of God. To register for the next preparation course on Wednesdays 13th and 20th August please contact the Parish office.

Faith In Action moderation is taking place at St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley on Saturday 14th June from 10am-3pm, with lunch provided. Would you be interested in supporting and championing young people?

The Faith in Action Award is a national project designed to say a huge thank you to our young people for all the incredible acts of service they have undertaken throughout the academic year both in school and in their local parishes and communities. Currently running in 18 of our Diocesan Schools. The award offers an opportunity for them to reflect on their service in light of Catholic Social Teaching through guided reflection sessions, journaling and creating a final piece of work that encapsulates their journey of service. The Diocese are looking for individuals to be moderators of the Faith in Action work. Full training will be provided, as well as lunch! E: Bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk to register your interest or find out more.