



# The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

12th November 2023 - Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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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

## Catholic Schools

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## Jesus is coming – look busy!

At some point in my childhood, this phrase slipped into my consciousness. It connected with a view of a God who is waiting to catch us out, to spot our mistakes and to punish us. This in turn connected with a view that we get to go to heaven by being good people and as a child I hoped that God wouldn't notice the bad things that I did. This image of God is much easier to accept than the image demonstrated by Jesus. It is much easier to accept that to get something as good as heaven, we are going to have to work really hard for it and not make too many mistakes. The reality is that eternal life with God in heaven is a gift available for us to receive, because of what Jesus has *already* done for us. It feels too good to be true. There must be a catch. Nothing that good is ever truly free. But this gift *is* truly free.

The cost that is required by God; the duty of loving others and the necessity of a selfless life are both linked to being a follower or disciple of Jesus. I am not a disciple of Jesus in order to get to heaven, but rather I am a disciple of Jesus because he has gifted me eternal life and I want to experience some of it's blessings now. I also want as many other people to experience this joy as well. Being a disciple means faithfully following where He or His church leads me.

I think there are connections between my thoughts and this Sunday's Gospel reading. Have a think and a chat about how my musings and the Gospel connect. Together we encounter God's Word.

*David Beresford - Parish Leadership Team*

Saturday 11th		St Martin of Tours
St Richard's	9.30am	Hugh Thomas RIP
OLOS	6pm	Sandra Rose Vaz RIP
Sunday 12th		32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	John French RIP
Monday 13th		
OLOS	10am	Phil Cremmen RIP
Tuesday 14th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Gary Jones RIP
Wednesday 15th		
OLOS	10am	Private Intentions
Thursday 16th		
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Friday 17th		
OLOS	10am	Becky Cumming RIP
Saturday 18th		
St Richard's	9.30am	The Holste & Cummings Family RIP
OLOS	6pm	Frank Bradwell RIP
Sunday 19th		33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Jerome Pessa RIP

### *Requiem in Aeternum*



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

**Anne Elizabeth Conroy RIP**

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

**Catherine Stevenson, Julie Gilbert, Brian Packham, Duncan Allard, Constance Corcoran, Evelyn Matthews, Juliet Waugh, Philomena Cornelly, Barbara Sheppard, Cliff Baker, Maureen Goldsmith, Myra Embleton, Peggy Forrest, Marie Stubbs**

### *Prayers For The Sick*

Your prayers are asked for:

**Theresa Neill, Val Warner, Julian L, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Pat Robinson, Paula Rathke, Rosemary Stride, Steve Goss, Theresa Neill, Ann Bevan, Teresa Willcocks, Mary Tyler, Mo Moore, Julia Fagan, Margaret Doncaster, 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

**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 9th and 16th January please contact Angela on 07760 224302.

### **Forthcoming Funerals**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Anne Elizabeth Conroy**

Friday 24th November, 10am

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

### **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 11am - 12 noon

### **Adoration - St Anthony's**

Thursdays 11.30am to 12.30am

### **Adoration - Our Lady of Sorrows**

Fridays after 10am Mass

## 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.

## November - Month of the Holy Souls

**Mass for the Bereaved, Saturday 25th November 10am, Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Prayer Cards for the faithful departed** will be available in the churches, please write the name(s) of those you wish to be included in our prayers in the month of November and place in the basket on the altar.

## Taizé Service - 'Remember I am with you always...'

**Sunday 19th November** at 4pm, Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church, Fairfield Road, Bosham PO18 8JH. Light a candle and pray for the bereaved and those we have lost with music from Taizé. Fr David Murphy will give the blessing and there will be refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

## Supporting Young People in Faith

Pope Francis has said that we are living not so much in an era of change but in a change of era. What does this look like, particularly when we think about the development and growth in faith of our young people / teenagers? What are the challenges they face? What are the opportunities for witness and support we can offer - as families and as a parish community, and what help might we need to do this? Where does the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation fit into all this? To reflect on these questions, there will be a gathering on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm**, in the Parish Centre for young people and their parents / carers. Lizzie Wakeling, Diocesan Youth Adviser has kindly agreed to join us to help us reflect and give us an insight into how other parishes around the Diocese are meeting this challenge.

**Emmaus Group** The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Please bring a bible if you can.

## Parents Connect

Are you a parent who would relish the opportunity to socialise, reflect, and pray with other parents in an atmosphere of welcome, and support in faith? Then this invitation is for you! A couple of times per term a group of parents meet in the Parish Centre, and the next meeting will be on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm-9pm**. No need to sign up, but do put the date in the diary as a blessing for yourself and your family, and we look forward to seeing you.

## A date for the diary – Live Nativity!

Bognor Churches Together is pleased to be hosting a Live Nativity in Bognor Town Centre on **Saturday, December 23rd, at 12:30pm**. We would like to invite everyone to participate in the Live Nativity Procession and come out and support this public free event to share the Gospel Story of Christ's Birth. Three processions will leave from different places around town, converging in the High Street for a service of carols and prayers. Then, afterwards, we'll be hosting refreshments in the Parish Centre. Please put the date in your diary! If you'd like to help with organising, please contact Jodi Wicker (Bognor Vineyard) on [Jodi@bognorvineyard.org.uk](mailto:Jodi@bognorvineyard.org.uk). We're also looking for volunteers to help support the procession of Angels and Shepherds from Our Lady of Sorrows, and with the refreshments – please contact Fr Chris.

## St Anthony's Christmas Fayre

St Anthony's will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December. We would appreciate donations of Raffle Prizes, Cakes, Books, Jewellery, Gifts, Toys and Games. Donations can be left at the Parish Centre or at St Anthony's, Rose Green.

## Offertory Collections October

Offertory Plate Collections	£2684.97
Gift Aid Envelopes	£1337.50
Bankers Orders	£5339.00
Contactless Machines	£ 392.50
CAF donations	<u>£ 25.00</u>
	£9779.97

## Special Collections

CAFOD Harvest Appeal	£830.40
PACT (Prisoners' Sunday)	£386.50
Missio	£437.90
Comboni Missionaries	£849.17

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 £11,903 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.

## Second Collection next weekend - Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

### CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

CAFOD's local partners in Gaza and southern Israel are now actively responding and providing urgent humanitarian aid to those in need. Donations to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal can be made at [cafod.org.uk/jpc](http://cafod.org.uk/jpc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. More information and CAFOD's Prayer for Peace is available on CAFOD's website [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

### Retreat Day Wednesday 29th November: An Ignatian Way Sussex Retreat and Heritage Centre, Arundel BN18 9QY

During the day we will be reflecting on St. Ignatius of Loyola's life-changing spiritual journey and making connections with our own unique stories. Led by Roger Hagon who is experienced in Ignatian Spirituality. Spend a day of peace and reflection from 9.45am to 4pm. Prayer resources, art and craft materials, beautiful surroundings. Cost £15. **Individually Guided Residential Retreat** and Quiet Breaks from Friday 1st December for 2 or 3 days. See [www.sussexheritage.co.uk](http://www.sussexheritage.co.uk) or phone Maria on 01903 413606.

### Quiet Day at Storrington Priory - Thursday 30th November 10am - 3.30pm

Led by the Chemin Neuf Community. Talk given by The Rt Rev Dom Fr Stephen Ortiger (one time Abbot of Worth Abbey), now the Episcopal Vicar for Religious Life in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and looks after a parish!) A day with a talk, guided prayer and simple lunch. For enquiries or to register please contact: [storrington@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org)

### Severe Weather Emergency Provision (SWEP)

Over the winter period, the Parish Centre will be used by Arun District Council in their support of vulnerable people during severe weather, beginning last Wednesday during storm Ciaran. Essentially this means a place to sleep, with the availability of hot drinks, and people on hand to offer help and advice. (Meals are offered at Glenlogie next door.) This support is managed by the local charities Stonepillow ([admin@stonepillow.org.uk](mailto:admin@stonepillow.org.uk) / 01243 537934) and Turning Tides ([info@turning-tides.org.uk](mailto:info@turning-tides.org.uk) / 01903 680740) If you would like to support these charities, please contact them direct to find out how best you can offer help, and please keep everyone involved in your prayers.

**Pro-Life Group** The next meeting for the group in this area will be on Monday 13th November at 7pm in the Parish Room at St Richard's Church, Cawley Road, Chichester. All are welcome. Please contact Maria on 01903 413606 with any queries.