



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

11th October 2020 - Twenty Eighth Sunday - Year A

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Newsletter items by Wed 1pm, please.

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

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness...

We have now left summer behind and are seeing the signs of autumn in our gardens and countryside, knowing that winter will follow as sure as night follows day. Maybe this is how you are feeling about your life or the Covid-19 situation. However, St Paul reminds us that, "...my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can."

So how can we remain hopeful and positive?

Gideon Heugh wrote this poem:

*Do not worry about tomorrow, said the Lord.
Love drives out fear, said the Lord. I think I understand.
So today I reach into his good earth and I sow
a little kindness here, a little gentleness and all and everywhere grace.
And as the soil closes over them
I know that tomorrow will contain their sweet, sacred fruit,
and I worry no more.*

May the peace and grace of God be with you this week.

Margaret Fraher - Parish Leadership Team

Keep up-to-date with what's going on in the Church throughout the week,
follow Bognor Slindon Catholic Parish on Facebook & Instagram.

This Week's Masses

Saturday 10th	
St Richards 9.30am	James D'Arcy Edwards RIP
OLOS 5.15pm	Antony Cox RIP
Sunday 11th	
Twenty Eighth Sunday	
OLOS 10am	People of the Parish
Monday 12th	
St Wilfrid	
St Mary's 9.30am	Nick Webber RIP
OLOS 10am	In Thanksgiving for Monica Heatherington, Teachers and Key Workers
Tuesday 13th	
St Anthony's 9.30am	Eileen Greenwood RIP
OLOS 10am	Sheila Willcocks RIP
Wednesday 14th	
OLOS 10am	Ann Ginty RIP
Thursday 15th	
St Teresa of Jesus	
OLOS 10am	Ronnie Ritler RIP
Friday 15th	
OLOS 10am	Therese Findlay RIP
Saturday 16th	
St Ignatius of Antioch	
OLOS 5.15pm	Paul Kilcoyne RIP
Sunday 17th	
Twenty Ninth Sunday	
St Richard's 9am	Kristina Kochtova RIP
OLOS 10am	Clemente Alvarez RIP
St Anthony's 11am	People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturdays 4.30pm to 5.15pm - Our Lady of Sorrows.
Or by appointment, please contact Fr Chris. or Fr Victor.**

Catholic Social Teaching

John Burnett KSC has available transcripts of three recent Knights of St Columba lectures on Catholic Social Teaching covering Mental Health, Unemployment, and Social doctrine. If you would like a copy please contact John Burnett on 01243 862234 or jar.burnett@btinternet.com

Requiem in Aeternum



Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time -

**Veronica Stubbs, David Larkin,
John Robinson, Mary Carroll,
Nick Webber, Anthony Doran,
Sheila Willcocks, Bernadine O'Shea,
Duncan Ellard, Bernadine O'Connor,
Austin Stack, George Rafferty,
David Herod, Catherine Frances
Davenport**

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for
**Keith Simpson, Colin Lord, Paul McGuire,
Colm Callanan, Elizabeth McWey, Moira
Deefholts, Michael Willcocks, Teresa
Sweeney, Paris Stevens, Margaret Grace**

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

Station Masses for the Bereaved

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass in each Deanery, especially for those who have been bereaved this year. The Mass for our Deanery will be in the Cathedral on Monday 2nd November at 6.30pm. We do need people to book for this and they can do this by either calling Louise on 01903 882297 or e-mailing arundel@abdiocese.org.uk The Mass will also be live streamed at www.arundelcathedral.uk or accessible via Church Services TV.

**Our Lady of Sorrows is open for
Private Prayer**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
afternoons - 12 noon to 3.30pm

Parish Administrator

After nearly five years of service to the parish as Administrator, Anthony Jenkins will shortly be stepping down. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for all the good work he has done, liaising with many people around the parish and beyond, especially with regard to building maintenance, and health and safety. Anthony has kindly agreed to continue until such time a new Administrator is in place, and we thank him for this too.

Parish Discussion Group

The group is restarting, with no masks and no social distancing, but on Zoom! Anyone with internet access can join us. The first meeting will be on Wednesday October 21st, and will be led by David Beresford. His title will be "Does God have a plan?" The discussion will start at 7.30pm but it will be possible to log on from 7.15pm.

All you have to do is to go to www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/discussion-group. On this page you will find a button to press to join the meeting. There will be no need for prior registration.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for all the children (and their families) who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks, some at a Mass on a Saturday afternoon, and some at our regular weekend Masses. Despite the celebration being a little different, it will still be wonderful to celebrate the gift of God and all his love means for us with these families on their journey of faith.

First Holy Communion 2021 - For all families thinking about First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for next year, the programme will begin in the New Year. This will give us a little time to think about how best to help families prepare in the current circumstances. Please look out for notices in the newsletter later in the autumn.

Sunday Virtual Coffee

Join fellow worshippers 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

Alpha

Explore life, faith and meaning



Are you interested in exploring the Christian faith? Do you have questions about life? Are you up for meeting new people in the parish and beyond? Why not try Alpha?

What is Alpha? Alpha is a course with a series of sessions which explores the Christian faith. A chance to discuss questions, to build community and to pray.

The course will now be starting on **Tuesday 3rd November, 7pm to 8.30pm** on Zoom and will run each Tuesday evening into the new year. This will include a really interesting film and the chance to discuss the big questions in life in a relaxed way within a small group. There are no geographical limitations with Zoom and we hope to reach far and wide. Why not invite a friend or encourage family members to join. Do come along to the first one without obligation and see for yourself what a great opportunity Alpha offers?

For more information or to register interest please follow the link on the Parish website.

Living Laudato Si' - Your Parish and Your Planet - Zoom Retreat 16th-19th October 2020

Are you involved in the Journey to 2030 initiative, would you like to be? Join us for a long weekend of talks and discussions on zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of Laudato Si' in and through your parish.

Who is it for? Any interested parishioner is most welcome to join us. The weekend is aimed especially at people with parish responsibilities or who are part of, or want to start, a relevant parish group:

WHY? Faith is the place to start.

WHAT? Understanding is the place to start.

HOW? Sharing experience is the place to start.

WHEN? Now is the place to start.

WHERE? Your parish is the place to start.

WHO? Are YOU the place to start?

Time of sessions will be shared soon but will include: Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday night.

Cost - voluntary donations gratefully accepted, but there will be no fee for the weekend.

To apply, simply email Sr Margaret Atkins E; margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk.

New Mass Times

From the **weekend of 17th/18th October** the rota will be:

Saturday 5.15pm OLS (preceded by Adoration and Confessions at 4.15pm);

Sunday 9am St Richard's

10am Our Lady of Sorrows

11am St Anthony's

From **Monday 12th October** the weekday rota will be:

Monday 9.30am St Mary's Barnham and 10am Our Lady of Sorrows

Tues 9.30am St Anthony's and 10am Our Lady of Sorrows

Wed 10am Our Lady of Sorrows

Thur 10am Our Lady of Sorrows; Fri 10am Our Lady of Sorrows

The Masses from Our Lady of Sorrows will continue to be livestreamed (except Sat 5.15pm). For all Masses, please continue to book through the Parish Office. This enables us to keep an eye on numbers and also to keep a record for Track and Trace. Please also remember that no more than two people can occupy a prayer space in order to maintain social distancing from those in the next prayer space. (So, for instance, a family of four needs to book two spaces.)

News from the Knights of St Columba Council 324 Bognor Regis

There will shortly be a link on the Parish website to the the Knights of St Columba. This will enable all parishioners to see the work that the Knights are doing in the Parish; the social life, religious education and for our youth with four competitions to be announced shortly.

Unborn Babies and Their Mother's Matter – Don't Ban Love

Many members of our diocese are at present joining **40 Days for Life** where they stand and pray opposite the BPAS abortion clinic in Brighton and offer information to any woman who asks. Anti-life campaigners keep trying to make any such peaceful witness a criminal offense.

Please sign this petition calling on the Home Secretary to uphold the right of peaceful citizens to pray and offer help to pregnant women at www.spuc.org.uk