



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

12th May 2024 - Seventh Sunday of Easter- Year B

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God is Love

Sometimes when I am talking to the very young, I have been known to show them the Bible; I ask them to imagine all those words, lots, and lots of them, some very big and hard to understand and then I explain that all of those words can be summed up in one little four-letter word: love.

On this Sunday, which comes between Ascension and Pentecost, we continue to follow the development of the infant Church and return to St. John's theme of God's love for us. Our second reading today, from the first letter of St. John, is so beautiful: each time I encounter it I feel an inner joy since it expresses so clearly and simply the situation "God loved us so much we too should love one another." Simple! I like simple.

At Youth Café on Friday, (that's young people 11-18 who meet fortnightly to share God's love in fun, food, and friendship) during our prayer in a time of silent contemplation, we pondered the love that God has individually for each of us and prayed to be evermore convinced of it so that we can share that love with others. Come to think of it, that's pretty much our Parish Mission Statement.

Maybe this week, as we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we might each thank the Father for sending his Son into the world and ask him to deepen our love for one another.

Tony Lucas

Saturday 11th May		
St Richard's	9.30am	Mr R.J. Wilton RIP
OLOS	6pm	Stephen Featherstone RIP Anniversary
Sunday 12th		Seventh Sunday of Easter
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Neil Evans RIP Anniversary
Monday 13th		
OLOS	10am	Mary Elizabeth Cole RIP
Tuesday 14th		St Matthias
St Anthony's	9.30am	Eamon Corrigan RIP
Wednesday 15th		
OLOS	10am	Margaret Stevenson RIP
Thursday 16th		
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Friday 17th		
OLOS	10am	Stevenson Family
Saturday 18th		
St Richard's	9.30am	Michael Heywood RIP Anniversary
OLOS	6pm	Michael Collins RIP Anniversary
Sunday 19th		Pentecost
OLOS	9am	No Mass
11am Mass St Mary's School Field - People of the Parish		

Requiem in Aeternum



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

Angela Clover RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

**Irene Jones, Betty Serna,
Nancy Gardiner, David Holste,
Catherine West, Robert Dixon,
George Mabert King, Theresa McHaffie,
Michael Heywood, Arthur Dean**

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:

Richard Green, Ian Findley, Claire Amaladoss, Esme Shimell, Rebecca Barratt, Caroline & Martin Swanson, Deidre Sobey, Nuala Lesbinel, Theresa Neill, Val Warner, Julian L, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Paula Rathke, Steve Goss, 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, please contact Angela on 07760 224302.

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

Fridays after 10am Mass

Second Collection this weekend World Communications Sunday

Supporting the work of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people.

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.

A Month of Prayer for Vocations - Good Shepherd Sunday to Pentecost

The journey from Eastertide, to Ascension and Pentecost calls us to mission. This year, in the light of the new Pastoral Plan, the whole Diocese is invited to come together for four weeks of prayer to the Holy Spirit to grant us a missionary spirit, through the raising up of new vocations to all walks of life in the Church.

Leaflets with suggested prayer itineraries and prayer cards for vocations are available in the churches. During the 7th Week of Easter read about the forgiveness of sins (John 20:19-23), and pray for more priests who will celebrate the sacraments of healing with the living and the dying.

A Big Thank You from St Mary's FSA

Last Sunday's Cake Sale raised the amazing amount of £385! Thank you to all who baked and supported this event, it is very much appreciated.

L'Arche Ukulele Band

Everyone is warmly invited to St Richard's, Slindon, **Friday 17th May, 6pm**. When, by popular request L'Arche Ukulele Band return to entertain us with songs popular on both sides of the Atlantic. A joyful and fun evening is guaranteed. If you are able, please bring a plate of food or some drink to share in our buffet supper.

St Anthony's May Fayre - Saturday 25th May 10.30am to 12.30pm

All are welcome to our annual May Fayre. There will be various stalls including Raffle, Jewellery, Books, Bric a Brac, Plants and Cakes. Tea, coffee and cake will also be served. Donations for the Fayre would be most welcome and can be left at the Parish Office or at St Anthony's.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26th June 11am -3pm

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard, to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible, as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

Missio Red Boxes

Thank you to all who donate to Missio this way, in 2023 this raised £1,117.80 in the parish. Your support of Missionary Priests working in rural communities enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community.

If you would like to donate this way boxes can be collected from the Parish Centre or shop. Alternatively donations can be made on Missio's website missio.org.uk. **The next banking of Missio boxes will be towards the end of May, boxes can be dropped off at the Parish Centre or shop and exchanged for new ones.**



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 19th May 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!**

The Circus is Coming to St Mary's! Summer Fundraising Event

Happy's Circus are coming back to Mary's on Wednesday 5th June 3pm - 7pm. The (animal free!) show features a number of exciting acts including acrobats, aerialists, specialty acts, magic and audience participation with loads of fun and lots more! There will be stalls, fun activities and refreshments available on the school field from 3pm, circus doors open at 4.30pm. Popcorn, candy floss and circus goodies will be on sale inside the Big Top.

Tickets now cost £8 - Kindness tickets can also be donated to enable as many children and families to attend this fun event. Tickets are available on the school website: www.st-marys-bognor.co.uk/shop/ Funds from this event will help to buy books and music equipment as well as much needed resources. All are welcome to come along and support this event.

Not long now to the CAFOD Plant Sale

June 2nd after both 9am and 11am Masses. There is still time to sow seeds and divide plants. Each plant sold will help someone, somewhere and will bring Love and Hope.

Day of celebration sharing in the gift of people with disabilities at Aylesford Sunday July 7th 2024

If you, or anyone you know, lives with a disability of any sort this day is for you. Held at the beautiful Priory of Aylesford, near Maidstone in Kent, the day will begin at noon with a welcome ceremony, there will be various activities throughout the afternoon including, by popular demand, the L'Arche Bognor Community Choir and Ukulele band performing lots of sing along songs, Mass at 4pm and the day ends at 6pm. The diocesan group Hand in Hand will be making their contribution to both the welcome service and the Mass in Drama and mime. But how do I get there? I hear you say. Well, come on the coach leaving from Bognor around 9am and picking up other travellers in Worthing, Brighton and possibly Crawley and then travelling to Aylesford. The coach will have disabled access. What will it cost? The coach is provided by the organisers of the day, although any donations to the cost will be gratefully received. How do I book my place? Contact Anne Ward by email: wardanne458@gmail.com. What if I don't use email? Then please contact your parish office and ask them to send an email with your details to Anne Ward. What do I need to bring? A packed lunch and snacks for the day. If the weather looks likely to be warm then please bring sun cream, a hat and water.

Big Church Festival 25th & 26 May – Wiston nr Steyning

It's not too late to buy tickets for the amazing Christian festival taking place in the heart of our Diocese, great for families, teenagers, young adults, old adults and everyone in between! Mass will be celebrated on Sunday by Bishop Richard. Save up to 52% by booking with this link <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>

Worth Abbey June Gathering

The Abbott and Community invite you to Worth Abbey from 11.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 1st June for a social and spiritual day. Share monastic prayer in the Abbey Church and enjoy the beauty that is Worth. Enjoy a guided walk through the woods and fields and visit St Bruno's retreat centre. Families welcome, there will be activities for children. www.worthabbeypilgrims.com

Offertory Collections April

Offertory Plate Collections	£2409.05
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 456.00
Bankers Orders	£7265.50
Contactless Machines	£ 281.00
CAF donations	<u>£ 45.00</u>
	£10456.55

Special Collections

Vocations Sunday	£334.90
Survive MIVA	£528.25

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 £21,107 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.