



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

13th April 2025 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C

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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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We are doing Alpha again. Why oh why?

In our parish, we have run the Alpha course for almost 10 years. That means nearly 20 times! Why do we keep doing this?

Today (Palm Sunday) we start an incredible journey in Jesus's life. He rides into Jerusalem to the cheers and adulation of those who will a few days later shout equally loudly "crucify him." It seems strange to us that these people are so fickle. Until we take an honest look inside ourselves. Few of us can say we would have behaved differently. The only one who behaved with consistency and courage was Jesus himself (and probably his mum too, although I bet she had her moments looking at the broken body of her child on that cross!)

The thing about the Alpha course is that it goes right back to basics. It assumes nothing, does not judge anyone or expect anything. It is a place of welcome where a group of normal human beings come together to share food (as Jesus did at the last supper) to talk about the big questions of life and death and to go on an honest journey together.

Lee who joined the team after coming on the course says. ***"After Alpha finished I wanted to be more involved within the community of the church. Being part of the Alpha team has given me so many positive experiences throughout the programmes, which in turn strengthens my faith"***

The thing about Alpha is that it is an introduction to a church made up of human beings who need God to do anything. We are messy and imperfect but we try hard to love and to serve using our gifts. One person is a good cook, another great at welcome, another plays the guitar, or sorts out the furniture. This is church and I cannot wait for the next course. As a member of the team, I need it!

If you haven't tried it yet, **come along to the first meeting, see what you think.** If you have a friend or family member who is curious, ask them to try it knowing they will be warmly welcomed. As a parish committed to mission (i.e. helping God and Jesus become better known by more people) we will keep doing Alpha courses. Please pray for us as we start on April 23rd. Thank you all!

Martha Myers

Saturday 12th April	
St Richard's 9.30am	Derek Smith RIP
OLOS 6pm	Francis Dunne RIP
Sunday 13th	Palm Sunday the Passion of the Lord
OLOS 9am	Wellbeing of Jeanette Walton
OLOS 11am	People of the Parish
Monday 14th	
OLOS 10am	Frances Dunne RIP
Tuesday 15th	
St Anthony's 9.30am	Maureen Collins RIP
St Anthony's 6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 16th	
OLOS 10am	The Cole Family RIP
Thursday 17th	Maundy Thursday
OLOS 10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
OLOS 8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 18th	Good Friday
OLOS 8am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
OLOS 3pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Saturday 19th	Holy Saturday
OLOS 10am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
OLOS 8pm	Solemn Vigil of Easter
Sunday 20th	Easter Sunday
OLOS 9am	Mary Kate Dooley RIP
OLOS 11am	People of the Parish

Good Friday Children's Liturgy

Begins at 2.45pm in the Parish Centre with activities for children to help them encounter the Easter story in a way accessible for them.

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

NB: no Adoration Maundy Thurs

Adoration - Lady Chapel Our Lady of Sorrows

Resumes after Lent - Fridays after 10am Mass until 2pm

Requiem in Aeternum



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

Matthew McKay RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Patrick Reid, Bruno Taylor, Francis Dunne, Nellie Gwynne, Elsie Featherstone, William Ashworth, Maggie Mangan, Kathleen McNamara, James Bonnar, Kathleen Muldoon, Alec Stevenson

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, 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

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 6pm St Anthony's
Sunday 9am St Anthony's
4pm Our Lady of Sorrows
Easter Sunday
6am & 4pm Our Lady of Sorrows
Easter Monday
9am St Anthony's
4pm Our Lady of Sorrows

Second Collection this weekend Easter Flowers

Good Friday Special Collection For the Holy Places of Palestine

Donations can be made in the baskets or contactless machines in the church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

May I wish you all a very fruitful Holy Week which begins today - Palm Sunday.

I don't think I can emphasise enough the huge importance of what we are going to be doing this week. This week is, or can be, life changing and should widen our faith horizon enormously. We are going to follow Jesus, liturgically, in His final week, beginning with His triumphal entry into Jerusalem seated on a donkey to the acclaim of the crowds, through moments of high drama counterbalanced, curiously enough, by what we can only describe as silence and inaction in the Garden of Gethsemane and His trial via highly poignant moments of intimacy, love, service and betrayal.

In all of this we are invited to *participate* with heart and mind and body. Liturgy is stuff we *do* not just come to. It is what we see and hear and participate in and take our place in. Through our baptism we are bound up forever in the events of this week - life and death, watching and waiting, seeing and hearing, emptiness and suffering and, if we are faithful, we are privileged to be there for the triumph which we know about. The resurrection is revealed so powerfully and yet so quietly.

Do make time to attend these sacred liturgies. You will be changed in the best possible way and your presence will be an important thing for us all. For without participation in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we cannot truly have part with Him.

With my love and prayers

Fr David Benedict

Walk of Witness - Courageous Love

Once again, we're delighted to offer witness to the goodness of God on Good Friday (18th April) with Christian brothers and sisters from across the town. Our Walk of Witness begins at Bognor Regis Methodist Church at 10am, will proceed along the High Street, pausing for prayer and reflection led by the Salvation Army at the junction with London Road, and then continue to Our Lady of Sorrows for a service, which will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Emmaus Group - Accompanying people enquiring about Catholic faith

Rehearsal for all those being baptised or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil **Tuesday 15th April at 7pm in the church.**



Last call for Confirmation 2025

Calling all young adults typically aged 14-15 / year 10: If you want to discern with others if receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is what God is calling you to register your interest via bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/confirmation



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 23rd April 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!

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.

KSC Redshirts/Purpleshirts Fundraising Quiz Night

Thank you to all of the parishioners who have supported our fundraising efforts towards the Redshirts/Purpleshirts Lourdes 2025 pilgrimage so far! We can now announce our 1st social event to further our fundraising with a Quiz Night on Saturday 10th May, starting at 7pm

Come on your own or with a team for an evening of fun, competition and food. A light supper will be provided but please bring your drinks. Tickets cost £5 and will be on sale after Sunday Masses. A raffle will be organised at £1 a ticket.

Illuminate your life in Christ with 'Lighthouse'

Please join us on **Saturday 26th April at 11.30am**, St. Edward the Confessor Church, Pound Hill, Crawley (RH10 7EQ) for the next 'Lighthouse', a day of renewal, worship, teaching and fellowship. Explore 'Proclaim the Lord's Year of Favour' (Isaiah 61:2) and grow as 'Pilgrims of Hope' in this Jubilee year. Highlights include; uplifting teaching and prayer ministry: the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ending with the Vigil Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Doors open at 11am. Drinks and snacks are available, but please bring a packed lunch. For more information please visit <https://www.abcharismatic.org>.

St Anthony's May Fayre—17th May

Donations of Bric a Brac, Books, Gifts, Jewellery. Plants, Raffle Prizes, Bottles for a Bottle Stall (these don't have to be drinks, just anything that is in a bottle) and cakes. Many thanks in advance. Donations can be left at the Parish Office or St Anthony's, if you can't get to either of these please phone Graham on 01243 262467 and he will arrange to collect items.'

NICK WEBBER TRUST is overwhelmed by the continuing generosity of the St Anthony's congregation, with their recent donation of £1000. Supporters are aware that for many years now NWT has been paying boarding school fees for "street kids"; now the missionary sisters have asked us to extend that support to several girls previously supported by a Spanish Catholic charity that is closing down. So, St Anthony's, your money will be well spent!

Next month, Nick Webber Trust will be twenty years old! Celebrate with us at our Garden Party on June 14th.

The Lent edition of 'Grand News' - A newsletter for a Grandparents in the Diocese is now available on the Diocesan website www.abdiocese.org.uk. Copies are also available in the churches.

There are currently 12 groups in the Diocese, each group is organised and led by parish members for the parish members. If you would enjoy setting up and leading a group or to find out more information, please contact the grandparent Group leads—Michael and Christine Evans cevansuk@btinternet.com

Gift Aid Envelopes 2025 - 2026 for the new tax year are now available for collection from the Parish Centre or Parish shop after Sunday Masses. If you would like to donate this way please contact Caroline in the parish office.

Offertory Collections March

Offertory Plate Collections	£3006.85
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 813.90
Bankers Orders	£5984.50
Contactless Machines	£ 624.00
CAF donations	<u>£ 55.00</u>
	£10484.25

Second Collections

CAFOD Family Fast Day	£857.30
KOC Redshirts	£694.80

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. Since January we have received £6,814 in Gift Aid 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.