



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

14th April 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter - Year B

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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

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Peter Edgington BA (Hons) NPQH

Glamis Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 1DJ

Tel: (01243) 822287 *Email:* office@stmarysbognor.co.uk

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Headteacher: Mr Tim Hulse

Elm Grove South, Barnham, West Sussex PO22 0EN

Tel: (01243) 552055 *Email:* office@sphcs.co.uk

Understanding and sharing

Do I really understand how Jesus' death and resurrection saves me? Do I need to completely 'get it' for it to 'work'? The answer to these questions is thankfully – no. The saving impact of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is not dependent on my understanding. It is a mystery that we can never fully comprehend. That is not to say we can't understand it, but rather to say that we will continue to have as many questions as we have answers. We are encouraged to ponder mysteries in our personal prayer and in conversations with each other. Perhaps this week, with family or friends, share your thoughts and/or questions about how the death and resurrection of Jesus 'saves' us. Sometimes we can be afraid of what people will think of us if we don't know the answers to some of these questions, and sometimes we worry what people will think if we do know the answers! As followers of Jesus, however, we must be having these kinds of conversations, conversations about our faith, our beliefs, and our lives. It is often in these conversations that the Spirit of God reveals more of the truth. We find ourselves hearing or saying things that lead us deeper into a place of understanding.

We can take great courage and hope from the readings at Mass this Sunday – in them we find a variety of conversations, either in person or in writing of people making sense of how the death and resurrection of Jesus changes our understanding of everything. I always find great reassurance when the disciples, who had three years full time with Jesus don't understand what's happening. I also take great confidence in seeing the transformation of the disciples from being people who don't understand to becoming great preachers and teachers once they are filled with the Holy Spirit. If I really want to understand the mysteries of my faith, I must first ask the Holy Spirit to fill my heart and my mind, and then trust the prayer and talk with others.

David Beresford - Parish Leadership Team

Saturday 13th April		
St Richard's	9.30am	Christine Murphy RIP
OLOS	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th		
Third Sunday of Easter		
OLOS	9am	Thanksgiving for the recovery of James Innes
OLOS	11am	Michael Connolly RIP
Monday 15th		
OLOS	10am	Wellbeing of Rebecca Barratt
Tuesday 16th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Christine Murphy RIP
Wednesday 17th		
OLOS	10am	Requiem: Christopher Nakyoski RIP
Thursday 18th		
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Friday 19th		
OLOS	9am	Staff, pupils and families of St Mary's
Saturday 20th		
St Richard's	9.30am	Deceased family of AP Morgan
OLOS	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st		
Fourth Sunday of Easter		
OLOS	9am	Noreen Hristov RIP
OLOS	11am	Barry Shears RIP

Requiem in Aeternum



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

Beryl Rounds RIP
Jane Martindale RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

**Elsie Featherstone, William Ashworth,
Kathleen McNamara, James Bonnar,
Kathleen Muldoon, Alec Stevenson,
David McGuire, Eleanor Ferris,
Andrea Rixon**

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:

**Claire Amaladoss, Esme Shimmell,
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

Forthcoming Funerals

**Our Lady of Sorrows
John Hennessy RIP**

Tuesday 30th April 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.

Baptisms this week

*Our Lady of Sorrows
Sunday 14th April, 1pm*

Xanthe Rowan Austin

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 next weekend

World Day of Prayer for Vocations and the Education of Future Priests. This collection can be Gift Aided

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 17th and 24th April, please contact Angela on 07760 224302.

Find out who the real quizmasters of the parish are... Quiz Night 27TH April

Thank you to all of the parishioners who have supported our fundraising efforts towards the Lourdes 2024 pilgrimage so far! We are holding one more fundraiser as a final push. We would love to see you for an evening of fun, competition and food. Come on your own or with a team.

It would be fantastic if you joined us at our quiz night in the parish centre on Saturday the 27th of April from 7pm - 9:30 pm. A light supper will be provided but please bring your own drinks. Tickets cost £5 and will be on sale after Sunday Masses from the 7th of April or at the parish office.

My Future Care

Please stay after morning mass at St Anthony's on **Tuesday 23rd April** to find out more about this initiative. There will be a short video about Lasting Power of Attorney and advance care planning and an opportunity to pick up a free copy of the My Future Care Handbook.

These sessions are aimed at people of all ages to support planning for tomorrow and living for today. Further details in the porch.

Pro Life Group Meeting

Thursday 18 April 7pm St Richards Catholic Church, Cawley Road, Chichester, PO19 1XB in the Lower Parish Room. We aim to promote a culture of life from conception to natural death. Please join us, all welcome. Phone Maria on 01903 413606 with any queries. As Pope Francis has said "to defend life is not an ideology for the Church. It is a reality; a human reality that involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christian and because they are human."

CAFOD - School Volunteers Required

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school?

Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests, and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office at: - St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TS. Tel: 01483 573273 07710 094448 Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk Website: www.cafod.org.uk

Clerk to the Governors Vacancy

The Governors at St Mary's, Primary School are seeking to appoint a Clerk to the Governors to begin in the Summer Term 2024. This post is part time, term time only, 5 hours per week, with the need to be flexible on times. Grade 4 £23,500 - £23,893, £12.18 - £12.38 per hour, pro rata.

Please do get in touch if you would like more information Email: office@stmarysbognor.co.uk Tel: 01243 822287



St Philip Howard
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Is currently recruiting for both teaching and support roles. To learn more about these exciting opportunities being advertised, please visit the vacancies page on the school website: www.sphcs.co.uk

**the big
Pentecost
picnic**

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!**



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 17th 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!

Safeguarding Training

The Diocese training provider is changing to CSSA and replaces EduCare; it is a Church related training. It is just one course with both Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults included.

Going forward, all volunteers must complete the CSSA Level 3 course which can be accessed via this link <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/courses>

Please note, any EduCare training that has been completed in the last three years will still be accepted, but the CSSA Level 3 course is the training that we will be using from now onwards.

The Knights of St Columba are pleased to inform you that two further lorry loads of medical equipment and food have been dispatched to Ukraine. Thank you for your donations! To help us keep up the good work, please contact John Burnett, 01243 862234 if you have any donations of tinned food (especially tinned meats) or unwanted walking aids.

Do you have a spare room?

L'Arche Bognor Regis have welcomed Fr Peter Coxe to work with the community and are looking for accommodation for him. If you have a spare room you would be willing to rent to him please contact Martha Myers 07442 875678 email martha.myerstraining@larche.org.uk to discuss details.

Youth Ministry Training - 20th April and 18th May at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Do you want to see more young people in your Parish? Sign up for the Diocesan two-day Youth Ministry Training course. Be inspired, encouraged and equipped for the new era of mission that we find ourselves in. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Gift Aid Envelopes 2024 - 2025

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	£2450.68
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 851.00
Bankers Orders	£6118.00
Contactless Machines	£ 293.00
CAF donations	£ 25.00
Stripe	<u>£2310.42</u>
	£12048.10

Special Collections

Redshirts Appeal & Cake Sale	£1276.72
Easter Flowers	£ 364.87
Holy Places of Palestine	£ 782.30
Easter Gift to Priest	£2489.15

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 £17,805 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.