



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

15th May 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

Mass is also celebrated in St Mary the Virgin (C of E), Church Lane, Barnham

Catholic Schools

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Peter Edgington BA (Hons) NPQH

Glamis Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 1DJ

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St Philip Howard Catholic School

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Elm Grove South, Barnham, West Sussex PO22 0EN

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Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another."

Jesus doesn't give many commands in the Gospels, so we should take serious note when he does. At other points he tells us to repent, to believe he and the Father are one, to make disciples, to pray always, to pray for our enemies, and finally, to take up our cross and follow him.

This 'new' commandment, to love one another, at first glance seems to be the easiest to keep. But when we notice the words "just as I have loved you", we see the enormity of the directive. This love that we 'must' enact will cost us everything. Our lives, our status, our security, our dignity. Jesus lays it all down for us and calls us to do the same. On a good day, with family and friends, it's not too difficult to love, to put others first, to respond to others needs and wants before our own. But on some days, or on occasional moments – my needs, my wants, my pain, my anger comes first, and I hurt those who I love the most.

Love is fundamentally not easy, because real love comes with sacrifice. Love, however, is contagious. When I am loved I am much more likely to love others and then they in turn are also more likely to love.

We are loved unconditionally by God. God is an infinite supply of the very thing that we need in order to fulfil the command of Jesus. I need to take time every day to simply remember that I am loved. I need to start every conversation and interaction, with every person I meet, with the intention of helping them experience that they are loved, and not consider whether they are loving me or not. Simple!!!

We are followers of Jesus, on fire with his love, sharing that love with each other and the world. We **are** this and through God's grace we **will become** this.

David Beresford - Parish Leadership Team

Saturday 14th May		St Matthias
OLOS	10am	Frances Dunne RIP
St Richard's	5pm	Ed Kirkby-Bott RIP
Sunday 15th		Fifth Sunday of Easter
OLOS	9am	Catherine & Harold West RIP
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish
Monday 16th		
St Mary's	9.30am	Cole Family
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Tuesday 17th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Marinsz Szpilewski RIP
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Wednesday 18th		
OLOS	10am	Michael Collins RIP & Family
Thursday 19th		
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Friday 20th		
OLOS	10am	Tony Milnes RIP
Saturday 21st		
OLOS	10am	Bernie Sheridan Intentions
St Anthony's	5pm	May Carroll RIP
Sunday 22nd		Sixth Sunday of Easter
OLOS	9am	Wellbeing of Rachel Moore
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish

Weekday Masses

From 25th April, pro tem, the weekday Mass schedule will be as follows: Mon 9.30am at St Mary's, Barnham; Tues 9.30am at St Anthony's; Wed 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows, Fri 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows, Sat 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows. Please note this may be subject to change, eg for funerals.



Adoration and Rosary St Richard's

Wednesdays 11am until 12 noon

Adoration Our Lady of Sorrows

Fridays after 10am Mass until 2pm.

Requiem in Aeternum



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

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Arthur Dean, Margaret Forrest, James Muldoon, Benoit Moyart, Anthony Mills Mary Anne Watkins, Richard Allan Riley

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for
John Cooper, Anthony, Warner, Robert Dixon, Priscilla McKay, Edward Earl, James, Megan & Baby Bright, Julia Brown, Annette Naughton, Inika McKay, Susan Leenaars, Rachel Moore, Kathleen McGinley, David Newman, Aidan Cooke, Marie A Townsley, Dave Parker, Mo Moore, Steve Goss, Marie Bentley, Baby Millie Bedford, Richard Green, Neil Evans, Baby Cheo & Hannah Mensa, Teresa Willcocks, Sue Brayton, Chris & Sarah Simmons, Harold Pinkney, Kevin Blake, Jo Soriano, Bridget Orfila, Baby Samuel, Vic Wood, Anthony Simpson, Theresa McCaffie, Mary McGuire, Peter Bardin, Jane Hazelgrove, Tina Miles, Jo Oates, Theresa Mulvaney, Richard Hazelgrove, Jo Cowie, Mary Gabrielle Gregory, Patrick Dwyer, Trish & Don Osborne, John Carr, Arthur Wicks, Moira Deefholts, Teresa Sweeney

Please advise the Parish Office of any changes or additions to our Prayers.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr Chris
 Tel 01243 823619

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.30 - 11am or by appointment.

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**.

This weekend's Second Collection: Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese.

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse - 17th May 2022

On Tuesday 4th May the Church in England and Wales marks a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. In this parish, we'll mark this at the 9.30am Mass at St Anthony's. We are invited not only to pray for them, but listen to their voice and learn about what how the Church responding to them. Resources for prayer can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2022/

Lourdes Redshirts Fundraiser

Five of our young people are fundraising in the hope of going to Lourdes in July as Redshirts. They are holding a fun afternoon of games with a Beetle Drive and quiz and a wonderful cream tea on **Saturday 28th May at 2pm**. Tickets are just £5 and will be available to buy after the 9am and 11am Masses at Our Lady of Sorrows or from the Parish Office. Come along for a lovely afternoon and support our young people. *The second collection on weekend of 28th/29th May will be for the Lourdes Redshirts.*

***Invited!* Season 2 – Growing in Faith**

This is week five in season 2 of the Diocesan mission. There are again opportunities to view the video on Monday evening at 7.00pm in the parish centre, on Tuesday morning after mass at St Anthony's or in your own time at home. The final diocesan Zoom conversation takes place online on Thursday at 7.30pm. All materials are available at www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited To find out more, please contact Peter Loose on 07963 379879 or peter@35007.co.uk. The programme finishes with a novena from Friday 27th May until the Pentecost celebration on 4th June.

Parish Discussion Group - Wednesday 25th May 7.30pm

Our speaker will be Fr Daniel Weatherley and he will tell us about a new programme, **Grief to Grace**, run by the Archdiocese of Southwark, to help restore human dignity to those who are suffering from an abusive past. This talk will be accessible on Zoom using the link www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/discussion-group, or in person at the John Bosco room in the parish centre.

Ruth Group - Thursday 26th May 7.30pm Parish Centre

We will share a prayer reflection focusing on the feast of Pentecost, followed by some time in open discussion. And of course tea/coffee and biscuits. The Ruth Group is open to all women of the Parish: single, married, mums, grandmas and widows. It would be lovely to see you, and please do feel free to bring a friend along.

St Anthony's Group

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th May at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

St Anthony's May Fayre Saturday 28th May 10am to 12.30pm

Charity fundraising event, Raffle, Books, Jewellery, Fancy Goods, Bric a Brac and Plants.
Donations can be dropped off at St Anthony's or the Parish Centre.

Coffee Morning and Cake Sale Saturday 4th June 10.30am to 12pm

Lower Parish room, St Richard's Catholic Church, Cawley Road, Chichester

Come and enjoy coffee and cake in support of Pro Life causes. Tombola, home-made produce, plants and brick a brac stalls. Everyone welcome, also donations. Telephone Maria on 01903 413606 for collection.

A big thank you from CAFOD Michael and John Kay supported by Colin and Gabrielle have completed their Lent Walk Against Hunger. They have walked 618.7km and have now reached £1,000 and are delighted. Thank you to all those who sponsored us so generously. Our Just Giving page will be open until the end of the month or donate on the sponsorship forms <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/Gabrielle-Thorpe1>

Supporting Ukrainian families in Poland

"My name is Hanna and I lived in the Bognor Regis area for 15 years where I was involved in L'Arche and the Polish Supplementary School. We have been living in Poland since August 2017 and I have been involved in a number of voluntary projects since. Right now I'm raising funds to invite a small group of Ukrainian children aged 6-17 (I met them 5 weeks ago for a few Polish lessons) and their mothers for a fun weekend to Poznań. They had been evacuated from Kiev and Zytomierz where their parents had been working at the Polish company NOVOL before the war broke out.

I'm sure that children and their mums will spend a lovely weekend in Poznań and at least for a short while forget what's happening in their homeland. Thank you so much for any kind of support you can offer." *(Please send donations to support Hanna to the Parish Office, in an envelope marked 'For Hanna' and we'll pass the money on.)*

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard - Saturday 25th June at 11.30am

Bishop Richard will be hosting an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst, RH14 9QH. Everyone is welcome, to reserve your free please please sign up here: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/an04uoxn>

The Diocese would like to find out what our Catholic community is doing to support refugees here and abroad. The following short questionnaire will enable Bishop Richard and our Central Office teams to build a picture of the wonderful work being undertaken across our community, as well as highlighting possible areas of need: <https://forms.office.com/r/mEwnrp9bgw>

ASCENT for teenagers 24th May at 7.30pm - 8pm

This amazing discipleship process is open to anyone in years 10, 11 or 12. With residential retreats and online gatherings with others of the same age, this is a great opportunity to explore your faith in a safe and friendly environment. If you want to find out more, join our online information evening. Contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details.

Diocesan run Inclusion Events

Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing? Would you like to attend the monthly diocesan Mass signed in BSL, with specific Liturgical Mass Signs for the Mass? If you would like further information about our Signed Mass or the diocesan Deaf Group please text or email the diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher; 07508459315 or E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk

Would you like to attend formation for the Ministry of Welcome? Formation provides an opportunity to consider how our wonderful parish communities can become even more welcoming and inclusive. To find out more please contact the diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk or M: 07508459315.

The Date in your Diary you've been waiting for: the cakefest that is the **Nick Webber Trust Garden Party** on June 18th from 2pm. A chance to support innovative projects helping the most marginalised in Malawi, one of poorest countries in the world. Save the date!

Grandparents Day Wednesday 8 June at West Grinstead

A pilgrimage to the shrine at West Grinstead. If you would like to find out more please contact E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Missio Red Box donations - Many thanks to everyone who donated, a total of £453.18 has been banked from the recent collection. If you would like to donate to Missio through this scheme boxes can be collected from the Parish centre.

Vacancy for a Part-time RC Chaplain HMP Lewes for more information please go to [55129 - Roman Catholic Priest, Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister, Lay Chaplain](https://www.moj.gov.uk/vacancies/55129) [Chaplain - MoJ \(tal.net\)](http://tal.net)