



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

19th September 2021 - Twenty Fifth Sunday - Year B

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Assisted Suicide Bill

In a Pastoral message, to be read in the Churches of the Diocese this Sunday, Bishop Richard says:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There has been much coverage of the Assisted Suicide Bill, currently making its way through the House of Lords. It is important that we take action to challenge this proposed legislation. It is also vital that we affirm our support for the best possible end-of-life care, including spiritual and pastoral support for those who are dying and for their families. This has been made all the more urgent as a result of the decision by the British Medical Association to take a neutral position on this issue, albeit by the narrowest of margins.

The Catholic Church remains opposed to any form of assisted suicide. It is a crime against human life and we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it.

As followers of Christ, we recognise the Sanctity of Life in all around us. This must urge us to call everyone to this place of compassion; to the greatest care and respect for the most vulnerable in our society. The work of opposing this Bill demands our prayerful support and action. You can find out more and gain information as to the best possible way to oppose the Bill on the [website of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales](#).

The full text of Bishop Richard's letter can be accessed [here](#), or a copy will be available at the back of Church.

Saturday 18th		
OLOS	10am	Intentions of the Priest
OLOS	5.15pm	Keith Simpson RIP
Sunday 19th		Twenty Fifth Sunday
OLOS	8am	John Sheehan RIP
St Richard's	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	10am	Vinoo Parajapati RIP
St Anthony's	11am	Special Intentions
OLOS	6pm	Marie Dooley RIP
Monday 20th		St Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Hasang & Companions
St Mary's	9.30am	James D'Arcy Edwards RIP
OLOS	10am	Maria Widdrington RIP
Tuesday 21st		St Matthew
St Anthony's	9.30am	Intentions of the Priest
OLOS	10am	Kitty Donlon RIP
Wednesday 22nd		
OLOS	9am	Michael Carty RIP
Thursday 23rd		St Pius of Pietrelcino
OLOS	10am	Jeanette Hockley RIP
Friday 24th		Our Lady of Walsingham
OLOS	10am	Intentions of Rita Smith
Saturday 25th		
OLOS	10am	Christine Bennett RIP
OLOS	5.15pm	David Kennedy RIP
Sunday 26th		Twenty Sixth Sunday
OLOS	8am	Intentions of the Priest
St Richard's	9am	Intentions of the Priest
OLOS	10am	Anthony Cox RIP
St Anthony's	11am	Deceased of the Whooley Family
OLOS	6pm	People of the Parish

Requiem in Aeternum



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

**Chris Givanovich RIP,
David Kennedy RIP**

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:-

**Ken Packham, Dr James D'Avrey Edwards,
Jean Reynolds, Reynold Emberton, Peggy Baron, Bod Wanten, Monica Fortin, Brian O'Shea, Joy Kilkenny**

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for

**Anthony Simpson, Kathleen O'Gorman,
Theresa McCaffie, Mary McGuire, Peter Bardin, Jane Hazelgrove, Brenda Cremmen, Lyn Saunders, Tina Miles, Jo Oates, Peggy Lennon, Theresa Mulvaney, Richard Hazelgrove, Jo Cowie, Mary Gabrielle Gregory, Patrick Dwyer, Trish & Don Osborne, Sarah Crossley, John Carr, Arthur Wicks, Moira Deefholts, Susanne Tidmas-Cole, Michael Willcocks, Teresa Sweeney, Paris Stevens, Margaret Grace**

Please contact the Parish Office for anyone you wish to be included in our Prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.30 - 11am or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr Chris or Fr Victor
Tel 01243 823619



Adoration

Fridays after 10am Mass in
Our Lady of Sorrows until 2pm

Could you come and spend one hour with the Lord. We are short of people between 11am and 1pm. If you could help please contact Charles Yarham to add your name to the rota Email: rooksfold@btinternet.com or Telephone 01243 582908

This Week's Second Collection

Home Mission Sunday

Catholic School Inspection

Please pray for everyone at St Mary's, our Catholic Primary School, as they welcome their Catholic School Inspection this Wednesday (22nd Sept). The purpose of the Inspection (under Canon Law, 806 and Section 48, Education Act 2005) is to report to and advise the Bishop of the Diocese on the quality of classroom religious education and the Catholic life of the school. Let us pray that children, families, staff, and governors are enabled to give witness to the life and love of Christ that runs through every aspect of school life. Please note: **Mass on Wednesday will be at 9am** to allow Fr Chris to participate in the process.

Season of Creation - Parish Youth Event

Friday 24th September 7pm - 9.30pm - In and around the Parish Centre

An evening of crafting, exploring, eating, reflecting and praying about caring for our common home and our need to care for all creation. Everyone aged 11-19 years is warmly welcome to this evening of reflection and action. For more information ring: Tony Lucas 07810 195344.

Oh, and bring some empty crisps packets or similar with your if you can!

Parish Discussion Group

The Discussion Group is starting their new programme with a presentation from Roz Frampton, entitled 'Oberammergau 358: Faith, Fear and Wellbeing'. Imagine Paghham village putting on a 5 hour play throughout the summer every ten years in thanksgiving to God for coming through Covid-19. Oberammergau villagers responded this way when illness threatened their lives 358 years ago. Join us as we explore this impressive vision.

This will be on **Wednesday 29th September at 7.30pm**. This will be by Zoom and can be accessed through the link on the Parish Website.

Jo Brennan's Marathon Effort

Congratulations to Jo Brennan who completed the Brighton marathon in under five hours last Sunday to raise funds for our homeless breakfast outreach. There's still time to support her on her fundraising page, [click here!](#) or by putting a donation through the letterbox.

Can you Help with Homeless Breakfasts?

Volunteers are needed to help with cooking and taking orders for our much used Sunday morning Homeless Breakfasts takeaway service. We could do with a few more willing helpers - you will only be called upon approximately once a month or less. It's an early start - 7am/7.15am and we are usually finished by 9am. In order to be as safe as possible we are keeping each team down to 3 people - 2 in the kitchen and one taking orders and making drinks (all wearing masks) - our clients are not coming into the Parish Centre. If you would like to join our much appreciated team, or would like more information, please contact Sue O'Boyle 07743074172, or by email, sueoboyle@hotmail.com.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation

Many thanks to all those who have enquired about preparation for the Sacraments this year. We're still in a time of reflection as to how we support families preparing for these gifts of God. More details will follow, but for now, let's simply remind ourselves that the very best way to prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion is by coming regularly to Mass.

Parish Repository - as Covid restrictions have eased it is hoped to re-open the shop after 10am Masses each day. This will be dependent upon volunteers who can give an hour of their time between 10.30am and 11.30am. If you are able to help please contact the parish office or email admin.bognor@abdiocese.org.uk. Full training will be given, though only a smile and welcome needed!

An opportunity to put your questions/concerns to Nick Gibb MP during an online webinar in preparation for COP26 on Tuesday 21st September at 7pm - follow the link on the parish website.

Some parishioners have volunteered to be on the panel to ask questions. All other participants will be able to put questions via the chatbox.

As a Live Simply parish we are committed to living more sustainably and in solidarity with those most affected by poverty and climate change. This webinar will open up discussion with our local MP about how to rebuild from the pandemic in a way that truly tackles the major global issues of our time.

St Philip Howard Open Evening - Thursday 30th September 4.30pm onwards

We are delighted to welcome prospective students, their parents and carers to our Open Evening on Thursday, 30 September 2021, from 4.30pm. Please come and discover all that SPH has to offer, meet our wonderful children and hardworking, committed and caring staff.

In order to manage numbers, we'd kindly ask you to complete a booking form in advance to indicate when you hope to arrive (booking via link on website: www.sphcs.co.uk). Talks by the Headteacher, Mr Carter, will take place at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm. During your visit you'll be treated to a tour of the school by our wonderful children.

Morning tours of the school are also available from **Monday 4 October - Friday 22 October** for you to see the school in action. Please call the school office to make an appointment (01243 552055).

Admissions Forms for St Philip Howard

The Supplementary Admission Form that goes with Admission applications to St Philip Howard asks parents/carers to make a statement about *frequent and regular attendance* at Mass. If you tick this box, you will require a signature from a priest to support you. (You should make this assessment based on your pre-pandemic attendance, not your online participation.) Rather than have lots of people make individual appointments, I'll be available to sign forms on **Wednesday 6th October, 6pm-7pm**, in the Parish Centre. Please come along then – children very welcome, of course, but not essential.

Parish Pantomime 2022 We are planning our next pantomime which, subject to circumstances at the time, will be next February 24th, 25th and 26th. We would love to hear from you now if you would like to act or dance or help us behind the scenes. We can promise you months of fun and laughter. Contact Liz Lucas on 01243 863833 for more details.

The Knights of St Columba are re-introducing the Deacon Anderson Quiz, in memory of Deacon Alastair, an opportunity to help bring the parish together in friendly competition. The quiz is suitable for family teams and there will be some competitions particularly suitable for children. The quiz will start at **3pm, Parish Centre, Sunday 10th October**. Entry fee £1 per head (payable at the door). Family teams may consist of up to 6 members.

Plant a Tree and Help Humanity and Our Planet Have you noticed that 'trees' have appeared in our three churches? This is part of our preparation as a parish for COP26 as well as a practical way to help the planet. Leaflets available at the back of our churches.

Mass with contemporary music

From Sunday 3rd October, and on the first Sunday of the month from then on, Our Lady of Sorrows will be introducing contemporary music to the 10am Mass, to support the outreach of our Diocesan Youth Rep Lizzie Wakeling. We'd like to invite anyone who might be interested in joining this new group of musicians to come along and sing with us. Everyone is very welcome! If you are interested, please contact Theresa McNamara on mcnamara.t@outlook.com, or just join us on Sun 3rd, 9am in the Church.

The Autumn Cathedral Deanery Newsletter is now available in our churches and on the parish website.