



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

20th April 2025 - Easter Sunday - Year C

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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

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The traditional Easter acclamation, also known as the Paschal greeting, is a custom observed in many Christian churches where the greeting "Christ is risen!" is exchanged with the response "He is risen indeed!" or similar phrases. This joyous exchange celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the most central element of our Catholic faith. It says in one brief exchange everything that we hold dear and true. Our Lord is arisen; and death, whilst still in our midst, has been overcome. Our Lord Jesus has shown us our true destiny as His brothers and sisters - life in abundance. Life as it should be and was always meant to be. Death no longer has mastery over us - death has lost its sting as St Paul would later write. Now we can walk as children of light bringing light into the darkness of other people's lives through deeds of hopefulness and kindness. We are now the witnesses to this tremendous belief in our present age.

Does our every act, word, gesture reveal that we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song?

The next 8 days are all Easter Day - it's what the Church calls an octave - because this feast is so important that we don't want it to stop. We wish to savour it, to taste it, to let it soak into our bones, our minds and above all, our hearts and transform us and make us once again new.

I will be away celebrating the octave days in Cornwall with my family but I will be back to celebrate the octave day - next Sunday - Low Sunday as it is sometimes called.

Thank you for your generous support for me in your Easter offering. I appreciate it very much. Thank you to the many individuals who worked so hard to make our celebrations so beautiful and memorable. Including the choir and organists, the MC and the serving teams, the readers and ministers of Holy Communion, the flower people, the cleaners and polishers, the catechists who have brought so many people through an exciting journey of faith and to those who have begun to walk with us as our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who have been baptised, confirmed and received. Bless you all and thank you.

Fr David Benedict

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
Monday 21st		
OLOS	10am	Mary Elizabeth Cole RIP
Tuesday 22nd		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Mary Jarvis RIP Priscilla McKay RIP Matthew McKay RIP
Wednesday 23rd		
OLOS	10am	Betty Burnett RIP
Thursday 24th		
OLOS	7pm	Tom & Eileen Morgan RIP
Friday 25th		
OLOS	10am	Margaret J Stevenson RIP
Saturday 26th		
St Richard's	9.30am	Basil Mills RIP
OLOS	6pm	Rosina Hammond RIP
Sunday 27th		Divine Mercy Sunday
OLOS	9am	Alex Burns RIP
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish
Monday 28th		St George
OLOS	10am	Intentions of Fr Paddy Stanley
Tuesday 29th		St Catherine of Siena
St Anthony's	9.30am	Eleanor Fisher RIP
Wednesday 30th		
OLOS	10am	Wellbeing of Elizabeth McWey
Thursday 1st May		
OLOS	10am	Brendan Willcocks RIP
Friday 2nd		St Athanasius
OLOS	9am	Staff & Pupils of St Marys
Saturday 3rd		St Philip & St James
St Richard's	9am	Basil Mills RIP
OLOS	6pm	A.G. & Yvonne Cooper RIP
Sunday 4th		Third Sunday of Easter
OLOS	9am	Intentions of Patricia Hutchinson
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish

Requiem in Aeternum



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

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:
David McGuire, Eleanor Ferris, Andrea Rixon, Elspeth Coe, Edward Mathé, William Carroll, Michael Martin, Kenny Collins, Brendan Willcocks, Maureen Forry, Sheila Sellars, Bridget Melia, Vincent Kent, Michael Wildsmith, Jackie Williamson, Benedict Willcocks, Andy Bolger, John Thomas, Pat Cooke, Ron Brooks, Allan Greenwood, Christopher Jothi, Barbara Crespi

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 St Anthony's - 6pm
Sunday St Anthony's - 9am
Our Lady of Sorrows - 4pm

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

Thursdays 11.30am to 12.30am

Adoration Lady Chapel Our Lady of Sorrows

Fridays after 10am Mass until 2pm

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.



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!

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>.

Feast of Divine Mercy

On Sunday 27th April at 2pm St Peter's, 13 Church Road, East Wittering, will be celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy. Including, Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Blessing and Veneration of the image. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service. All are most welcome.



Colin and Gabrielle have now completed a combined 400km for the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Thank you to all those who have so generously sponsored us. If you have signed the sponsorship forms but not yet donated please get in touch on 07736814364. We have been so encouraged by your generous support. Thank you so much. Have a very Blessed and Joyous Easter.

Lent Lunches - Thank You!

The LENT LUNCHES in St Richard's have raised £430 for the breakfasts for the homeless cooked in OLOS every Sunday; many thanks to all who worked so hard, and all who supported.

And from CAFOD, Lent Lunches at Our Lady of Sorrows £426.20 and St Anthony's £140. Thank you to all for your continued support to the work of CAFOD.

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.'



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 8th June 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!

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern Into Action

St Vincent de Paul Society The next meeting will be on Friday 25th April in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm. If you would like to find out more about the work of the SVP in our Parish please do come along, new members are always welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer (Friday 6th June to Sunday 8th June), with people across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year.

Dating from around 1061, the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was once one of the four principal Walsingham is a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation and a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. To find out more and book your place:

abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptzuu

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	£ 55.00
	£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.*