



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

24th March 2024 - Palm Sunday- 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

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Glamis Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 1DJ

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Headteacher: Mr Tim Hulse

Elm Grove South, Barnham, West Sussex PO22 0EN

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My Journey in Faith – Got questions? Certainly! And answers, too.

In this series, we invite parishioners to give a testimony about their journey of faith or an important moment on that journey. Here Rebecca reflects on her journey to baptism this Easter and the place of Alpha, the Emmaus Group, and the parish along the way.

For as long as I can remember I've had big questions: where do I come from? What happens after death? Is there a God? When I trained as a lawyer, I learned that it was safer to be the person asking the questions than the one answering. Throughout my adult life I carried these questions around like little pebbles in my pocket, every now and again I would get them out, inspect them and put them back again, not knowing what to do with them.

And then, we suddenly lost two members of my husband's family and I had my four children in fairly quick succession. This rapid mix of birth and death; of bewildering loss and the sheer inexplicable beauty of new life made the questions impossible to ignore.

And so, I arrived rather nervous to my first Alpha session on a darkening September night and was met with a very warm welcome and a delicious shepherds pie. I met some fascinating people who helped me to loosen the almost superglue strength bonds of what I thought I knew about God. It was a warm, judgment-free environment and incredibly nobody sighed in exasperation at my never-ending questions and limited knowledge of the Bible. The answers I received were thought-provoking and the leaders emanated a self-assurance in their own faith that was inspiring. I took some time to consider everything before I decided to join the Emmaus group and that too has been a wonderful journey in faith with friendly and supportive people.

I have been surprised at the way God can weave his way into even the stubbornest of cynical minds like mine, and how his presence can be felt in the day-to-day realities of life; through awe at nature, forgiveness over the little things, and gratitude for those I love, as well as through attending Mass. It's easy to ask questions, but it takes courage and wisdom to suggest answers, and for that I'm very grateful to everyone who gave up their precious time to accompany me on Alpha and Emmaus.

Saturday 23rd March		
St Richard's	9.30am	Beatrice & Peter Meheux RIP
OLOS	6pm	Richard Craddock RIP
Sunday 24th		Palm Sunday
OLOS	9am	Intentions of Catherine & Jamie
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish
Monday 25th		
St Richard's	11am	Requiem: Mary Christine Murphy RIP
Tuesday 26th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Harold & Catherine West RIP
Wednesday 27th		
OLOS	9am	Staff, Pupils & Family of St Mary's
Thursday 28th		Maundy Thursday
OLOS	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 29th		
OLOS	8am	<i>Office of Readings and Morning Prayer</i>
OLOS	3pm	The Liturgy of the Passion
Saturday 30th		
OLOS	10am	<i>Office of Readings and Morning Prayer</i>
OLOS	8pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 31st		Easter Sunday
OLOS	9am	Thanksgiving Noah Claveria
OLOS	11am	Bernard Joseph Butler RIP

Requiem in Aeternum



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

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Jim Campbell, Cally Okonta, Gemma Mead, Vince Willcocks, Shirley Gouldstone, Mary Whitfield, Bernard Joseph Butler, James Campbell, Betty Wilkinson, Maria & Charles Hemeth, Alan Davison, Josephine Glassock, Joan Wall, Michael Heys, Jem Rodger

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:

Caroline & Martin Swanson, Clarke Wilson, 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

St Richard's
Helen Maureen Litten RIP
 Wednesday 3rd April, 11am

Our Lady of Sorrows
Sally Petronijevich RIP
 Friday 5th 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.

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

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

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.

Cathedral Deanery Newsletter - March 2024

Following a meeting with members of the core teams in our five deanery parishes and clergy in Arundel on 13th March an update on the Pastoral Plan is now available in the churches and on our website.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

Ecumenical Walk of Witness starting at 10am from Our Lady of Sorrows, concluding with worship and refreshments at Bognor Methodist Church, 76 High Street, Bognor Regis. Please do come and join us.

Good Friday Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy starts at 2.45pm in the Parish Centre - children will join us in the Church in time for the veneration of the Cross. Please note we are not able to take children under school age.

The Anti-Slavery group invite you to join them in the Stations of the Cross on **Tuesday 26th March at 6.30pm** in Our Lady of Sorrows. This will be followed by coffee, cake and chat. Please come and pray with us in support of ending modern day slavery and enjoy a chance to catch up with old and new friends.



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!

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.



Can we pray for you?

Every Easter around 1,000 children with disabilities accompanied by 2,000 volunteer helpers go on pilgrimage to Lourdes to enjoy a 'holiday with Mary'. This tailored pilgrimage gives children with disabilities a life changing experience and their families a time of respite. Group 154 is one of Sussex's groups with helpers and children from across the Cathedral Deanery.

At the door(s) of the church you'll find prayer request cards. Please do fill them in and at Night Prayer and Mass we'll remember your intentions. And before we leave, we'll leave these cards at the feet of Our Lady at the Grotto.

Invitation – Consecration Mass of Bethan Townsend

Dear all, it is with great joy to share with you all the news of my up-and-coming consecration to the Ordo Virginum. As some of you will be aware, I have been on a journey of discernment and formation over the last few years, preparing for a life of consecration living within the world. You are all invited to join me for what I hope will be a great day of celebration! The details are as follows: **6th September 2024 6:30pm Arundel Cathedral, Parson hill, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 9AY**

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by 1st April 2024 by email: arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or phone: 01903 882297



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.

The Promise of The Father a Diocesan Event live in Arundel and Online

The course is free and aims to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is being held over seven sessions, each with a well renowned speaker and small group discussions, and starts just after Easter, on the 10th April and will run to the 23rd May. Spaces in the venue and online are limited so early booking is essential, please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information and to book your place please visit: ww.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk

Pilgrimage Day Saturday 13th April - In the Steps of St Cuthman

A meditative pilgrimage day reflecting on the life of St Cuthman and walking to Cobnor Point (car option available). Meet at St Mary's Chidham at 11am. Bring a packed lunch. See www.sussexheritage.co.uk or phone Maria on 09103 413606 to book.



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!**

Mental Health Awareness Seminar

A choice of two dates. Saturday 13th April in Crawley or Saturday 15th June in Burgess Hill. Cost £30 (subsidised by Diocese)

Do you work in public Ministry in your Parish? Do you work or support people in your day to day lives? The number of people experiencing the challenge and suffering of poor mental health is a growing reality in the UK.

The course is led by a Member of the Mental Health First Aid England team and is suited to those involved in pastoral activities, leading events and those who work and support youngsters. The aim of this seminar is to help you to understand the impacts and realities of mental health on the individual. To help you identify the early signs and symptoms and to signpost the individual effectively. Places can be booked through the attached links [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(13-Apr-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Gift Aid Envelopes 2024 - 2025

Gift Aid envelopes 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 February

Offertory Plate Collections	£2378.40
Gift Aid Envelopes	£1631.00
Bankers Orders	£5708.00
Contactless Machines	£ 258.00
CAF donations	<u>£ 95.00</u>
	£10070.40

Special Collections

Lourdes Pilgrimage	£954.18
CAFOD Lent Appeal	£ 735.00

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.*