



# The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

24th May 2026 - Pentecost - Year A

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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 *Head of School Mrs Kathryn Cole B'Ed Hon NPQH*  
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## The way that leads to life

When Eve looked at the fruit of the Tree of Knowing Good and Bad, it looked delicious. Yet with just a few twisted words from the serpent, Eve begins to believe that she knows what is good for her better than God does. It is a story that still speaks to us now. We are often drawn towards things that *look* good, satisfying or freeing in the moment, even when they slowly lead us away from life, peace and relationship with God.

When the Israelites arrive at Mt Sinai, God teaches them what freedom and life are meant to look like. The Ten Commandments echo the invitation first given in Eden: trust God's wisdom. Love God and receive His love. Rest often. Honour others. Protect life and relationships. Seek justice. Be content with what you have.

Then Jesus comes and declares: "*I am the way.*" He shows us what trusting the Father looks like and invites us to follow Him.

Fifty days after Easter, the Jewish feast of Shavuot was being celebrated — the feast remembering the gift of the Law at Mt Sinai. It is at this moment that Pentecost takes place. The disciples are gathered together, trying to understand how to live the way of Jesus in a complicated world.

Then, with a beautiful echo of Sinai, they receive not commandments written on stone, but the Holy Spirit Himself — the life, love and wisdom of God dwelling within them. Fear gives way to courage. Their hearts are set on fire and they begin to see the needs of the people around them with new eyes. Confident that they are loved by God, they go out to serve the world.

This promise is for us too. The Holy Spirit dwells within us. Today we can ask God to guide us, shape us and lead us into lives of love, peace and courage. This is where true fulfilment is found. This is our mission.

Come Holy Spirit.

*David Beresford - Parish Leadership Team*

<b>Saturday 23rd May</b>		
St Richard's	9.30am	Michael Heywood RIP Anniversary
OLOS	6pm	Stephen Featherstone RIP Anniv.
<b>Sunday 24th May</b>		<b>Pentecost</b>
OLOS	9am*	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am*	Maggie Stevens RIP
<b>Monday 25th May</b>		<b>Mary Mother of the Church</b>
OLOS	10am*	Kieron Clay RIP
<b>Tuesday 26th May</b>		<b>St Philip Neri</b>
St Anthony's	9.30am	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday 27th May</b>		<b>St Augustine</b>
OLOS	10am*	Jim Hubbard RIP
<b>Thursday 28th May</b>		<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest</b>
OLOS	<b>6.30pm</b>	Wellbeing of Catherine Wells
<b>Friday 29th May</b>		
OLOS	10am*	Dennis Sell RIP Anniversary
<b>Saturday 30th May</b>		
St Richard's	9.30am	Nick Webber RIP
OLOS	6pm	Jill Taylor RIP
<b>Sunday 31st May</b>		<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>
OLOS	9am*	Intentions of Elise Crespi
OLOS	11am*	People of the Parish

\*These Masses will be livestreamed on the parish website  
[www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk](http://www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk)

**Mondays after 10am Mass**  
**Prayers in honour of St Peregrine - Patron Saint of Cancer**

**Adoration Our Lady of Sorrows**  
 Wednesdays after 10am Mass until 11.30am  
**Adoration and Rosary - St Richard's**  
 Wednesdays 9.30am to 10.30am  
**Adoration - St Anthony's**  
 Thursdays 11.30am to 12.30pm  
**Rosary - Lady Chapel Our Lady of Sorrows**  
 Fridays after 10am Mass

## Requiem in Aeternum



Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently:  
**Anna Shaw RIP**

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:  
**Anthony O'Flinn, Cynthia Cassidy, Raymond Field, Peter Timlin, John Hawes, Isobel Daly, Georgina Walker, Montague White, Eileen Mayle, Mercy Okonta, Mary Louise Rudd, Harold Symonds, Ronald Brewis, Jack Richards, Paddy McGuire**

## Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:  
**Catherine Wells, Vivi Brooks, Pete Snook, Bridget Orfelia, Peter Brook, Fr Sebastian Paul, Joan Sheilds, Arthur Wicks, Edward Earl, Hilary Ceppa, Teresa Willcocks, Lucia Elsom, Mo Moore, Janet Smith, Baby Elliott, Paula Rathke**

*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.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr David  
 Tel 01243 823619

## Adoration

During time spent in the presence of the Lord your prayers are particularly asked for an end to the continuing conflict in the Middle East, Ukraine and in so many other places around the world.  
 Please also pray for those discerning the vocation of priesthood.

## Masses in Polish

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

## 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.

New parishioners can also register on the parish website: [www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk](http://www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk)



### Corpus Christi - Sunday 7th June, St Mary's School Field, 11.15am

To celebrate Corpus Christi, you and your family and friends are invited to an open-air Mass in St Mary's School field, followed by a bring and share picnic and fun activities. This is a brilliant opportunity to share your faith at a lively and fun church event.

Mass will begin at 11.15am, finishing with a recessional procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration. Don't forget to bring a dish to share and a chair! (*Seating for the less able parishioners will be available on the day*)

### The Catholic Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex - Young Adults Group

All young adults aged 18–30 are warmly invited to join us on **Sunday 31st May at 5:30pm** at St Richard's, Chichester, for our next Young Adults Mass as we celebrate the end of the academic year. This will be followed by a meal together. New faces are very welcome, including those who don't regularly attend St Richard's. We've been delighted to welcome regulars from Bognor and Portsmouth this year.

### Corpus Christi Evening for Young Adults at Arundel Cathedral Wednesday 3 June 2026 7-9pm

*"Open wide your hearts to allow Jesus to enter, and to set out on this adventure with him towards eternity," Pope Leo XIV, Jubilee of Youth, July 2025*

You are invited to an evening for Young Adults (aged 18-35) to gather together as part of the Arundel & Brighton Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers Diocesan event. The event will be hosted by the Diocesan Youth team. The evening will include Praise and Worship music, a Holy hour including time for Adoration and personal prayer and a talk on the history of the Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral. With a pub social to follow in Arundel for those who wish to join.

To sign up to this event visit: [Young Adults' Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers event \(03-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you are available to volunteer as an usher or musician for this event, please email Bex Driver, Youth Project Worker E: [Bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Are you dealing with a bereavement? Or with another significant loss in your life? And would you like some support?

The Parish Ministry of consolation team invite you to drop in to the Parish Centre for some chat, some prayer, and some refreshment, from **6pm on Thursday 4th June**

### CAFOD Plant Sale - Change of Date

Due to the outdoor Mass for Corpus Christi on 7th June **the CAFOD Plant Sale will now take place on Sunday 14th June after both the 9am and 11am Masses**. We look forward to receiving your donations of all types of plants, cakes and raffle prizes and to welcoming you on the day. For further information please contact Gabrielle on 07736 814364

### Thank You!

We are delighted to announce that £1,057.19 was raised at St Anthony's May Fayre last weekend. Many thanks to those of you who donated items for the various stalls, helped on the day and all who attended.

**Date for the Diary** NICK WEBBER TRUST GARDEN PARTY: back by popular request! on **Saturday June 20th** from 2p.m at 1, Apple Tree Walk, Clymping, BN17 5QN. More details later but keep the date now!

## Second Collection this weekend

Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese in aid of the Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru. This collection can be Gift Aided on the contactless machines in the church.

**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 which will run on Saturdays for 3 weeks beginning on Saturday 30th May in the Parish Centre from 2pm to 4pm please contact the Parish office.

## Missio Red boxes



Many thanks to those who contribute through the Red boxes throughout the year in aid of Missio, your loose change makes such a difference to aid the work of Missio. Please drop off your box at the Parish Centre for next banking at the end of May. If you would like to donate this way boxes will also be available in the Parish Centre.

## Arundel Cathedral Corpus Christi celebrations

### Invitation to give an HOUR to spend time with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord...

Watchers of Adoration and Intercession in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel are needed throughout the days of Wednesday June 3rd and Thursday June 4th, in preparation for the solemn Mass of Corpus Christi. You are invited to silently pray before the Tabernacle for the mission of the Arundel Corpus Christi celebrations, for all those involved in preparing and leading it, and for the intentions of all who will attend. The hope is for at least two people of Adoration each hour.

An advance sign up Rota has been prepared by Antonia Moffat so that individuals, parish groups, religious, deacons, and priests from the Diocese and beyond, might sign up for an hour, on the hour, from 10am to 7pm on Wednesday & from 10am to 3.30pm on Thursday. Wednesday will be especially difficult to fill - please kindly consider! I look forward to hearing from you - [antonia4161@gmail.com](mailto:antonia4161@gmail.com) or by text to 07795192750 to sign up your hour. Jesus awaits us ...

Meanwhile if you have some other time available you might like to contact Louise Sharp in the Cathedral Office to offer help with stewarding, cake making, hospitality, and much more!

[arundel@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:arundel@abdiocese.org.uk)

## Children's Book Sale in aid of St Mary's School

The Knights of St Columba are collecting good quality children's books to be sold at the shared picnic after Mass on Sunday 7th June. If you have any books you wish to donate please leave them in the labelled boxes which are at the back of Our Lady of Sorrows or at St Mary's school office.

## GIFT AID STATEMENTS

For the 2025-2026 are now available. To help reduce postage costs it would be appreciated if you could collect them from the Parish Office or email the parish office if you would like them to be sent by email.

### Offertory Collections April

Offertory Plate Collections	£1,629.44
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 442.50
Bankers Orders	£7,024.00
Contactless Machines	£ 430.00
CAF donations	£ 25.00
	<b>£9,550.94</b>

### Second Collection

Easter Offering	£3,834.00
Holy Places of Palestine	£750.74
Vocations	£219.60

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 £18,385 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. If you have any queries please do contact the Parish office.