



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

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The King's invitation

The death and resurrection of Jesus on the cross saves us from sin and is the ultimate and complete victory over evil and death. So why do we still suffer, die and sin? Why is there still war, destruction and evil in our world? These are questions I get asked many times in my work and when I am sharing my faith with others. The answers are simple, but they take time to fully accept.

Jesus' death enables us to be forgiven completely because the consequences of our sins are fully paid. Becoming part of the Body of Christ enables us to be in a family relationship with God. These are both moments of invitation – God does not force his forgiveness onto us and God does not force us to be part of the family. We must choose to receive God's mercy, and we must choose to be a son or daughter of God. Accepting God's mercy can be difficult - especially if we haven't forgiven ourselves for things we have done or still do.

The challenge (or invitation) of being a Christian is to offer forgiveness to others and to play our part in enabling others to forgive as well - this is what brings peace to our homes, work, country, and world. Forgiveness is the most wonderful gift we can give.

In the readings at Mass this Sunday we see a description of Jesus as our King and an insight into what living in his kingdom is like. When Jesus returns, his kingdom will be fully embodied and all of creation will live in it. Whether everybody agrees to serve the King is up to each individual - this is why we pray for others, especially those who have died.

We live now, in the in-between time - the victory has been won, but the full impact of Jesus' actions is not yet experienced. Our task is to enable everybody to experience this kingdom right here, right now, and to live as one who is forgiven and loved, and who loves and forgives.

David Beresford - Parish Leadership Team

Saturday 23rd	
St Richard's 9.30am	Intentions of Nina Leutov
OLOS 6pm	The Bereaved of the Parish
Sunday 24th	
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	
OLOS 9am	Ann Holste RIP
OLOS 11am	People of the Parish
Monday 25th	
OLOS 10am	Brian Parson RIP & Deceased of the Hogan Family
Tuesday 26th	
St Anthony's 9.30am	Paddy Smyth RIP Anniversary
Wednesday 27th	
OLOS 10am	Trixie Davison RIP
Thursday 28th	
OLOS 10am	No Mass
Friday 29th	
OLOS 10am	A.G. & Yvonne Cooper RIP
OLOS 10.30-11.30am	Adoration - See note below
Saturday 30th	
St Richard's 9.30am	Wellbeing of Fr Fred Sheldon
OLOS 6pm	Norman Reynolds RIP
Sunday 1st	
First Sunday of Advent	
OLOS 9am	Myrtle & Joe Alvarez RIP
OLOS 11am	People of the Parish

Requiem in Aeternum



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

Mollie Myers RIP
Bishop John Hine RIP
George Peter Russell RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Martin Byrne, Patricia Gregory, Patrick Smyth, Phyllis Brown, Frank Carty, Donald Grixoni, Elisabeth Sayers, Fr Stanley Burt, Anne Regan, John Eagle, Peggy Lennon, Sr Bruno osm

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:

Sr Ruth, Lucia Elsom, Stella Risi, Tim Moss, Mo Moore, Janet Smith, Richard Green, Baby Elliott, Paula Rathke, Sue Nagle, Teresa Willcocks, Jo Wilkinson, Madeleine Wolfe, Alex Burns, Maureen Collins, Therese Brooks, Claire Amaladoss, Deidre Sobey, Val Warner, 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 all Sunday Masses. Or, by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr David
Tel 01243 823619

**Adoration and Rosary
St Richard's**

Wednesday 9.30am to 10.30am

Adoration - St Anthony's

Thursday 11.30am to 12.30am

Masses in Polish

Saturday St Anthony's - 6pm

Sunday St Anthony's - 9am

Our Lady of Sorrows - 4pm

Second Collection this weekend

Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund.
This collection can be Gift Aided

Adoration Friday 29th November

As the Assisted Suicide Bill is brought before Parliament pray that many minds and hearts will be open to the beautiful and great truth about the value, importance, and beauty of every human person. We pray that we will not take a step in legislation that promotes a so-called 'right to die', that will quite likely become a duty to die - and place pressure on doctors and medical staff to help take life rather than to care, protect, and heal. *Cardinal Vincent Nichols*

Rosary for the Fallen

Wednesday 27th November after 10am Mass

For the fallen of all wars, and for those service men and women currently on operational service. In this month of Remembrance do join us in this Rosary of Intercession. *At the going down of the sun, and in the morning; We will remember them.*

Fr David Benedict writes...

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well - I'm back with a vengeance! Slightly chaotic week of appointments and catching up with things. Many thanks to "The Team" for being so supportive whilst I was away. It's much valued and appreciated.

This week is the terminus of all our liturgical prayer and praise from the past church year. We have prepared for the Nativity last Advent with an eye also on the end of time and Jesus' second coming. We have celebrated his Nativity and Epiphany - his birth and revelation to the world. We have fasted and prayed with him during lent and then accompanied Him in His Passion, death and resurrection. We have been with the amazed and non-plussed disciples who eat and drink with the risen Lord and been there as they receive an anointing in the Holy Spirit for mission and evangelisation and become "The Church" carrying, as St Paul writes, "The Good News". We have celebrated the lives of Christ and of the Saints and now we come to the end point. Or what it's all about, in other words - That Jesus the Christ should reign over the Universe and over and within our hearts. Today's liturgy reminds us of our dignity and the vocation we all share in - of being Kings "with Christ" and a priestly people - offering a sacrifice of prayer and praise and good works - chiefly, the Eucharist of course. The Memorial of what Jesus has done for us. A wonderful, joyful summation of all that we have been hoping and praying for.

Today, we are joyful in welcoming our Bishop, Richard, back to Our Lady of Sorrows for the Induction of our two headteachers - Peter and Kathryn - a liturgical action that reminds us all of the importance of the "catholic" part of the term "Catholic Education" - holistic, grounded in the Gospel, and seeing every child and member of staff as beloved child of God. Let us congratulate Peter and Kath from our hearts.

Next week the whole liturgical cycle begins again with Advent. - this time using the Gospel according to Luke as the liturgical backbone of Mass. We will also be introducing new Lectionaries using a different translation of the scriptures to those we are familiar with. We have the beautiful new books which really and truly speak of the dignity and importance of the Word of God proclaimed afresh 'in season and out of season' throughout the world and through all time. Have a look at the new lectionaries, and especially if you are a reader, try to familiarise yourself with the new layout and cadences and rhythms. In other words take time to prepare and pray through what you are reading.

Blessings on you all

Fr David Benedict

Parish Advent Day of Reflection - Saturday, 30th November 10am - 3pm

Put aside a day to prepare for Advent, and to withdraw from the business of life. Monsignor Jeremy Garrett will lead us in a day of scripture and reflection. The day starts with Mass at St Richard's, Chichester, PO19 1XB at 10am. Talks will be held in the church. (they will also be streamed for those unable to attend in person). Drinks and lunch will be held in the lower parish room. Please bring a packed lunch.

St Anthony's Christmas Fayre - Saturday 7th December 10.30am to 12.30pm

Raffle, Cakes, Books, Jewellery, Gifts, Christmas decorations and more for sale. Tea, coffee and cake will also be served. Please do come and support this popular event. All funds raised will be distributed to local charities.

Bognor Regis Foodbank - Can you help?

The Foodbank will be doing a collection at Tesco in Shripney Road between 28th - 30th November and would very much welcome anyone who would be prepared to volunteer to spend an hour or two either helping staff our stand at Tesco or helping to sort donations at the foodbank building. If you can help or want more information please contact info@bognorregis.foodbank.org.uk or Clare on 07305 827548.



St Vincent de Paul Society The next meeting will be on Friday 29th November 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.

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.

An Introduction to Spiritual Direction

Saturday 30th November 10.30am - 12.30pm, St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Burgess Hill RH15 9EN

An open meeting for anyone who is interested in learning more about spiritual direction. Taster sessions in accompaniment will be available for those who wish to experience a flavour of spiritual direction. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your engagement with this event please contact Deacon Jon Harman, Diocesan Adviser jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

Art Exhibition and Sale

The Knights of St Columba have been presenting exceptional artworks by a skilled artist affiliated with the Knights of St Columba after the Sunday Masses in the Parish Centre, all of which will now be offered for sale after the 11am Mass on **Sunday 1st December**. Funds raised from this event will be put towards acquiring 18 sets of the new Lectionaries for our schools within the Diocese.

The Ruth Group invite women of the Parish, their friends, family and visitors to join them for an Evening of Advent Taize Music and Prayer on **Thursday 5th December** at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Refreshments will be available.



St Philip Howard
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St Philip Howard Catholic School is currently recruiting for Exam Invigilators and a Cover Supervisor. To learn more about these opportunities, please visit the vacancies page on the school website: www.sphcs.co.uk

Churches Together in the Six Villages - Advent Service Sunday December 1st, 6.30pm in St Mary's, Slindon, organised jointly with St Richard's; Fr David will be the invited preacher. Everyone is most welcome.

RETURNING BY POPULAR REQUEST!

The L'Arche Ukulele Band will once again be entertaining us in St Richard's, Slindon on **Friday 6th December**, preceded by a shared supper at 6p.m. Do come and join us for an entertaining evening!

Former Assistant Priest of Bognor Regis & Slindon, Fr Terry Martin, has recently published a book entitled "Animals in Heaven?" His writing is full of true anecdotes from his own priestly ministry (including his time in Bognor and Slindon), as well as gentle encouragement for Catholics and all Christians to reconsider their views on animals, why they are here, why God creates them, and the human-animal relationship. Do animals go to heaven? If you are interested, a copy can be obtained directly from Fr Terry.



Operation elf: Give the gift of Christmas to a child with a parent in prison

This Christmas 200,000 children are missing a loved one due to imprisonment. Together we can ensure we can spread a little Christmas cheer to families and children who are separated at Christmas.

How does it work? At the doors of all three churches, you'll find Christmas tags noting a child's name, age, gender who has a parent/sibling in prison. Please take one and buy a gift card **or this year a physical gift to the value of £15**. If a gift card, you decide where the gift card should be from depending on the info you know about them. A nice additional touch is to buy a small chocolate Santa / Christmas sweets and place in a Christmas gift bag with the gift card. If a physical gift please put in a gift bag **(no wrapping paper please, the prison needs to be able to inspect each gift)**.

Then deliver your gift bag incl gift card and chocolate/sweets by Sunday 15th December to the collection points in OLOS, St Anthony's, St Richards's churches, or the Parish Centre, and please note the age and gender of the child your gift is for.