



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

25th April 2021 - 'Good Shepherd' Sunday

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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

Mass is also celebrated in St Mary the Virgin (C of E), Church Lane, Barnham

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'Give thanks to the Lord' PS 117

A recent CAFOD Webinar explained how the 2020 Harvest Fast Day collection has transformed the lives of 70,000 Ugandan people. The collection was boosted by the UK Aid Match Scheme. Daniel, a Ugandan CAFOD/ Caritas worker described this as a 'golden opportunity' for the communities affected.

Previously it was the norm for women and girls to spend the whole day walking long distances to water sources and then carrying heavy loads, often of contaminated water, home, while boys spent their days herding animals in search of water and grass. Sanitation was nonexistent.

The recent installation of boreholes has brought enormous hope and many opportunities. Entire communities are now involved in projects such as building toilets, maintaining the boreholes, and caring for vegetable plots and pasture. Health has improved. Girls in particular, are flocking back to school and encouraging others to join them. Women have found new opportunities to support their families.

This is an inspirational story of hope and demonstrates what it means to belong to the flock led by the Good Shepherd, Jesus. Through living more simply and compassionately we honour the dignity of our global human family.

This year's Lent Fast day collection will change the lives of those like Abdella in Ethiopia. We are truly disciples and evangelists. Thank you from CAFOD and thousands of grateful people.

The CAFOD Team

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| Saturday 24th | | |
| OLOS | 10am | Michael Collins RIP |
| OLOS | 5.15pm | Cathy Vick RIP |
| Sunday 25th | | 'Good Shepherd' Sunday |
| OLOS | 8am | George Devassy RIP |
| St Richard's | 9am | Intentions of Fr Dominic Kavanagh |
| OLOS | 10am | Deceased of the Mangan Family |
| St Anthony's | 11am | People of the Parish |
| OLOS | 6pm | Intentions of Brenda & Gary Curpen |
| Monday 26th | | |
| St Mary's | 9.30am | Intentions of Rory Geoghegan S.J. |
| OLOS | 10am | Emilija Tarvydiene RIP |
| Tuesday 27th | | |
| St Anthony's | 9.30am | Intentions of the Priest |
| OLOS | 10am | Lidia Kuzmina RIP |
| Wednesday 28th | | |
| OLOS | 10am | Wellbeing of Alan Rossiter |
| Thursday 29th | | St Catherine of Siena |
| OLOS | 10am | Nadia Yureva RIP |
| Friday 30th | | |
| OLOS | 10am | Requiem Sr Christine Reilly osm |
| Saturday 1st May | | |
| OLOS | 10am | The Brook Family Thanksgiving |
| OLOS | 5.15pm | Sr Christine Reilly osm RIP |
| Sunday 2nd May | | Fifth Sunday of Easter |
| OLOS | 8am | Stevenson Family |
| St Richard's | 9am | People of the Parish |
| OLOS | 10am | Deceased of the Keays Family |
| St Anthony's | 11am | Kathleen & John Eagle RIP |
| OLOS | 6pm | Ian McCabe 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:-

William Carroll, Michael Martin, Kenny Collins, Brendan Willcocks, Maureen Ann Forry, Sheila Mary Sellars, Bridget Melia, Vincent Kent, Michael Wildsmith, Benedict Willcocks, John Thomas, Pat Cooke, Ron Brooks, Christopher Jothi

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for

Jo Oates, Eamonn Kelly, Brenda Bailey, Peggy Lennon, Theresa Mulvaney, Richard Hazelgrove, Jo Cowie, Mary Gabrielle Gregory, Patrick Dwyer, Trish & Don Osborne, Sarah Crossley, John Carr, Arthur Wicks, Colm Callanan, Moira Deefholts, Susanne Tidmas-Cole, Michael Willcocks, Teresa Sweeney, Paris Stevens, Margaret Grace, Didi Verdiana Diaris

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

Coming to Mass in Church?

Please use the online booking system on the Parish website. If you or anyone you know of does not have internet access, please call the parish office to book a place.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please contact Fr Chris or Fr Victor to make an appointment.

Planning a Baptism?



Parents wishing to have their children baptised, are required to attend a preparation meeting. To register please ring Angela on **07760 224302**

Parish Discussion Group

The next meeting of the parish Discussion Group will be on Wednesday April 28th at 7.30pm on Zoom. The speaker will be Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, and she will be introducing us to Pope Francis' 2020 Encyclical, under the title '*Fratelli Tutti: a dream of renewed encounter*'. You can access this by using the link on the parish website, www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/discussion-group.

If you have missed any other of the talks we have had on Zoom they are also available now on the same link. Scroll down the Discussion Group page on the parish website to find the recordings of all four previous talks.

Sussex Heritage Centre - Quiet Days

Quiet Days Wednesday and Thursday 26th and 27th May 10am to 4pm at Sussex Heritage Centre, Arundel, BN18 9QY. Spend the day in beautiful surroundings with prayer resources, art and craft materials, gardens and countryside and river walks from the door. A much needed opportunity to recuperate and re-charge after the difficulties and stresses of the past year. Bring a packed lunch. Cost £15. Optional spiritual direction sessions on Thursday at an additional cost of £20. Also Pentecost Weekend Individually Guided Retreat 21/23 May £225. Limited numbers. For more details or to book see www.sussexheritage.co.uk, Email infor@sussexheritage.co.uk, Tel 01903 413606.

Fr Victor has published a new book, Introducing Exegesis: A Modern Guide for Biblical Interpretation

In this book you will learn more about the various ways in which so many exegetes have explored the books of sacred scripture and what these texts have meant "*to the community of believers of all times.*" If you would like a copy please contact the Parish Office - cost £10.

Sharing our online Celebration

Are you confident with technology, or at ease with PowerPoint and Zoom? Are you looking for a way to serve your parish community? We're looking for people - such as you - to help our community stay connected. You could help set up the tech in Church on a Sunday morning, or run the programmes that support our online Masses. If you'd like to know more, please speak to Fr Chris or contact David Beresford through the Parish Office. We'd be delighted to hear from you!

10th -16th May is Marriage week, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage. Pope Francis reminds us that "Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it's enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey." *Pope Francis, 21st December 2015*

Why not take some time this week to really find some time to talk to your spouse and nurture your marriage. [Marriage Matters \(twainoneflesh.org.uk\)](http://twainoneflesh.org.uk) provides a handy snippet of a reflection on Marriage for every week of the year.

Diocesan Fairtrade Group

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is a Fairtrade Diocese - 50% of our churches are certificated as meeting the Fairtrade Foundation's criteria for Fairtrade churches and agree to use products with the FAIRTRADE mark. The A&B Fairtrade Group ensures that goals continue to be met and aims to raise awareness about Fairtrade labelled products - including those sold by Traidcraft - which support fair terms of trade, decent working conditions and local sustainability for farmers and producers in the developing world. The Group needs more members from across the Diocese and would welcome enquiries from interested people. The Group meets three times a year. Please contact Sue Joy, Convenor. email: SusanJoy471@hotmail.com 01342 835190.

Helping our mental health and wellbeing

Mindful of the impact of the virus and successive lockdowns on our mental health, each week, we'll be offering a simple tip to help support good mental health and wellbeing.

Someone was taking a walk one spring morning and came across a river that was impassable. They cried out, 'Oh how I want to cross over and be on the other side.' On the far bank sat a wise woman, who called back, 'But you ARE on the other side.'

You can take a walk, stroll or sit in the garden, breathe deeply and savour the moment, right where you are...

MISSIO Red Boxes - Many thanks to all those from the Parish who donated, the Parish raised £726.80 in 2020. A further £287.50 has recently been banked from Red boxes received over the past month. Frank Meaby will be taking over as the Missio Parish Representative, assisted by myself and two others. If you would like to donate your loose change Red Boxes can be collected from the Parish Centre.

Paddy Stevens

Part time support worker required to join a team supporting a young lady with health needs a learning difficulties.

All training will be given. Requirements, a car and clean driving licence and the ability to work as part of a team. Telephone: Sheila 07887878088

Worth Abbey - Online Retreats

Saturday 8th May: Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Desert Mothers: the thoughts... Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

Saturday 15th May: C S Lewis: a Prophet for our Time Led by Robert Elliot

Saturday 29th May: The Post-Covid World: Pope Francis' vision 'Let us Dream' Led by Austin Ivereigh

Book your place online at: worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats. Enquiries email: toc@worth.org.uk

CAFOD – Climate Change Petition:

This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition at cafod.org.uk/reclaim

For those without internet access, petition cards can be ordered from the CAFOD Shop: 0300 011 5680.

Engaging Communities in Arun and Chichester

Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester (VAAC) is interested in finding out about your experiences of living in the local area and accessing the services and organisations that you need. They also want to find out good ways to communicate with you to ensure you get the information that you need in a way that suits you. There's an online questionnaire - <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/tg1ps04Q> – available in 12 different languages. The information gathered will help support projects, groups and local initiatives for and by the local community, as well as to improve the way that services are provided in the future. Your views and participation is valued and appreciated.

Cathedral Deanery Newsletter - now available to download on the Parish website. If you require a printed copy please contact the Parish Office.