



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

26th September 2021 - Twenty Sixth Sunday - Year B

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Our Churches

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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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Continuing the journey...

It was great to share some time last Saturday with parishioners who came to St Philip Howard School to pray, reflect and share with each other. This journey is hoped to be an opportunity for everyone in the parish to take a step back and reflect on what it means to be a Catholic parish, a community of faith in this time and place. We're very grateful to Clare Wordsworth (Weybridge Parish) and Lizzie Wakeling (Diocesan Formation Team) for their time and talents, supporting us in our conversations together.

Last week we were invited to spend some time thanking God for the gifts that each and every one of us has, and thinking about how we bring those gifts to the service of the parish and the wider community. What gifts has God given you? Let's continue to thank God for these gifts, for the gift of each other, and let's share our thoughts as we continue to journey. In advance of our next meeting (23rd Oct, 11am-1pm), each weekend postcards will appear in Church for you to take away, reflect and pray with, inviting you to share your thoughts with family, friends, neighbours, any parish groups you may be part of – to keep the conversation going. This week's postcard features the word *Hope!* What are your hopes for our parish? How might your hopes be realised? What can you contribute?

Within this reflection, there are practical considerations arising from our need to prepare to be a parish served by one priest from Autumn 2022. You'll also find in the Churches a practical exercise relating to Our Sunday Mass schedule. We'd like as many people as possible to give this some prayer and reflection and let us know your thoughts. You can put something in an email, or through the letterbox, or in the bags that take items to and from Mass at St Richard's and St Anthony's at the weekend, or by carrier pigeon... We're also looking for two people from each Church to come together as a small group to help Fr Chris look through these responses and formulate a proposal. If you could help with this, please speak to Fr Chris. However you take part, thank you for sharing the journey.

Fr Chris.

Saturday 25th		
OLOS	10am	Christine Bennett RIP
OLOS	5.15pm	David Kennedy RIP
Sunday 26th		Twenty Sixth Sunday
OLOS	8am	Intentions of the Cowley Family
St Richard's	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	10am	Anthony Cox RIP
St Anthony's	11am	Deceased of the Whooley Family
OLOS	6pm	Christina Kochetova RIP
Monday 27th		St Vincent de Paul
St Mary's	9.30am	No Mass
OLOS	10am	Jim Hubbard RIP
Tuesday 28th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	No Mass
OLOS	10am	Sidney William Lutz RIP
Wednesday 29th		Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Thursday 30th		St Jerome
OLOS	10am	Eleanor Griffiths RIP
Friday 1st October		St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
OLOS	10am	David Lawson RIP
Saturday 2nd October		The Holy Guardian Angels
OLOS	10am	Intentions of Moira Deefholts
OLOS	5.15pm	Kathleen Wehby RIP
Sunday 3rd October		Twenty Seventh Sunday
OLOS	8am	People of the Parish
St Richard's	9am	Intentions of the Priest
OLOS	10am	James A Barry RIP
St Anthony's	11am	Patrick Whooley RIP
OLOS	6pm	Family of Eleanor Griffith RIP

Requiem in Aeternum



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

Mary McMahan RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time: **Cyril Gregory, Jim Hubbard, Sidney Lutz, Janice Cooke, Eileen Harray, Malcolm Foley, Peter Anderson, Ellen Ashworth, Mary O'Donoghue, Brian Riley, Pauline Rasey, Lesley Hilliard, Rita Crossley, Pearl Butler**

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for

Vic Wood, Anthony Simpson, Kathleen O'Gorman, Theresa McCaffie, Mary McGuire, Peter Bardin, Jane Hazelgrove, Brenda Cremen, Lyn Saunders, Tina Miles, Jo Oates, Peggy Lennon, Theresa Mulvaney, Richard Hazelgrove, Jo Cowie, Mary Gabrielle Gregory, Patrick Dwyer, Trish & Don Osborne, Sarah Crossley, John Carr, Arthur Wicks, Moira Deefholts, Susanne Tidmas-Cole, Michael Willcocks, Teresa Sweeney, Paris Stevens, Margaret Grace

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.30 - 11am or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr Chris or Fr Victor
Tel 01243 823619



Adoration

Fridays after 10am Mass in
Our Lady of Sorrows until 2pm

Could you come and spend one hour with the Lord. We are short of people between 11am and 1pm. If you could help please contact Charles Yarham to add your name to the rota Email: rooksfold@btinternet.com or Telephone 01243 582908

Fr Chris will be on retreat Monday 27th to Friday 1st October. There will be no Mass at St Mary's on Monday, St Anthony's on Tuesday and OLOS on Wednesday 29th

Track and Trace

Just a reminder that each person coming to Mass is invited to play their part in supporting Track and Trace. You can do this by **signing in** through the parish website (this isn't just for people who want to book a socially distanced prayer space), or by **scanning the QR codes** available. The Welcomers won't be checking – the responsibility isn't theirs, but yours. (They will, of course, give you one of those slips of paper if you need it, but let's try and reduce our paper usage in this area!) Thank you for your help.

Grandparents' Groups: Within the Diocese we have several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. Remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to find likeminded people and unlimited support? It's a bit like that, chat over issues such as how to help your Grandchildren without upsetting your own children...or their spouse!! How to pass on your faith and find strength in praying about it all together.

If you are interested in joining or creating a group in your parish, please do contact Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Now Accepting Contactless Donations

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure, and convenient. You will find two new contactless terminals in Our Lady of Sorrows. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.



Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Our Welcomers will be on hand for help and support. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Second Collection 2nd-3rd October

By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis, envelopes will be available in the church. Donations can also be made through the CAFOD website or Text to 70580, CAFOD followed by the amount you would like to donate e.g. CAFOD10 to donate £10.

Mass with contemporary music

From Sunday 3rd October, and on the first Sunday of the month from then on, Our Lady of Sorrows will be introducing contemporary music to the 10am Mass, to support the outreach of our Diocesan Youth Rep Lizzie Wakeling. We'd like to invite anyone who might be interested in joining this new group of musicians to come along and sing with us. Everyone is very welcome! If you are interested, please contact Theresa McNamara on mcnamara.t@outlook.com, or just join us on Sunday 3rd at 9am in the Church.

St Anthony's Parish Group

Meeting Monday 27th September at 7.30pm in the Church. Any parishioner who wishes to attend will be most welcome. Our present Treasurer Barrie Williams will be stepping down due to family commitments, please do consider volunteering for this role.

The Autumn Cathedral Deanery Newsletter is now available in our churches and on the parish website.

Parish Repository - as Covid restrictions have eased it is hoped to re-open the shop after 10am Masses each day. This will be dependent upon volunteers who can give an hour of their time between 10.30am and 11.30am. If you are able to help please contact the parish office or email admin.bognor@abdiocese.org.uk. Full training will be given, though only a smile and welcome needed!

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation

Many thanks to all those who have enquired about preparation for the Sacraments this year. We're still in a time of reflection as to how we support families preparing for these gifts of God. More details will follow, but for now, let's simply remind ourselves that the very best way to prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion is by coming regularly to Mass.

Admissions Forms for St Philip Howard

The Supplementary Admission Form that goes with Admission applications to St Philip Howard asks parents/carers to make a statement about *frequent and regular attendance* at Mass. If you tick this box, you will require a signature from a priest to support you. (You should make this assessment based on your pre-pandemic attendance, not your online participation.) Rather than have lots of people make individual appointments, I'll be available to sign forms on **Wednesday 6th October, 6pm-7pm**, in the Parish Centre. Please come along then – children very welcome, of course, but not essential.

St Philip Howard Open Evening - Thursday 30th September 4.30pm onwards

We are delighted to welcome prospective students, their parents and carers to our Open Evening on Thursday, 30 September 2021, from 4.30pm. Please come and discover all that SPH has to offer, meet our wonderful children and hardworking, committed and caring staff.

In order to manage numbers, we'd kindly ask you to complete a booking form in advance to indicate when you hope to arrive (booking via link on website: www.sphcs.co.uk). Talks by the Headteacher, Mr Carter, will take place at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm. During your visit you'll be treated to a tour of the school by our wonderful children.

Morning tours of the school are also available from **Monday 4 October - Friday 22 October** for you to see the school in action. Please call the school office to make an appointment (01243 552055).

Parish Discussion Group are starting their new programme with a presentation from Roz Frampton, entitled 'Oberammergau 358: Faith, Fear and Wellbeing'. Imagine Paghams village putting on a 5 hour play throughout the summer every ten years in thanksgiving to God for coming through Covid-19. Oberammergau villagers responded this way when illness threatened their lives 358 years ago. Join us as we explore this impressive vision.

This will be on **Wednesday 29th September at 7.30pm**. This will be by Zoom and can be accessed through the link on the Parish Website.

Quiet Fridays at Worth Abbey - 8th October, 12th November and 10th December

Led by a member of the monastic community and usually on the second Friday of each month (with the exception of August). A time for stillness and solitude and to enjoy the attractive grounds and Quiet Garden. You are also warmly invited to join the monastic community for midday prayer in the Abbey Church, followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Tea and Coffee available but please bring your own packed lunch. Arrivals from 10:15am for a 10:45am start, until 3:30pm; based in Compass House. Booking is essential via the website www.worth.co.uk/retreats or by calling 01342 710318.

Parish Pantomime 2022 We are planning our next pantomime which, subject to circumstances at the time, will be next February 24th, 25th and 26th. We would love to hear from you now if you would like to act or dance or help us behind the scenes. We can promise you months of fun and laughter. Contact Liz Lucas on 01243 863833 for more details.

The Knights of St Columba are re-introducing the Deacon Anderson Quiz, in memory of Deacon Alastair, an opportunity to help bring the parish together in friendly competition. The quiz is suitable for family teams and there will be some competitions particularly suitable for children. The quiz will start at **3pm, Parish Centre, Sunday 10th October**. Entry fee £1 per head (payable at the door). Family teams may consist of up to 6 members.