



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

28th January 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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

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Headteacher: Mr Tim Hulse

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'O that today you will listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts'

This is the response to the Psalm for this weekend. How do you listen to God? Do you intentionally set time aside to read the scriptures, to ponder on them and to pray to the Lord? Do you choose a special place to do this and are you listening for His promptings? Think of a time when someone has told you that you are really good at something – what was your response? We have all been given gifts from God to use in our life and for the benefit of others. The Psalm continues: 'Come in; let us kneel before the God who made us, for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.' In the Gospel we hear about the man possessed by the unclean spirit who shouts, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? I know who you are: the Holy One of God' Is this a question we too can ask of Jesus?

If your heart is hardened – what can you do about it? Do you need to ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt or upset? Do you try to reach out to those who need to be noticed, helped and affirmed? Have you considered going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Pray about what your response might be. What do you feel prompted to do? Open your heart to listening to what God is prompting you to do! The Gospel Acclamation encourages us: 'Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Margaret Fraher - Parish Leadership Team

Saturday 27th		
St Richard's	9.30am	Betty Burnett RIP
OLOS	6pm	John Richard Dyson RIP
Sunday 28th		Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Clemente Alvarez RIP
Monday 29th		
OLOS	10am	In Thanksgiving for the Servites
Tuesday 30th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Vince, Sheila & Brendan Willcocks RIP
Wednesday 31st		St John Bosco
OLOS	10am	Peggy Lennon RIP
Thursday 1st February		
OLOS	10am	<i>No Mass</i>
Friday 2nd		The Presentation of the Lord
OLOS	10am	Martin Costello RIP
OLOS	5.30 - 6.30pm	Holy Hour
Saturday 3rd		
St Richard's	9.30am	Lioncyte Zablockiene RIP
OLOS	6pm	Pat Robinson RIP
Sunday 4th		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	James & Margaret Roohan RIP

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

Requiem in Aeternum



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

Doreen Rooney RIP

Rosemary Stride RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Vera Hallett, Ann Gorton, Lucy Anne Sallis, Christine Snow, Paul Slater, Peter Oates, Harold Green, Margaret Coneys, Hannah Allen, James Roohan, Noola Thorp

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:

Deidre Sobey, Nuala Lesbinel, Taylor Harwood, Theresa Neill, Val Warner, Julian L, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Paula Rathke, Steve Goss, Theresa Neill, 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

David Rae RIP

The funeral service for David will take place on Monday 29th January at 3pm, Arun Crematorium. Parishioners and friends are very welcome to attend.



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 please contact Angela on 07760 224302.

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.

Mother Goose

The Parish Pantomime Group are excited to announce details of their next show, Mother Goose, starring: Tony Lucas as Mother Goose, Peter Edgington as her husband Colin, and Fr. Chris as one of the dastardly bailiffs plus many others, young and not so young, from the Parish.

The aim when we began 26 years ago was to draw people together of all ages from across the Parish for a joyful occasion in the winter months. Our purpose today has not changed; we warmly invite everyone to join us on:

Thursday 15th February at 7.30pm

Friday 16th February at 7.30pm

Saturday 19th February 2.00pm and 7.30pm

Tickets are £5.00 each on sale after Masses from next weekend. Proceeds to Parish Funds.

My Future Care

There will be a second opportunity to attend a coffee morning about 'My Future Care' and receive a free copy of the handbook in the parish centre after morning mass on Wednesday 7th February. People attending the first event found it very helpful to think about how they will preserve their independence as they get older and to support older family members or friends to plan for their own futures. Most of us don't have these conversations until we get to an age where we wish we had talked about it sooner. Further information is available in the Our Lady of Sorrows porch or from Peter Loose at peter@35007.co.uk or 07963 379879.

World Day of Prayer Annual Coffee Morning

On 1st March St Anthony's will be hosting the World Day of Prayer service. This year the service has been written by the Women of Palestine.

In preparation for this a **Coffee Morning with Cake Sale, Raffle and Bric a Brac stall** will be held in the **Parish Centre on 31st January 10.30am to 12 noon**. Donations gratefully accepted. Admission £2 to include coffee, cake and refills.

Thank you!

The Cafod Team would like to thank the Parish for the very generous donation of wool, cottons, needles, paper patterns, sewing machines etc to their collection for Tools with a Mission. They will all go to help people to get work on the missions.

If you forgot to bring your donations last weekend you can still bring them into the Parish Centre, or if you need someone to collect a heavier item contact Nora Courtney on 01243 261835 to arrange for collection.

Creating a Safer Environment training sessions (all on Zoom)

If you are a Group Leader or a Coordinator of activities in the Parish, you need to know the elements of our Creating a Safer Environment Policy and training for this is on the following dates and times:

Thursday 29th February 11:00-12:30

Thursday 14th March 14:00-15:30

Wednesday 20th March 19:00-20:30

To register email: Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk.

Second Collection this weekend - This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday, the theme this year is *Seeing one another in the life of the Church*. It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. This year's theme seeks to promote reflection, discussion and action on our theme and to encourage us to carry this through in the weeks and months after Racial Justice Sunday.

Arundel & Brighton Diocese 50th Anniversary Lourdes pilgrimage applications are now open! 2024's pilgrimage will mark both the 50th Anniversary of the diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage and the 20th Anniversary of our Redshirts youth programme, both of which have helped so many people encounter God's love. To make your application please visit www.abdiocese.org.uk

In thanksgiving for the Servites

On Friday 2nd February, six of the Servite sisters will move from St Juliana's to new accommodation in Norden House, Crookthorn Lane, Climping, Littlehampton, BN17 5SN and our prayers and best wishes go with them as they make this move. As we pray for the sisters, so we thank God for their ministry and witness – and that of the whole Servite family – in this parish over very many years. The 10am Mass in Our Lady of Sorrows on Monday 29th Jan will be a Votive Mass of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, an important devotion in the Order, and will be offered in thanksgiving for the Servites.

January Prayer Intentions and Scripture to support the new Pastoral Plan

Writing in the new Pastoral Plan, Bishop Richard asks that every parish provide times of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, leading to monthly Holy Hours. To support this, the diocesan Formation Team are providing regular resources - including suggested scripture readings and intentions. The prayer leaflet for January is available in the churches and also online at abdiocese.org.uk This has been designed for prayer generally to support the pastoral plan, for use anywhere, including, but not exclusively, during times of Adoration.

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, beginning Feb 2nd, 5.30pm-6.30pm, in Our Lady of Sorrows, including the Rosary and Benediction.

Accommodation needed

A parishioner is looking for lodgings in Bognor as living independently is beginning to prove increasingly difficult. If you have a room to spare and could help out, please speak to Fr Chris.

Do you have a spare room you could rent to a visiting priest?

L'Arche Bognor Regis are welcoming a priest to be part of the community for 3 months from January 29th. If you have a spare bedroom you would be willing to rent to him please contact Martha Myers 07442 875678 email martha.myerstraining@larche.org.uk to discuss details.

Chorister Opportunities at Westminster Cathedral Choir School

Becoming a chorister at Westminster Cathedral is a wonderful, one-off opportunity to join a thriving choir and school. There are no financial barriers to entry: all boys receive generous scholarships, with bursaries worth up to 100% of fees available on a means-tested basis. We are an inclusive and diverse community: almost all of our choristers joins us from Catholic primary schools in the maintained sector; the only universal element is a love of singing!

This year we are offering families the chance to explore the idea by joining us and other families on a brief Zoom call. We take a behind-the-scenes look at the life of a chorister, focusing on what it means to board, and why being in a top choir is such a joyous experience.

Our next Zoom sessions, each lasting 30 minutes, are at 6.30pm on Wednesday 31st January and Wednesday 13th March. Families simply contact Lucy Auger for a link. Email: lauger@choirschool.com