



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

28th July 2024 - Seventeenth 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

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Peter Edgington BA (Hons) NPQH

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Headteacher: Mr Tim Hulse

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Bit Part Players

The wonder of the loaves and fishes described in this week's Gospel is familiar to us all and holds many levels of meaning and resonances. When I was approaching retirement early two years ago, coming to the end of 40 years of working life, I was looking back over that time and sometimes wondering to myself: "what was that all about?" I recall reading John's version of this story around then and as is often the case, Gospel speaks to us in different ways at different times. I noticed that this was the only account that mentions the small boy with his offering of five barley loaves and two fish. I had often thought about this as a prompt to reflect on how we can offer whatever gifts and resources we are able, even if we feel them inadequate, in service of building God's Kingdom, confident that Jesus always sees potential where we see limits: our own and those around us.

But at that time, I also thought about how the boy not only offered his limited resources, but of his role and impact in this story and beyond, of which he would never be aware: for all the people who were there, for all the people they would tell, for the importance of this sign - described in all four Gospels - in revealing who Jesus was. I thought about all those people who, with a small remark, gesture or help, had made a huge difference to me, even if I only recognised it in the rear-view mirror after 40 years and now have no way of thanking them. I hoped that perhaps I had made a difference to some people without knowing it. We can pray for all those who have said or did something that turned out to matter a great deal to us; and for those we don't know about, but whom we have helped along the way.

Jennifer Hutton

Saturday 27th July		
St Richard's	9.30am	Hugh Gilgum RIP
OLOS	6pm	Joanna Derkacz RIP
Sunday 28th		
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
OLOS	9am	Eileen & Michael Monaghan RIP
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish
Monday 29th		
St Mary, St Martha & St Lazarus		
OLOS	10am	Lennie Norman RIP
Tuesday 30th		
St Ignatius Loyola		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Derek West RIP Anniversary
Wednesday 31st		
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Thursday 1st August		
St Alphonsus		
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Friday 2nd		
OLOS	10am	Ann Ginty RIP Anniversary
OLOS	5.30pm	Holy Hour
Saturday 3rd		
St Richard's	9.30am	Wellbeing of James Hunt
OLOS	6pm	In Thanksgiving Sheila Dunn
Sunday 4th		
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
OLOS	9am	Angela Clover RIP
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish

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, including the Rosary and Benediction.

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**
 Will resume on Friday 6th September after 10am Mass

Requiem in Aeternum



Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently:
Sr Raphael osm RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

**Renee Brillantes, Arthur Arcer,
 Susan McAfee, Peggy Humphreys,
 Pamela Wildsmith, Betty Guzy,
 Harold Duhaut, Derek West, Leo Solti,
 Patrick Stack, Ann Ginty, James Colman**

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:
Maureen Collins, Kath Stimpson, Therese Brooks, Victor Wood, Ger Buckley, Norman Carroll, Priscilla & Peter McKay, Beverley Bailey, Bridget Orfelia, Richard Green, Ian Findley, Claire Amaladoss, Deidre Sobey, Val Warner, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Paula Rathke, Ann Bevan, Teresa Willcocks, Mary Tyler, Mo Moore, Julia Fagan, 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

Forthcoming Funerals
Our Lady of Sorrows
Margaret Doncaster RIP
 Monday 5th August, 11am

Our Lady of Sorrows
Anne Whitney RIP
 Wednesday 28th August, 10am

Please pass these details to anyone who might like to hear so that all who wish may gather at the funeral Mass to pray.

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.

Children's Liturgy

Over the summer holidays there will be no Children's Liturgy at the 11am Sunday Mass. Recommencing on Sunday 8th September **a new register will be started** please complete the registration forms in the church and drop off to the Parish Centre.

News from St Mary's

The Faith Leaders have produced their July newsletter about their activities and events throughout the year and, how they help fellow pupils understand their faith even more. Their newsletter is now available on the parish website, please do read about the wonderful things happening in St Mary's.

Date for the diary! Race Night Saturday 17th August 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Organised by the Knights of St Columba. A fun night for all the family, 8 races and a Ploughman's supper. Teas and coffee will be available or bring your own drinks.

Tickets will be available at the church doors after Masses - £3 per person, free entry for accompanied children.

Intercession with the Christ Child - Parish Home Visitation Outreach 2024

Families & Individuals across our parish are invited to host an Image of the Christ Child, originally sculpted and blessed at Christmas Mass in Bethlehem in 2009. It is an invitation to pray for your family intentions, and for the peace of the world. Weekly spaces are available from July 21st and throughout August and September. Contact Antonia Moffat for details - antonia4161@gmail.com

From a Family who have already hosted ... "It was a great blessing and help to have the Bethlehem statue of the new born Holy Infant in our home. It was a focus for our morning and evening prayer and a reminder of God's generous love. He gave us time for thoughtfulness (as we thought of Gaza and Ukraine) ... in these heartbreaking circumstances, only the God who loves us so much that he sent His Son to suffer for humanity can affect leaders to accept reconciliation and peace. The smile of the Infant restores our trust and brings happiness".

CCRS – South – beginning Tuesday 24th September 2024 – Fee payable

The CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) will be run at Cardinal Newman School in Hove on Tuesdays from 3.45-5.45pm. Each module (5 sessions) will be delivered over a term and the course will complete in 2 academic years. There is a £20 registration fee which enables us to register you with the national administrator of this course. Additionally, £30 is charged for each of the 8 modules. This may be paid by the student, or they may be sponsored by their school/parish. Teachers, TAs, Catechists and anyone wishing to develop their understanding of the Faith are welcome. To book your place please use the attached link [CCRS - South \(24-Sep-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website.

Catechists' Day - Saturday 21st September 10.30am to 4pm at Worth School

For all catechists and those involved in adult formation across our parishes: a day of formation, reflection and networking Sign up at [Catechists' Day \(21-Sep-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Any queries please email jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

Accommodation Wanted Fr Peter is still looking for local rented accommodation in Bognor, ideally in the area between Our Lady of Sorrows and the junction of Nyewood Lane with Hawthorn Road or nearby. If you are interested in sharing some space in your home and require more information, please email either petercoxe@hotmail.com or margaret.hawe@prcdtr.org.uk

Appeal and Second Collection this weekend The Xaverian Missionaries

Donations can be made in the baskets at the church or contactless machines. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please use the envelopes available in the church.

Cathedral Deanery Newsletter - Summer 2024 is now available on our website. For those unable to access the internet copies are available in the churches.



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.

Visit to the Ford Recycling Plant

Following the success of the first trip to the Ford plant before the pandemic it is hoped that we can organise a 2nd visit. The visit in 2019 was extremely interesting and everyone welcomed the opportunity to learn more about what happens to our recycling and how it is processed. The site is a dangerous working environment, and the visit would not be suitable for anyone with impaired mobility or sight, or with a pacemaker or some similar device. The MRF booking arrangements require the completion of various personal details, health declarations, next of kin details, and more, all of which have to be given at the time of booking the visit.

If anybody would be interested in such a visit, and when there is visitor availability at the site, likely to be after the summer holidays, then please register your interest with Elizabeth Folman, (eafolman@aol.com)

Marriage Anniversaries Mass - Saturday 12th October 11.30am Arundel Cathedral

An opportunity for those celebrating a significant anniversary. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(12-Oct-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website.

My Peace I Give You A new album from the Poor Clares recorded at the convent chapel in Arundel, and mixed at Abbey Road Studios, this new album is a message of peace for a fractured world and the importance of caring for the planet. The CD can be purchased from the Poor Clare Convent, Crossbush Lane, Crossbush, Arundel BN18 9PJ

Save the date - Marking Anti-Slavery Day on Friday 18th October a day of events raising awareness of modern slavery at the Cathedral from 10am. And, at The Assembly Rooms, St Martin's Street from 6.30pm to 8.30pm join Bishop Richard and Bishop Alastair Redfern with speakers from Sussex Police, West Sussex County Council, the Mothers' Union and our diocesan Modern Slavery Ambassador volunteers. All are welcome.

Offertory Collections June

Offertory Plate Collections	£3434.85
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 851.50
Bankers Orders	£5941.00
Contactless Machines	£ 440.00
CAF donations	<u>£ 55.00</u>
	£8,774.28

Special Collections

Day for Life	£387.34
Peter's Pence	£330.40

A further £1008.81 was received from the Diocesan online donations to the parish for the period April 2023 to June 2024

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. This year £9,652 has been 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. *You can also register for Gift Aid even if you already donate by Standing Order*, if you have any queries please do contact the Parish office.