



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A

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Restorative Justice

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

During Lent we are continually reminded of how we have sinned, and how we have to turn in a different direction to make amends. This is what Repentance is. And yet the world we live in does not consider our guilt as worth worrying about. The advertisements say we are "worth it" whatever we do. This is not an environment where accepting our selves as sinners thrives.

Along with some other parishioners I have the privilege of attending the weekly mass at Ford Prison. From this experience I have learnt much that can help me understand repentance. The most profound lesson I experienced was a few years ago when I helped with a Restorative Justice programme that twelve of the prisoners volunteered to take part in. Over six Saturdays we worked together to try and understand how our actions can hurt other people. Some of the prisoners had never considered this before, and the exercise was transformatory for some of them. Also, for those of us who ran the small groups. A time to sit down and consider how our selfish or self-regarding acts damage both ourselves and our neighbours is something we all need to do. It should be part of our Lenten exercises.

Ford is an Open prison and no one ends up there unless they have cooperated with the prison system, and have shown that they can soon safely go out into the world again. However, even an open prison is really hard to endure. Losing your liberty, having no choice over your timetable, your work or your immediate future is difficult for everyone. But what some of the prisoners have shared with us is how the regular time table means that for some of them life in prison is an opportunity for a regular prayer life, which they have embraced. And what several of them have told us is that is the prison world they have seen or experienced acts of kindness and generosity from fellow prisoners which they had never experienced outside the prison.

Are these the fruits of Repentance?

Nora Courtney - Cafod Together Team

Saturday 28th March		
St Richard's	9.30am	David Davison RIP Anniversary
OLOS	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th		Palm Sunday
OLOS	9am*	Kay Glendinning RIP
OLOS	11am*	Neville Taylor RIP Anniversary
Monday 30th		
OLOS	10am*	Private Intention
Tuesday 31st		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Brian Melton RIP
St Anthony's	6.30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Wednesday 1st April		
OLOS	10am*	Adrian & Philip Edgington RIP Anniv.
Arundel Cathedral	6pm	Chrism Mass
Thursday 2nd		Maundy Thursday
OLOS	10am	Morning Prayer
OLOS	8pm*	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 3rd		Good Friday
OLOS	8am	Morning Prayer
<i>See below</i>	10am	Walk of Witness
OLOS	3pm*	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
OLOS	7pm	Maria Desolata
Saturday 4th		Holy Saturday
OLOS	10.30am	Proprietary Rites for Holy Saturday
OLOS	8pm*	The Solemn Vigil of Easter
Sunday 5th		Easter Sunday
OLOS	9am*	Ian Wood RIP
OLOS	11am*	People of the Parish

*These Masses will be livestreamed on the parish website
www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk

Requiem in Aeternum



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

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

- David Davison, Enid Willis, Josephine Glassock, Joan Wall, Michael Heys, Jem Rodger, Adrian and Philip Edgington, Ivy Wellard, Margaret Reynolds, Mary Hynes, Sheila Archer, Maureen Clyde, Peter Guiney, Beryl Rounds**

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:
Maggie Stevens, Vivi Brooks, Peter McKay, Pete Snook, Peter Fraher, Tilli Polan, Bridget Orfelia Peter Brook, Fr Sebastian Paul, Dexter Greenwood, Joan Sheilds, Arthur Wicks, Edward Earl, Hilary Ceppa, Teresa Willcocks, Lucia Elsom, Mo Moore, Janet Smith, Baby Elliott, Paula Rathke

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 the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Or, by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr David
 Tel 01243 823619

Good Friday

- Bognor Churches Together Walk of Witness - Beginning on the Railway Station forecourt at 10am**, concluding with a short service in Our Lady of Sorrows, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.
- Children's Liturgy - 2.30pm to 4pm in the Parish Centre.** Children should be brought to the Parish to be registered. Primary school-aged children may attend unaccompanied, pre-school children should be accompanied by a parent or another responsible adult. During the 3pm Good Friday service, the children will be brought back to the church by the catechists to rejoin the congregation. We look forward to welcoming your children as we journey together through Holy Week.
- Maria Desolata - Our Lady of Sorrows 7pm to 7.30pm.** A Servite devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows with prayers for all mothers who have lost children.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

One of the things the Second Vatican Council urged on everyone in the Church was - as far as liturgy goes - that full, active participation is required by every member, each according to their own state of life. Thus, priests must priest and deacons deacon at the liturgy - but what of the lay faithful?

For a while, in the 1970's as this idea began to bed in, it looked as though the liturgy had to be divided up with something to "do" for everyone and occasionally things got sort of out of hand. Thankfully, we live in better informed times and what full, active participation is has become clearer.

Why am I blathering on about this?

Well. Good question! But it allows me to invite you to be more than just passive attenders at the Holy Week Liturgies. You have stuff to do - primarily being attentive, listening, praying, responding, singing, and meditating on the Word of God of which there is a superabundance this week. But you can also have your feet washed as a vivid reminder of how Jesus radically altered expectations and ideas. You will also experience the drama of the Last Supper, the pain and suffering of the Cross as Jesus undergoes his Passion on Good Friday. You can even join me and other Christians from Bognor as we walk from the railway station to Our Lady of Sorrows in a kind of Via Crucis and witness to our faith before celebrating the most ancient, beautiful and dramatic Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm.

Everything, of course points towards Holy Saturday as we wait patiently for the "right time" to announce the resurrection - but only after patiently listening to the astonishing story of our salvation in the Vigil, on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

Give time this week to experiencing the Divine Liturgy - the greatest work any Christian can do - and take your place as a living witness to the Gospel as much as you can. You won't regret it and it could just change your life.

With my fondest love and prayers

Fr David Benedict

Second Collection this weekend - Easter Flowers for the Church

Good Friday - Special Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine



Do you want to find out more about Christian belief in the context of our challenging lives and troubled times? Are you curious about what and why Christians believe what they do? Then maybe the Alpha course is for you.

Come and join our next course at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Centre, Hislop Walk, Bognor Regis PO21 1LP (at the back of the church) on **Wednesday 15th April at 7pm** for a simple meal, interesting film and a chance, in a convivial environment, to ask searching questions about faith. Everyone is welcome, whatever your experience of church. The evening is completely free of charge and there is no pressure to sign up for more. Simply come and see!

To book on the course, or for more details, e-mail Liz at alphabognor@gmail.com, phone the office or simply turn up!

Our Lady of Sorrows Car Park

Due to ongoing water ingress in the church, scaffolding will be in place for a number of weeks in order to undertake works and inspections of the church roof. This will further limit the number of parking spaces available to 16. If you are able, could parishioners please use the on-street parking or the Lyon Street car park which operates the 2 hour disc parking in order to leave the spaces available for the use of those with restricted mobility and disabilities.

Please note the car park will be locked from the evening of Friday evening 3rd April to Saturday 4th as we prepare to gather for the Easter Vigil.

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.

Knights of St Columba Paintings - Redshirt Fundraising Event

The KSC are presenting you Brother George's works of art in the Parish Hall. The paintings are all framed and for sale on **Sunday 29th March** after both Masses. All donations will be going in support of the Redshirts of our parish.

Blind Veterans Fundraising

Kathryn Cole and her husband Simon are running the London Marathon, to raise money for Blind Veterans, in memory of her Dad, Peter Brown. Peter and Sue received so much support from this wonderful charity as Peter's eyesight deteriorated. Any donations towards this very worthwhile cause would be greatly appreciated, please follow the link to Kathryn's fundraising page (it will also tell you lots more at the charity). <https://www.justgiving.com/page/kathryn-cole-1>

Kathryn and Simon are also holding a Quiz Night for their Marathon fundraising in the Parish Centre on Saturday 18th April after 6pm Mass, the Quiz will start at 7.30pm. If you think you have what it takes and would like to join the fun please email Kathryn via office@stmarysbognor.co.uk

Journey with us through Holy Week

The Diocese has created three short films to accompany people across our family of faith through Holy Week. The films are presented by Canon Kieron O'Brien from the Catholic Parish of Brighton & Hove; Canon Jonathan Martin, Diocesan Administrator and parish priest of St Pancras, Lewes; and Fr Jonathan How, Moderator of Guildford Catholic Parish.

- **In the first film**, Canon Kieron O'Brien introduces Holy Week, highlighting the importance of reflection and prayer and the invitation to contemplate, at a deep level, the foundational mysteries of our Faith. **You can watch an introduction to Holy Week here:** vimeo.com/1176144932
- **In the second film**, Canon Jonathan Martin explores the **Good Friday Liturgy**; Jesus' self-offering on the Cross for the love of us, the "immense goodness of God", and the veneration of the Cross as an act and expression of our love. **You can watch Good Friday's film here:** vimeo.com/1176142344
- **The third film**, presented by Fr Jonathan How, explores the wonder of the **Easter Vigil** as the greatest celebration in the Church's year, highlighting that we are made in the image of God, and are not only witnesses to the Resurrection but also, "sharers in The Word Who is Life." **You can watch film 3 on the Easter Vigil here:** vimeo.com/1176140606

Gift Aid Envelopes - For the Tax Year 2026-2027 are now available for collection from the Parish shop or office, the first eligible collection for the new tax year is the weekend of 12th April. Thank you to all who donate this way. If you are a tax payer and wish to donate by weekly envelope, please contact the parish office.

Offertory Collections February

Offertory Plate Collections	£1,984.22
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 680.13
Bankers Orders	£5,265.00
Contactless Machines	£ 526.00
CAF donations	<u>£ 25.00</u>
	£8,480.35

Second Collection

Lourdes Appeal	£850.40
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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. Since January we have received £18,385 in Gift Aid 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. If you have any queries please do contact the Parish office.