



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

29th October 2023 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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Our Churches

Our Lady of Sorrows, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1JX

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Tea and Reflection with L'Arche Bognor Regis.

Have you heard of the L'Arche community which lives and works in Bognor Regis? Along with many other L'Arche communities all over the world. There are L'Arche (a French word that means the Ark, as in Noah and his crew) communities in Rome, in Bethlehem, Kolkata, Kampala, Paris, Edinburgh, Tasmania, Toronto, Washington, to name but a tiny few of the 150 communities in 38 countries around the world.

L'Arche communities have had a difficult time over the last few years, Covid 19, gruesome revelations about the man who started the organisation, war, natural disasters all have had an impact on the people who are part of L'Arche. Yet we continue to welcome new members to these communities, people with and without disabilities, trying hard to show in the way we live, that our common humanity, our shared frailty and our reliance on God and each other are much more powerful, in the end, than the things we do to harm or hurt each other.

One expression of this happens monthly on a Thursday at 4-5pm when we gather in a friend's house for something we call "Tea and Reflection." It is a time to be together, in silence, in song, in prayer, sharing our hopes and dreams with each other and with God, (with tea and biscuits.) We would love to invite you to share this time with us and get to know us better. We have many precious friends in this Parish who make such a difference to our lives and who join us in this time each month. Email martha.myerstraining@larche.org.uk or phone 07931399690 for more information.

Come and join us and discover the truth that, in the words of Bill - a L'Arche member with disabilities who died over 20 years ago: "God so loved the world, that he gave us.....*Fred!"

(*a member of L'Arche Bognor Regis and the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows since 1979)

Martha Myers - L'Arche

Saturday 28th October		St Simon & St Jude
St Richard's	9.30am	Declan Kerrisk RIP
OLOS	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th		30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
OLOS	9am	Anthony Cox RIP
OLOS	11am	For an end to modern day Slavery
Monday 30th		
OLOS	10am	Intentions of Mary Devine
Tuesday 31st		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Andrew Szpurtacz RIP
Wednesday 1st		All Saints
OLOS	10am	Pupils and Staff of St Mary's
OLOS	7.30pm	People of the Parish
Thursday 2nd		All Souls
OLOS	10am	John Anthony Brown RIP
Friday 3rd		
OLOS	10am	Requiem: Ian William Wood RIP
Saturday 4th		St Charles Borromeo
St Richard's	9.30am	Lorraine Dent RIP
OLOS	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th		31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
OLOS	9am	Rachel Moore RIP
OLOS	11am	Neil Evans 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 11am - 12 noon

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:

John Anthony Brown RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Peggie Rixon, Keith Deefholts, Constance Hardie, Madeline Maguire, John Higgins, John Deasey, Denis Hutchinson, Sheila Geoghan, Geoff Willcocks, George Murphy, Wendy Kelly, John Forry, Baby Vanessa Olejnik, Nathan Barnes, Pauline Quainton

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:

Val Warner, Julian L, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Pat Robinson, Paula Rathke, Rosemary Stride, 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



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.

Second Collection next weekend Retired Priests' Fund

This collection can be Gift Aided using Gift Aid envelopes or on the contactless machines.

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.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

Blessing of the Graves, Sunday 5th November - 2pm Chalcraft Lane, 3pm Town Cross.

Mass for the Bereaved, Saturday 25th November 10am, Our Lady of Sorrows

Prayer Cards for the faithful departed will be available in the churches, please write the name(s) of those you wish to be included in our prayers in the month of November and place in the basket on the altar.

Not a carpet of flowers but one of bacon, eggs & sausages

So far this year the Sunday Breakfast team have cooked and served 1,083 breakfasts, certainly enough bacon and sausages to make a carpet, interspersed with cheerful pops of yellow from the 2,166 fried eggs. Sundays are busy, hardwork, occasionally challenging, and always rewarding, and they are a living example of our faith in action. Already we are seeing even more people needing this service, and nights are getting colder for those on the streets.

New volunteers are needed. Can you help? Would you like to volunteer to join the team? If you think this is something you might be interested in helping with or would just like a bit more information please contact Elizabeth Folman by email, (eafolman@aol.com), or Telephone 01243 551399.

Alpha - Can you help?

Having a shared meal is an important part of our Alpha course and we are blessed to have some wonderful cooks to prepare these meals but more help is also needed. The meal would be for approximately 15 people, if you feel you can help either with a main course or dessert please contact Jackie Humphreys on 07468 444074.

DESSERT ISLAND DISCS

St Richard's on Friday Nov 10th at 6pm. You are warmly invited to come along to enjoy the chosen music and story of a parishioner, (and no that's not a typo, we will of course have a shared supper first and this is the "afters"). Do join us for another entertaining evening. If you can, bring some food or drink to share.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School - Open Afternoon 7th November at 2pm

All prospective parents and carers of children due to start school in September 2024 are invited to come and view our wonderful school. We look forward to meeting you at our open afternoon or by appointment. Please book your place with the school office on 01243 822287 or email office@stmarysbognor.co.uk

St Philip Howard Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday, 9th November 6pm - 8pm. For more information and to register your interest in attending please call 01243 558218 or visit www.sphsixthform.co.uk

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Is currently recruiting for teaching roles. To learn more about the exciting opportunities being advertised, please visit the vacancies page on the school website: www.sphcs.co.uk

Taizé Service - 'Remember I am with you always...'

Sunday 19th November at 4pm, Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church, Fairfield Road, Bosham PO18 8JH. Light a candle and pray for the bereaved and those we have lost with music from Taizé. Fr David Murphy will give the blessing and there will be refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

Mission Appeal this weekend

Every year there is a Mission Appeal given by one of the mission societies. This is not simply an occasion for taking a second collection, but gives parishioners the opportunity to hear about the work of the Church in the mission field. This weekend we welcome Fr Martin Devenish from the Comboni Missionaries.

Missio Red boxes - Many thanks to those who contribute through the Red boxes throughout the year in aid of Missio, your loose change makes such a difference to aid the work of Missio. Red Boxes can now be exchanged or returned for a new one at the Parish Centre, donations from these will be banked on 2nd November.

The Southwark Brethren

The charity known as 'The Southwark Brethren', is now known as Southwark and Arundel & Brighton Brethren CIO. Our aims have grown and we now support all priests working or retired. Often medical needs present themselves which are varied and complex and which cannot always be supplied by the diocese or the priest himself, and so today we ask for your generous support to continue our work for priests in whichever way is needed. If you can help please send a donation in one of the following ways: Cheques payable to SOUTHWARK ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON CIO can be sent to *3 Birch Way, Warlingham CR6 9DA*; or by Standing Order by contacting Frederika or Fr Paul Hough on 07939 654522 and we will send you account details. If you pay tax and wish to support with Gift Aid, or maybe you would like to remember us in your Will, please feel free to contact us regarding this and the appropriate form will be sent to you. Thank you for your support.

The Gift

What is this Gift? It is, of course, the Holy Spirit. So, if you have been through Alpha and want to learn more, or just want to explore deepening your relationship with the Holy Spirit. The series of 6 weekly sessions started on 24th October but it's still not too late to join us, the next session will be at **St Anthony's on Tuesday 31st October at 7.30pm**. The format is similar to Alpha with a video followed by small group discussion although there is no meal, just tea/coffee and biscuits. To find out more a short video on The Gift is now available to view on the parish website.

There is no need to book, just turn up on the night, but if you have any questions please e-mail michaelobrien27@sky.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parish Centre

For security reasons the access code to the parish centre will be changed on 1st November; could all those who require access please contact the Parish Administrator, Abby Leggatt, by Email: admin.bognor@abdiocese.org.uk or Tel 01243 823619 then press 6 to speak to Abby or leave a message.

Retreat Day Wednesday 29th November: An Ignatian Way Sussex Retreat and Heritage Centre, Arundel BN18 9QY

During the day we will be reflecting on St. Ignatius of Loyola's life-changing spiritual journey and making connections with our own unique stories. Led by Roger Hagon who is experienced in Ignatian Spirituality. Spend a day of peace and reflection from 9.45am to 4pm. Prayer resources, art and craft materials, beautiful surroundings. Cost £15. **Individually Guided Residential Retreat** and Quiet Breaks from Friday 1st December for 2 or 3 days. See www.sussexheritage.co.uk or phone Maria on 01903 413606.

Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' Training Saturday 11th November 10am to 1pm, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the Liturgy of the Word with Children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. This event can be booked on the Diocesan website <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>