



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

31st March 2024 - Easter Sunday - 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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Elm Grove South, Barnham, West Sussex PO22 0EN

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Lumen Christi! Deo gratias! (*The light of Christ – thanks be to God!*)

Our Easter celebrations begin at the Easter Vigil with the lighting of the paschal candle. The candle is brought into the dark Church, symbol of the risen Christ, the light shining in the darkness. We sing joyfully and give thanks to God for the light and life of Christ.

The paschal candle is decorated in ways that remind us of Christ's victory over sin and death. In the centre is the cross; and the cross is studded with five brass pins calling to mind the five wounds. Each pin contains a grain of incense which, in the scriptures and tradition of the Church, symbolises the sweet smell of prayer and sacrifice offered up to God. The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega, remind us that Christ is our beginning and end (and everything in between!), and the current date reminds us that *now is the favourable time... now is the day of salvation* (2 Cor 6:2).

At Easter we each hold candles which are lit from the light of the paschal candle. We share in the light of the candle, reminding us that, in baptism, we were given a share in the life of Christ. It's an opportunity for renewal, that Jesus, risen and victorious, be the One who guides my life, and who brings it joy and meaning as my life is lived in him.

So this Easter let us give thanks to God for the light of the risen Christ; may others give thanks to God for that light shining through us in witness to the life that God invites all people to share. My prayer for you is the one we make at the lighting of the paschal candle from the Easter fire: *May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

Wishing you, your families and loved ones, a very happy and holy Easter.

Fr Chris.

Saturday 30th March		
OLOS	10am	<i>Office of Readings and Morning Prayer</i>
OLOS	8pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 31st		Easter Sunday
OLOS	9am	Thanksgiving Noah Claveria
OLOS	11am	Bernard Joseph Butler RIP
Monday 1st April		
OLOS	10am	Adrian & Philip Edgington RIP
Tuesday 2nd		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Mary Jarvis RIP
Wednesday 3rd		
St Richard's	11am	Requiem: Helen Litten RIP
Thursday 4th		
OLOS	10am	No Mass
Friday 5th		
OLOS	10am	Requiem: Sally Petronijevich RIP
OLOS	5.30 - 6.30pm	Holy Hour
Saturday 6th		
St Richard's	9.30am	Ellie Maxwell RIP Anniversary
OLOS	6pm	Margaret Jane & Frank Andrews RIP
Sunday 7th		Second Sunday of Easter
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Margaret & Bert Edgington RIP

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
 Fridays after 10am Mass

Requiem in Aeternum



Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently:
Christopher Nakyoski RIP
John Hennessey RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Adrian & Philip Edgington, Ivy Wellard
Margaret Reynolds, Mary Hynes, Sheila Archer, Maureen Clyde, Peter Guiney, Anne Hawksey, Lucy Stock, Sheila O'Rourke, Mike Frears, Joyce Burns, Ellie Maxwell

Prayers For The Sick
 Your prayers are asked for:
Claire Amaladoss, Rebecca Barratt, Caroline & Martin Swanson, Clarke Wilson, Deidre Sobey, Nuala Lesbinel, Theresa Neill, Val Warner, Julian L, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Paula Rathke, Steve Goss, 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

Forthcoming Funerals
Our Lady of Sorrows
Christopher Nakyoski RIP
 Wednesday 17th April, 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.

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 on 17th and 24th April, 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.

Cathedral Deanery Newsletter - March 2024

Following a meeting with members of the core teams in our five deanery parishes and clergy in Arundel on 13th March an update on the Pastoral Plan is now available in the churches and on our website.

Find out who the real quizmasters of the parish are... Quiz Night 27TH April

Thank you to all of the parishioners who have supported our fundraising efforts towards the Lourdes 2024 pilgrimage so far! We are holding one more fundraiser as a final push. We would love to see you for an evening of fun, competition and food. Come on your own or with a team.

It would be fantastic if you joined us at our quiz night in the parish centre on Saturday the 27th of April from 7pm - 9:30 pm. A light supper will be provided but please bring your own drinks. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday Masses from the 7th of April or at the parish office.

Thank you – from Anya, Cerys, Hazel, Isabelle, Lyra, Mia and Zoë!

Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April

St Peter's, 13 Church Road, West Wittering are celebrating the feast of Divine Mercy from 2pm. The programme will be: Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Blessing of the Image, Veneration and Confessions. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service. All are welcome.

Lenten Lunches Fundraising

Our Lady of Sorrows CAFOD fundraising. Thank you to all who contributed and came to our Lenten soup lunches during Lent. The sum of £293.50 will be donated to help CAFOD's valuable work with those most in need in the world.

St Richard's, Slindon Lenten soup lunches raised £891.00 in aid of Stonepillow and a further collection with St Mary's of £245.45 giving a final total of £1,136.45. Thank you to all who donated and contributed over the past six weeks, what an amazing effort!

The Promise of The Father a Diocesan Event live in Arundel and Online

The course is free and aims to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is being held over seven sessions, each with a well renowned speaker and small group discussions, and starts just after Easter, on the 10th April and will run to the 23rd May. Spaces in the venue and online are limited so early booking is essential, please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information and to book your place please visit: ww.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk

Clerk to the Governors Vacancy

The Governors at St Mary's, Primary School are seeking to appoint a Clerk to the Governors to begin in the Summer Term 2024. This post is part time, term time only, 5 hours per week, with the need to be flexible on times. Grade 4 £23,500 - £23,893, £12.18 - £12.38 per hour, pro rata.

Please do get in touch if you would like more information Email: office@stmarysbognor.co.uk Tel: 01243 822287



To celebrate the birthday of the Church, you and your family are invited to an open-air Mass in St Mary's school field, followed by a bring and share picnic and fun fair on **Sunday 19th May at 11am.**

Please do come along with family and friends, this is a brilliant opportunity to share your faith at a lively and fun church event. Mass will begin at 11am, and from 12-noon onwards we'll share lunch, and the inflatable assault course will be open. **Don't forget to bring a dish to share!**



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 17th 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!

St Anthony's Spring Clean Thank you to all those who came on Saturday, you all worked so well both inside and outside the church, it is very much appreciated.

Pilgrimage Day Saturday 13th April - In the Steps of St Cuthman

A meditative pilgrimage day reflecting on the life of St Cuthman and walking to Cobnor Point (car option available). Meet at St Mary's Chidham at 11am. Bring a packed lunch. See www.sussexheritage.co.uk or phone Maria on 09103 413606 to book.

Do you have a spare room?

L'Arche Bognor Regis have welcomed Fr Peter Coxe to work with the community and are looking for accommodation for him. If you have a spare room you would be willing to rent to him please contact Martha Myers 07442 875678 email martha.myerstraining@larche.org.uk to discuss details.

Mental Health Awareness Seminar

A choice of two dates. Saturday 13th April in Crawley or Saturday 15th June in Burgess Hill. Cost £30 (subsidised by Diocese)

Do you work in public Ministry in your Parish? Do you work or support people in your day to day lives? The number of people experiencing the challenge and suffering of poor mental health is a growing reality in the UK.

The course is led by a Member of the Mental Health First Aid England team and is suited to those involved in pastoral activities, leading events and those who work and support youngsters. The aim of this seminar is to help you to understand the impacts and realities of mental health on the individual. To help you identify the early signs and symptoms and to signpost the individual effectively. Places can be booked through the attached links [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(13-Apr-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Gift Aid Envelopes 2024 - 2025

Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year are now available for collection from the Parish Centre or Parish shop after Sunday Masses. If you would like to donate this way please contact Caroline in the parish office.

Offertory Collections February

Offertory Plate Collections	£2378.40
Gift Aid Envelopes	£1631.00
Bankers Orders	£5708.00
Contactless Machines	£ 258.00
CAF donations	<u>£ 95.00</u>
	£10070.40

Special Collections

Lourdes Pilgrimage	£954.18
CAFOD Lent Appeal	£ 735.00

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 £17,805 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.*