



# The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

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## Let Us Be There for One Another!

The readings of today are centred on the family as a divine institution. God made it that husband and wife should come together and establish a family. Here is the root of human society. The readings also express the fact that marriage is between a man and a woman with an openness to procreation. The psalmist continues the same trend as he says: *Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house. Your children like shoots of olive around your table.* In the Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that marriage is meant to be for life. It is not something I rush into and rush out of. Marriage is not a moonlight play. Jesus came to fulfil the law, to correct and give proper interpretation of the law. This is the reason he reminds the Jews that Moses might have allowed divorce because of the hardness of their heart. However, this is not God's will. From the beginning God wanted marriage to be for life. The Church's teaching on indissolubility is based on this passage and similar ones. *What God has joined, man must not divide.*

It gives me great joy to see people celebrating 25 years of their wedding, 30 years, 40 years, 50 years, 60 years and even more. This is wonderful to see. Kudos to many couples in this parish who fall into this category. May God continue to bless you for being such a laudable example to the young! These couples who have remained together for this length of time have stood faithfully by each other. It does not mean they never had any problems. No, certainly they have had their high moments and low ones, times of joy and of sorrow, rough moments and smooth moments but knowing what marriage is all about, they have stood faithfully by each other and this is highly commendable. This is what Jesus asks of us. This is what he wants to happen in marriage. This is why in marriage vows: we say: *For better for worse; for richer for poorer; in sickness and health, in good times and in bad, until death do us part.*

I am expected to love my husband unconditionally and vice versa. However, a lot of young people today, go into marriage and when the going is smooth, they are full of smiles. But once they meet some kind of roughness, difficulty, hardship, they back out.

The last part of today's Gospel indicates that the type of people who win their way into the kingdom of God are children and those who behave like children. Husband and wife, if you want your marriage to last, if you want to win heaven, you must behave like children in your marriage. How do children behave? Children do not keep scores of wrongs done to them. They can fight now but in the next minute they are playing together again. This is because they do not know how to bear grudges. This was my experience as a child. Let us not insist on our rights. Let us remove pride and ego from our marriage. Let us be there for one another. What we are told in marriage applies to many other relationships in life.

*Fr Victor Onwukeme, msp*

<b>Saturday 2nd October</b>		
OLOS	10am	Intentions of Moira Deefholts
OLOS	5.15pm	Kathleen Wehby RIP
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>		<b>Twenty Seventh Sunday</b>
OLOS	8am	People of the Parish
St Richard's	9am	Kathleen O'Gorman RIP
OLOS	10am	James A Barry RIP
St Anthony's	11am	Patrick Whooley RIP
OLOS	6pm	Family of Eleanor Griffith RIP
<b>Monday 4th</b>		<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>
St Mary's	9.30am	Kathleen O'Gorman RIP
OLOS	10am	Leonora Cosgrove 95th Birthday
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Barbara Bannister RIP
<b>OLOS</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>		
OLOS	10am	Wellbeing of Anthony Simpson
<b>Thursday 7th</b>		<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
<b>OLOS</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday 8th</b>		
OLOS	10am	Annie & Patrick Morgan
<b>Saturday 9th</b>		<b>St John Henry Newman</b>
OLOS	10am	Mary Sheehan RIP
OLOS	5.15pm	Andy O'Gorman RIP
<b>Sunday 10th</b>		<b>Twenty Eighth Sunday</b>
OLOS	8am	Joseph Benedict Ryan RIP
St Richard's	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	10am	Breda Healy RIP
St Anthony's	11am	Special Intentions
OLOS	6pm	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady

## *Requiem in Aeternum*



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

**Kathleen O'Gorman RIP**

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:-

**Eileen Greenwood, Charles Henry Corley, Hilda Howard, Frank O'Connor, Canon Gerry Coates**

### **The Funeral of Kathleen O'Gorman RIP**

will take place on Friday 15th October, 12 noon at St Richard's, Slindon

### *Prayers For The Sick*

Your prayers are asked for

**Nicholas Crespi, Vic Wood, Anthony Simpson, Theresa McCaffie, Mary McGuire, Peter Bardin, Jane Hazelgrove, Brenda Cremmen, Lyn Saunders, Tina Miles, Jo Oates, Peggy Lennon, Theresa Mulvaney, Richard Hazelgrove, Jo Cowie, Mary Gabrielle Gregory, Patrick Dwyer, Trish & Don Osborne, Sarah Crossley, John Carr, Arthur Wicks, Moira Deefholts, Susanne Tidmas-Cole, Michael Willcocks, Teresa Sweeney, Paris Stevens, Margaret Grace**

*Please contact the Parish Office for anyone you wish to be included in our Prayers.*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 10.30 - 11am or by appointment.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Please contact Fr Chris or Fr Victor  
Tel 01243 823619



### **Adoration**

Fridays after 10am Mass in Our Lady of Sorrows until 2pm

*Could you come and spend one hour with the Lord. We are short of people between 11am and 1pm. If you could help please contact Charles Yarham to add your name to the rota Email: rooksfold@btinternet.com or Telephone 01243 582908*

### **Next weekend's Second Collection**

Will be for Prisoners' Sunday (PACT)

### Chatting as we journey on....

Many thanks to those who have been sharing their thoughts as we continue our journey planning for the future. Future – that's this week's word on the postcard! Don't forget to pick it up, reflect and pray with it, and continue to share your thoughts... As you reflect and share, don't forget our next meeting is on **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 11am-1pm, St Philip Howard School**. Clare and Lizzie will continue to lead us in our reflections on what it means to be a parish, a community of faith and service, in these changing times. As previously, there will be an opportunity to socialise, listen, reflect and pray – bring a friend, and make some new ones! Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you.

### A Note of Appreciation and Farewell

I would like to thank Fr Chris and all of you parishioners of the Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon. The one year I have spent with you is filled with good and lovely memories. We have gone through the period of pandemic supporting one another spiritually and otherwise. Thanks immensely for being there for me.

As I go back to Nigeria, I promise to be praying for you. Kindly keep me in your prayers. Nigeria is a very troubled country at the moment. There is so much violence and unrest in the country. May God bring peace out of war and joy out of sadness! Wishing you all God's abundant blessings! May He keep us all in His love! *Oremus pro invicem!*

Victor Onwukeme, msp

### Admissions Forms for St Philip Howard

The Supplementary Admission Form that goes with Admission applications to St Philip Howard asks parents/carers to make a statement about *frequent and regular attendance* at Mass. If you tick this box, you will require a signature from a priest to support you. (You should make this assessment based on your pre-pandemic attendance, not your online participation.) Rather than have lots of people make individual appointments, I'll be available to sign forms on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm-7pm**, in the Parish Centre. Please come along then – children very welcome, of course, but not essential.

**Grandparents' Groups:** Within the Diocese we have several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. Remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to find likeminded people and unlimited support? It's a bit like that, chat over issues such as how to help your Grandchildren without upsetting your own children...or their spouse!! How to pass on your faith and find strength in praying about it all together.

If you are interested in joining or creating a group in your parish, please do contact Katherine Bergin at [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Now Accepting Contactless Donations

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure, and convenient. You will find two new contactless terminals in Our Lady of Sorrows. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.



Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Our Welcomers will be on hand for help and support. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

### St Anthony's Parish Group - Treasurer Needed

Our present Treasurer Barrie Williams will be stepping down due to family commitments, please do consider volunteering for this role. The role is not too arduous as it is a fairly small account and can be easily noted either by Excel spreadsheets or by hand.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day - Climate Crisis Appeal

Please remember to return your CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes this weekend to help people adapt to the worst impacts of climate change and protect our common home. You can also donate online through the [CAFOD website \(cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis\)](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis). Would you consider too, adding your voice to our online COP26 [petition](http://cafod.org.uk/climate) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, [cafod.org.uk/climate](http://cafod.org.uk/climate)? Thank you for your support.

*To Gift Aid your donation please use the CAFOD envelopes available in the church or the CAFOD website.*

## Serving... pizza!

Calling all servers – those who have served before, and those who'd like to start! We're going to have a meeting on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm** to have a refresher (to catch up on the latest arrangements for serving safely and with confidence) and refreshments (that's the pizza bit!). This meeting is for servers and for parents. Please RSVP to Fr Chris (01243 823619 / [chris.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:chris.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)) or Tony Lucas so we have an idea about numbers. Look forward to seeing you.

## First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation

Many thanks to all those who have enquired about preparation for the Sacraments this year. We're still in a time of reflection as to how we support families preparing for these gifts of God. More details will follow, but for now, let's simply remind ourselves that the very best way to prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion is by coming regularly to Mass.

## Carer Needed

Carer required for personal care to a bright, intelligent young man with Cerebral Palsy. He lives at home with his mother. Hours required are as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday and alternative weekends from 9am to 5pm. Please phone 01243 681705

**Track and Trace** Just a reminder that each person coming to Mass is invited to play their part in supporting Track and Trace. You can do this by **signing in** through the parish website (this isn't just for people who want to book a socially distanced prayer space), or by **scanning the QR codes** available. The Welcomers won't be checking – the responsibility isn't theirs, but yours. (They will, of course, give you one of those slips of paper if you need it, but let's try and reduce our paper usage in this area!) Thank you for your help.

## Quiet Fridays at Worth Abbey - 8th October, 12th November and 10th December

Led by a member of the monastic community and usually on the second Friday of each month (with the exception of August). A time for stillness and solitude and to enjoy the attractive grounds and Quiet Garden. You are also warmly invited to join the monastic community for midday prayer in the Abbey Church, followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Tea and Coffee available but please bring your own packed lunch. Arrivals from 10:15am for a 10:45am start, until 3:30pm; based in Compass House. Booking is essential via the website [www.worth.co.uk/retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats) or by calling 01342 710318.

**Parish Pantomime 2022** We are planning our next pantomime which, subject to circumstances at the time, will be next February 24th, 25th and 26th. We would love to hear from you now if you would like to act or dance or help us behind the scenes. We can promise you months of fun and laughter. Contact Liz Lucas on 01243 863833 for more details.

**The Knights of St Columba** are re-introducing the Deacon Anderson Quiz, in memory of Deacon Alastair, an opportunity to help bring the parish together in friendly competition. The quiz is suitable for family teams and there will be some competitions particularly suitable for children. The quiz will start at **3pm, Parish Centre, Sunday 10th October**. Entry fee £1 per head (payable at the door). Family teams may consist of up to 6 members.