



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

4th April 2021 - Easter Sunday

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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

Mass is also celebrated in St Mary the Virgin (C of E), Church Lane, Barnham

Catholic Schools

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When's Easter?

Have you ever heard someone say, 'Easter's early next year', or 'Easter's late next year'? (FYI, it's on April 17, 2022.) I once heard a priest say, Easter isn't early, or late, it's always on time! Yes, of course, but we know what people mean by the question – is it *earlier* or *later* in the year... Easter is always on time because Easter is now! This present moment, and all moments to come, are lived in the light that comes from the risen Christ. Ever since that day about 2,000 years ago when Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, crucified under Pontius Pilate, rose from the dead, life on earth has had an Easter hue about it. Even at Christmas, or Lent, or in the summer, life is for living in the amazing knowledge that Christ has conquered sin and death, and in the wonderful hope that, after our death, we shall join him in the resurrection to eternal life.

But we don't have to wait until then – Easter is now! Every time I choose to live the new life of Christ, I'm living the reality of Easter. When I choose truth over falsehood, the Gospel of Life over the culture of death, when I choose service over selfishness, I show that Christ is alive, and alive in me. So my prayer for you this Easter, and always, is that the peace and joy of the risen Christ will fill your hearts and your homes; and that, more and more each day, we may live with His life and in His love.

Fr Chris.

Fr Chris and Fr Victor wish you and your loved ones a happy Easter.

Saturday 3rd		Holy Saturday
OLOS	10am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
OLOS	8pm	Easter Vigil (Michael Collins RIP)
Sunday 4th		Easter Sunday
OLOS	8am	Mary Elizabeth Cole RIP
St Richard's	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	10am	Deceased of the Allard Family
St Anthony's	11am	Peter Oates RIP
OLOS	6pm	Intentions of Bridie Monaghan
Monday 5th		
St Mary's	9.30am	No Mass
OLOS	10am	John Joe O'Connell RIP
Tuesday 6th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	No Mass
OLOS	10am	Peter Oates RIP
Wednesday 7th		
OLOS	10am	George King RIP
Thursday 8th		
OLOS	10am	A.P. Morgan Deceased of the Family
Friday 9th		
OLOS	10am	Maureen Hood RIP
Saturday 10th		
OLOS	10am	Ronnie Ritter RIP
OLOS	5.15pm	Stevenson Family
Sunday 11th		Divine Mercy Sunday
OLOS	8am	Koffi Clement Konamé RIP
St Richard's	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	10am	Deceased of the Piggott Family
St Anthony's	11am	Moira and Suzanne Thanksgiving
OLOS	6pm	Intentions of Sheila Monaghan

Requiem in Aeternum



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

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

Ann Hawksey, Lucy Stock, Sheila O'Rourke, Mike Frears, Joyce Burns, Ellie Maxwell, David Timlin, David Andrews, Ray Pinkney, Ellen Carroll

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Robert Harrington RIP whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 6th April.

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for

Brenda Bailey, Peggy Lennon, Theresa Mulvaney, Richard Hazelgrove, Jo Cowie, Mary Gabrielle Gregory, Trish & Don Osborne, Jo Oates, Patrick Dwyer, Sarah Crossley, John Carr, Arthur Wicks, Paul McGuire, Colm Callanan, Moira Deefholts, Susanne Tidmas-Cole, Michael Willcocks, Teresa Sweeney, Paris Stevens, Margaret Grace, Didi Verdiana Diaris

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please contact Fr Chris or Fr Victor to make an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please telephone at anytime
01243 823619.

To attend Mass please use the online booking system on the Parish website. If you or anyone you know of does not have internet access, please call the parish office to book a place. If not pre-booked attendance will only be permitted if space allows. The 10am Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows will continue to be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

9 Day Divine Mercy Novena

Beginning on Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday parishioners are invited to take part in a 9 Day Novena. The Novena and The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy can be downloaded from the Parish website, if you wish to receive a printed copy, please contact the Parish Office. On **Monday 5th April** and **Monday 12th April at 3pm** there will be an opportunity to pray the Chaplet in Our Lady of Sorrows.

CAFOD Walk for Water Challenge

By the time you read this I will have successfully completed the CAFOD Walk for Water Challenge. The generosity of parishioners, friends, family and neighbours means that almost double my original target has been reached! As the name suggests, it has, at times, proved to be a challenge. I have been blessed to be joined by several faithful walking buddies throughout Lent, which eased the burden. It caused me to think about those people who have no choice, no walking buddy, and no refreshing shower at the end of their daily walk for water....you have helped to make a big difference to a significant number of people - THANK YOU!

If you click on this link you can read about some of my walks, and see a few photos recording the past 40 days. It is still possible to donate too! <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/sue-is-walking-for-water>

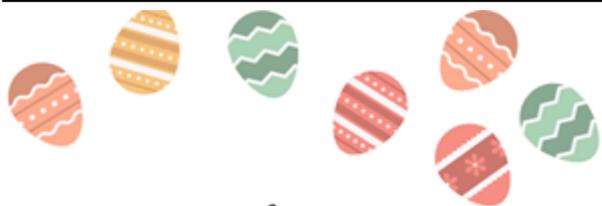
Time to celebrate - Jesus is risen - Alleluia!

Sue O'Boyle

Gift Aid Envelopes

Many thanks to all who are able to donate through Gift Aid which allows the parish to claim an additional 25% from the government on these donations. Envelopes for the coming tax year are now available for collection from the Parish Centre, if you are unable to collect these please contact the Parish Office. Please also note that your Gift Aid number may have changed as many parishioners have opted to donate by Standing Order during the current pandemic and will not require envelopes.

A Catholic young lady with health needs and learning difficulties needs another member of her support team. You must be able to work as part of a team. Have a car and a clean driving licence and be a good communicator. We offer all training and part time hours. Please phone Sheila 07887878088.



In search of Easter

What is Easter all about?

A special QR trail has been set up outside the three churches in the parish for families with primary age children and younger to explore the Easter story together.

Open 24/7 until the Easter break ends. Everyone who takes part will get a special prize!

Visit www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/easter for more information



MISSIO Red Boxes will be banked from the end of March until early April. If any parishioner would like their box emptied please bring them to the Parish Centre and a replacement box will be provided or contact Paddy to arrange collection Tel: 01243 830454.

Message from Paddy... *"I am now 84 and have been the MISSIO Representative for over 16 years. and would now like to step down from this role. Please consider taking over this very worthwhile cause, it really is not too difficult. If you can help or would like any further information please contact me."*

God Bless, Paddy Stevens

Rejoice!

The Spring edition of our Parish Magazine is now available to collect from in our Churches.

Helping our mental health and wellbeing

Mindful of the impact of the virus and successive lockdowns on our mental health, each week, we'll be offering a simple tip to help support good mental health and wellbeing.

Instead of having just another meal take one day in the week and make your main meal special. Set the table with a few flowers too and dress up, open a bottle of something nice to accompany your food and turn off your phone. If alone play music or if with company enjoy some good conversation. You will have made the day stand out and have lifted your soul.

Collection for the Holy Place - Good Friday

On Good Friday, the Catholic Church throughout the world will take up the "Collection for the Holy Places." This special collection originated from the Popes' wishes to maintain a strong bond between the Holy Places of the Holy Land and all Christians of the world. It is the main source of sustenance for life around the Holy Places, and is also the tool through which the Custody of the Holy Land is able to sustain and carry forward the important mission to which it is called: to preserve the holy places, the stones of memory, and to favour the Christian presence, the living stones of the Holy Land, through many activities of solidarity such as the maintenance of pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social structures. You can make a donation to this collection at any time this Easter week, by putting your offering through the letterbox at the Parish Centre.

Diocesan Fairtrade Group

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is a Fairtrade Diocese - 50% of our churches are certificated as meeting the Fairtrade Foundation's criteria for Fairtrade churches and agree to use products with the FAIRTRADE mark. The A&B Fairtrade Group ensures that goals continue to be met and aims to raise awareness about Fairtrade labelled products - including those sold by Traidcraft - which support fair terms of trade, decent working conditions and local sustainability for farmers and producers in the developing world. The Group needs more members from across the Diocese and would welcome enquiries from interested people. The Group meets three times a year. Please contact Sue Joy, Convenor. email: SusanJoy471@hotmail.com 01342 835190.

Sharing our online Celebration

Are you confident with technology, or at ease with PowerPoint and Zoom? Are you looking for a way to serve your parish community? We're looking for people - such as you - to help our community stay connected. You could help set up the tech in Church on a Sunday morning, or run the programmes that support our online Masses. If you'd like to know more, please speak to Fr Chris or contact David Beresford through the Parish Office. We'd be delighted to hear from you!

Helping Others Join in the Sunday Mass

Many thanks to those parishioners who have volunteered to help others share in our Sunday Mass by 'phone since Lockdown 1.0 and continue to help those unable to access Mass through the parish website. This is enabling people to share the Mass with each other and with the community.

If you know of any parishioner who could benefit from this or would like to volunteer, please contact Margaret Fraher on 07971 460331. If you prefer to phone in direct to hear the Mass simply ring 0203 901 7895, tap in the Meeting ID: 842 8938 4643, and you'll be able to hear all of Sunday's Mass from 10am (calls charged at the standard rate).

Planning a Baptism?

Parents wishing to have their children baptised, are required to attend a preparation meeting. To register please ring Angela on **07760 224302**