



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

4th February 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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My Journey in Faith – The best step I've taken!

In this series, we invite parishioners to give a testimony about their journey of faith or an important moment on that journey. Here Jo Wilkinson describes her journey into the Catholic Church; how it came about, who she met on the road, and what it means to her.

I had always been a Christian, being brought up in a religious family, attending church every Sunday and a Church of England school, but I had never questioned my faith, what I believed and why, or shared my thoughts with my family and friends.

After a period of bereavement and doubt I realised I needed more from my faith and prayed that God would show me the way. Attending daily Catholic mass with the residents at St Joseph's where I work, I felt a strength I had not experienced before and a voice calling me inviting me to take another path. I spoke to the Mother General and a friend about becoming a Catholic. They were very encouraging and delighted to help and a meeting was arranged with Father Chris at Our Lady of Sorrows. Nervously I arrived convinced Father would say I was not good enough to become a Catholic but far from it. By the end of the day I had enrolled on an Alpha and Emmaus course and my life changed. Alpha gave me the courage to talk about my beliefs and doubts and how to pray and worship with others. Emmaus was a wonderful experience of learning about the Catholic faith and beliefs. In both I found friends and inspiration to continue my journey.

I became a Catholic at Easter last year, welcomed every time by the people of Our Lady Of Sorrows and my faith continues to grow every day. I love worshipping there and embrace being part of the welcoming group inviting people into this great community. My faith has become so much a part of my life. Not just a Sunday visit but a daily surprise and thank you for all the treasures God has sent me. I love to share my gift with everyone around me and say to others, take the journey it is the best I have taken.

Saturday 3rd		
St Richard's	9.30am	Lioncyte Zablockiene RIP
OLOS	6pm	Pat Robinson RIP
Sunday 4th		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	James Patrick Roohan RIP James & Margaret Roohan RIP
Monday 5th		St Agatha
OLOS	10am	Wellbeing of Paula Rathke
Tuesday 6th		St Paul Miki & Companions
OLOS	10am	Requiem: Gill Chapman RIP
Wednesday 7th		
OLOS	10am	Alan Heycock RIP Anniversary
Thursday 8th		
OLOS	10am	<i>No Mass</i>
Friday 9th		
OLOS	10am	Isabella O'Loughlin RIP
Saturday 10th		St Scholastica
St Richard's	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
OLOS	6pm	Henry McGarry RIP Anniversary
Sunday 11th		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Manch & Iris Taylor RIP

Requiem in Aeternum



Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Ann Gorton, Lucy Anne Sallis, Christine Snow, Paul Slater, Peter Oates, Harold Green, Margaret Coneys, Hannah Allen, James Roohan, Noola Thorp, Brendan Tully, Winifride Bonnar, Brenda Thorpe, Dennis Northern, Dawn Holmes, Philip Haggar, Sr Matthew Kinsella, John French, Samuel Essen, Joan Westbury, Anne Godenzi, June Sturridge, Rita Aalen, Margaret O'Connor

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:
Deidre Sobey, Nuala Lesbinel, Taylor Harwood, Theresa Neill, Val Warner, Julian L, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Paula Rathke, 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

Forthcoming Funerals

**Our Lady of Sorrows
 Gill Chapman RIP**

Tuesday 6th February at 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.

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	

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.

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.

Mother Goose

The Parish Pantomime Group are excited to announce details of their next show, Mother Goose, starring: Tony Lucas as Mother Goose, Peter Edgington as her husband Colin, and Fr. Chris as one of the dastardly bailiffs plus many others, young and not so young, from the Parish.

The aim when we began 26 years ago was to draw people together of all ages from across the Parish for a joyful occasion in the winter months. Our purpose today has not changed; we warmly invite everyone to join us on:

Thursday 15th February at 7.30pm

Friday 16th February at 7.30pm

Saturday 18th February 2.00pm and 7.30pm

Tickets are £5.00 each on sale after Masses from next weekend. Proceeds to Parish Funds.

My Future Care

There will be a second opportunity to attend a coffee morning about 'My Future Care' and receive a free copy of the handbook in the parish centre after morning mass on Wednesday 7th February. People attending the first event found it very helpful to think about how they will preserve their independence as they get older and to support older family members or friends to plan for their own futures. Most of us don't have these conversations until we get to an age where we wish we had talked about it sooner. Further information is available in the Our Lady of Sorrows porch or from Peter Loose at peter@35007.co.uk or 07963 379879.

Thank you!

The Cafod Team would like to thank the Parish for the very generous donation of wool, cottons, needles, paper patterns, sewing machines etc to their collection for Tools with a Mission. These have all now been collected to be sorted for shipping and will all go to help people to get work on the missions.



St Philip Howard

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St Philip Howard Catholic School is currently recruiting for Exam Invigilators to join our exams team. This is a flexible role that provides full training and the opportunity to join a friendly and supportive team. Visit the vacancies page on our website to learn more about the role and method of application: www.sphcs.co.uk.

Come back to me... Lenten Taizé Service

Ecumenical Prayer Service with music from Taizé, Sunday 25th February, 4pm Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church, Fairfield Road, Bosham PO18 8JH. All are welcome to come together as one community, in a spirit of unity, for prayer and fellowship. Refreshments will be available after the service.

Creating a Safer Environment training sessions (all on Zoom)

If you are a Group Leader or a Coordinator of activities in the Parish, you need to know the elements of our Creating a Safer Environment Policy and training for this is on the following dates and times:

Thursday 29th February 11:00-12:30

Thursday 14th March 14:00-15:30

Wednesday 20th March 19:00-20:30

To register email: Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk.

Arundel & Brighton Diocese 50th Anniversary Lourdes pilgrimage applications are now open!

2024's pilgrimage will mark both the 50th Anniversary of the diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage and the 20th Anniversary of our Redshirts youth programme, both of which have helped so many people encounter God's love. To make your application please visit www.abdiocese.org.uk

Homes for Ukraine

Caritas working in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services have successfully matched 132 Ukrainian guests with hosts across the country since the programme's inception. Nearly two years since the invasion of Ukraine, the number of those still wishing to evacuate and find refuge in the UK remains high. In addition to matching hosts with guests the project has expanded to assist Ukrainians in the UK to find private rented accommodation at the end of their hosting period. The programme has now been extended to March 2024, if you can help please visit www.sjog.uk for more information.

Your prayers are also asked for Ukraine and Prayer Cards are now available in the churches.

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, 14th February - Masses in Our Lady of Sorrows 10am and 7.30pm

Mondays during Lent - St Anthony's 3pm, Stations of the Cross.

Thursdays during Lent - St Richard's 11am, Stations of the Cross followed by soup lunch in aid of Stonepillow.

Fridays during Lent - Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Sorrows 11am, Mass 11.45am followed by an austerity lunch in aid of CAFOD.

Invited! Season 4 - Discipleship

The fourth year of the Diocesan mission "Invited" takes place during Lent this year. Following the same format as before, you are invited to join on Tuesday mornings after Mass at St Anthony's or Wednesday evenings (7pm) in the parish centre to watch the weekly video and join a small group reflection and discussion. Alternatively, you can view the video at home in your own time and join the Diocesan conversation over zoom on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Numbers steadily increased during season 3 in Advent. New participants and returners will be equally welcome. Further details in the porch or at www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited.

In thanksgiving for the Servites

On Friday 2nd February, six of the Servite sisters moved from St Juliana's to new accommodation in Norden House, Crookthorn Lane, Climping, Littlehampton, BN17 5SN and our prayers and best wishes go with them as they make this move. As we pray for the sisters, so we thank God for their ministry and witness – and that of the whole Servite family – in this parish over very many years.

Offertory Collections January

Offertory Plate Collections	£2256.12
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 559.00
Bankers Orders	£6053.50
Contactless Machines	£ 252.00
CAF donations	£ 45.00
	£9265.62

Special Collections

Christians in the Holy Land	£1040.12
Pax Christi	£ 229.61
White Flower Appeal	£ 433.00
Racial Justice	£ 250.50

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.