



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

4th May 2025 - Third Sunday of Easter - Year C

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Our Churches

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Mary – the first disciple

During May, we traditionally reflect on Mary and her role in our salvation. We honour her as the Mother of God and our mother. There are two phrases, that Mary speaks which guide us as followers of Jesus. The first is her response to the declaration of Gabriel, when she is told that she is going to carry Jesus, God in human form, in her womb. This teenage girl responds, "Be it done unto me, according to your will." This is a remarkable statement of faith and trust. She knows that God is good, that God is love and that God is faithful. She knows and declares that saying yes to God is the best way to live. As followers of Jesus, we are invited to respond likewise; to trust in God's grace and mercy, and to trust that God calls each of us to bring Christ to birth in the world.

The second phrase is heard at the wedding at Cana, where she has noticed a problem, she tells Jesus about it and then trusts that He will respond. She turns to the servants and says, "Do whatever he tells you." As followers of Jesus, we need to encourage and challenge each other (other followers of Jesus) to do exactly this. I need you to encourage me in my walk as a Christian. We need each other. Do you know what God has been saying to those alongside you? Are you able to offer words of encouragement and challenge to other members of our parish? Have you told anybody else in our parish about your struggles and successes in walking as a follower of Jesus?

Together we are the very Body of Christ, we need each other. We need to witness to each other our own expressions of faith and we need to respond to each other's witnessing. Then together, we can share that love with those around us and invite them into our family.

David Beresford - Parish Leadership Team

Saturday 3rd May		St Philip & St James	
St Richard's	9.30am	Basil Mills RIP	
OLOS	6pm	A.G. & Yvonne Cooper RIP	
Sunday 4th		Third Sunday of Easter	
OLOS	9am	Intentions of Patricia Hutchinson	
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish	
Monday 5th			
OLOS	10am	Jackie Kelly RIP	
Tuesday 6th			
St Anthony's	9.30am	Michael Ringrose RIP	
Wednesday 7th			
OLOS	10am	Rosa McGarry RIP Anniversary	
Thursday 8th		Masses & Adoration for the Intentions of the Conclave	
OLOS	9am	Mass in Polish	
OLOS 10am to 6.30pm		Adoration	
OLOS	6.30pm	Vespers & Mass in English	
Friday 9th			
OLOS	10am	Cliff Liu RIP Anniversary	
Saturday 10th			
OLOS	10am	Basil Mills RIP	
OLOS	6pm	Maureen Collins RIP	
Sunday 11th		Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday	
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish	
OLOS	11am	Neil Evans RIP Anniversary	

Masses in Polish

Saturday 6pm St Anthony's
Sunday 9am St Anthony's 4pm Our Lady of Sorrows

Morning & Evening Prayer

Where possible Morning & Evening Prayer will be offered in the half hour before Weekday Masses in Our Lady of Sorrows.

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.

Requiem in Aeternum



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

Joseph Schlanek RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Irmgarde Blackamore, Angela Clover, Judy Eade, Kathleen Fisher, Cliff Liu

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:

Edward Earl, Jill Taylor, Hilary Ceppa, Teresa Willcocks, Kath Stimpson, Lucia Elsom, Mo Moore, Janet Smith, Baby Elliott, Paula Rathke, 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

Is available after weekday Masses at Our Lady of Sorrows and in the half hour before the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Or, by appointment.
 Tel: 01243 823619

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr David
 Tel 01243 823619

Rosary - Lady Chapel

Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesdays after 10am Mass

**Adoration and Rosary -
St Richard's**

Wednesdays 9.30am to 10.30am

Adoration - St Anthony's

Thursdays 11.30am to 12.30am

**Adoration Lady Chapel Our Lady
of Sorrows**

*Please note there will be no Adoration
on Friday 9th May*

**Second Collection next weekend
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

For the Education of future Priests. This collection can also be Gift Aided.

Dear Sisters and Brothers

Well, they say a week is a long time in politics but I think it's also true of life in the Church. Even though we knew Pope Francis was unwell and growing weak none of us can have predicted that he would Passover to the Father's house on Easter Monday. And then there was all the preparations for his funeral which was truly beautiful - solemn and yet joyful, full of thanksgiving and hope. And now, this very week the Cardinals will be gathering for the conclave to decide on the next Pope to lead the Catholic Church.

We must pray that each and every one of the cardinals will be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and choose a man truly worthy and willing for the task. It's a huge burden to place on anyone's shoulders but Pope Saint John Paul II and Benedict XVI, before he resigned, showed that it can be done and Francis embraced the task with infectious joy and faith. By next Sunday we must hope that we will be discovering all about a man we, perhaps, know little about.

Will you join me in a day of prayer to 'cover' the conclave in prayer this Thursday? Starting with Polish Mass at 9am and continuing with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day we will close with Vespers and Mass in English at 7pm. You can come for an hour, or a portion and then go about your other daily tasks but it would be wonderful to have a good response to this prayerful work.

One of the other things I'd like to talk to you about is volunteering



Church communities tend to get by with too few volunteers and people are often put off volunteering because they can see how hard these people work. But. What if we had many more volunteers? Then each person would have only a much smaller commitment and the tasks wouldn't be so arduous. I shall be approaching some worthy people about becoming Ministers of Holy Communion but, at Mass we also need welcomers, readers, musicians and singers, people to take the collection baskets, people to clean the church and polish her brassy bits, people

to help cook the much appreciated breakfasts and so on. Could you help? If everyone contributed some of their spare time we would be overwhelmed with help, but, as it is, too few people work too hard too much of the time. Please pray about this and offer yourselves. Your Church needs you!

With love and prayers

Fr David Benedict



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 7th May 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!



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 8th June 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!**

Second Collection this weekend - Fundraising for Uganda Hands of Hope

My name is Cerys Dickinson and I am going to Uganda in May to volunteer for a small charity: Uganda Hands For Hope, that was set up over 20 years by a parishioner of Arundel & Brighton Diocese. I am funding the cost of the trip myself but would really like to raise some money for the charity. The charity works with children and families from the Namuwongo slum in Kampala. The charity has grown to now provide a school for over 350 children of all ages, and provides education and food to children attending as well as support to their families. The charity has also grown in its understanding of the most sustainable and empowering way to provide assistance and education to children and to support their families out of poverty. As a small charity the money donated goes to directly fund the school and outreach programme. There is a waiting list of children to join the school and one of the best ways to donate is to sponsor a child if you are able. For £25 a month the child receives, education, healthcare and two meals a day. Details are on the website Uganda Hands for Hope ugandahandsforhope.org

Donations can be made in the baskets or contactless machines or directly on the fundraising link <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/raising-money-for-uganda-hands-for-hope> Thank you for anything you are able to give.

Redshirts/Purpleshirts Fundraising

Knights of St Columba Quiz Night - Saturday 10th May, starting at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Thank you to all of the parishioners who have supported our fundraising efforts towards the Redshirts/Purpleshirts Lourdes 2025 pilgrimage so far!

Come on your own or with a team for an evening of fun, competition and food. A light supper will be provided but please bring your drinks. Tickets cost £5 and will be on sale after Sunday Masses. A raffle will be organised at £1 a ticket.

Cake Sale - Sunday 11th May after the 9am and 11am Masses.

A Live Simply Parish Event

The CAFOD team invite you to the Annual Plant Sale to be held in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday, 1st June**, together with a Cake Sale and Raffle. This is always an interesting event which brings people from different ages, together in community while reaching out to others in the world who need our love and help.

Donations of plants (annuals, perennials, vegetables etc.), cakes, and raffle prizes will be received with gratitude. Thank you in advance. Donations can be brought to the Parish Centre on Saturday 31st May between 2.30pm and 6pm. For more information please contact Gabrielle 07736 814364

St Anthony's May Fayre—17th May, 10.30am to 12.30pm

There will be a Raffle, Bric a Brac, Plants, Books, Cakes, Jewellery, Gifts, Toys and Games and much more for sale. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be served. All are welcome.

Join us for a Pentecost retreat
Friday 6th - Sunday 8th June 2025
St Bruno's, Worth Abbey



"Something from the Spirit can be seen in each person, to help everyone." 1 Cor 12:7

An accessible retreat led by Emily Hollins (LCSB), including drama, music and praying with images. The cost for the weekend is £195 (£150 subsidised) This is a fully accessible event and tickets can be booked using the following link: : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lcsb-pentecost-retreat-worth-abbey-6th-to-8th-june-2025-registration-1310681807569>

For more information and day visitor rates please Email eventsandfinance@lcsb.org.uk

Gift Aid Envelopes 2025 - 2026 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.