



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

5th April 2026 - Easter Sunday - Year A

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Monthly Reflection across the Deanery

Dear Sisters and Brothers

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

I write this a little before Holy Week due to time and printing constraints. So, I'm "looking forward" somewhat. But that's OK as I've set my sights, and I'm focussing on the Day which gives shape to each and every Sunday: Easter Day. I'm reminded as I do this of two things. The first comes from the words of the Creed where we say: I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

We do indeed, all of us, "look forward" in the sense that we look towards the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to return in glory and awaken all the dead - some to judgement and others to eternal life. We do our level best to ensure that on that day our Lord will say "Well done good and faithful servant." We are people who live always in hope.

To help us in that quest we have the Holy Spirit of the risen Lord always at hand, dwelling within us. That quote from the Creed is tied to the confession of one Baptism and through our baptism we can say with St. Paul that we: "... have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory."

Brothers and Sisters, our new life has already begun; it is both now, and not yet. It is within us and to be looked forward to. As baptised Christians we have the enormous privilege of living Easter Day each and every day. So let us be an Easter people and may Alleluia be our song!

With mine and all your clergy's fondest prayers and best wishes.

Fr David Benedict Osborne

Saturday 4th April		Holy Saturday
OLOS	10am	Morning Prayer
OLOS	8pm*	The Solemn Vigil of Easter
Sunday 5th		Easter Sunday
OLOS	9am*	Ian Wood RIP
OLOS	11am*	People of the Parish
Monday 6th		
OLOS	10am*	Mass for the Election of a Bishop
Tuesday 7th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday 8th		
OLOS	10am*	Lucy Stock RIP Anniversary
Thursday 9th		
OLOS	7pm	Intentions of the Priest
Friday 10th		
OLOS	10am*	David Shimell RIP
Saturday 11th		
St Richard's	9.30am	Clarita Geoghegan RIP
OLOS	6pm	Frances Dunne RIP Anniversary
Sunday 12th		Second Sunday of Easter
OLOS	9am*	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am*	Derek Smith RIP

*These Masses will be livestreamed on the parish website
www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk

Masses in Polish

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

Mondays after 10am Mass

Prayers in honour of St Peregrine - Patron Saint of Cancer

Adoration Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesdays after 10am Mass until 11.30am

Adoration and Rosary - St Richard's

Wednesdays 9.30am to 10.30am

Adoration - St Anthony's

Thursdays 11.30am to 12.30pm

Rosary - Lady Chapel Our Lady of Sorrows

Fridays after 10am Mass

Requiem in Aeternum



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

Peter Fraher RIP

Mary Kershaw RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Anne Hawksey, Lucy Stock, Sheila O'Rourke, Mike Frears, Joyce Burns, Ellie Maxwell, David Timlin, Elizabeth Lavelle, David Andrews, Ray Pinkney, Ellen Carroll, Sr Christine Reilley osm

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:

Maggie Stevens, Vivi Brooks, Peter McKay, Pete Snook, Bridget Orfelia, Peter Brook, Fr Sebastian Paul, Dexter Greenwood, Joan Sheilds, Arthur Wicks, Edward Earl, Hilary Ceppa, Teresa Willcocks, Lucia Elsom, Mo Moore, Janet Smith, Baby Elliott, Paula Rathke

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.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr David
 Tel 01243 823619

Adoration

During time spent in the presence of the Lord your prayers are particularly asked for an end to the continuing conflict in the Middle East, Ukraine and in so many other places around the world.

Please also pray for those discerning the vocation of priesthood.

Forthcoming Funerals

Our Lady of Sorrows

John James Fitzgibbon RIP

Monday 13th April, 11am

Please pass these details to anyone who might like to hear so that all who wish may gather to pray.

Easter Offering to the Priest

The Easter collections can be Gift Aided either on the contactless machines or using the envelopes provided at the front of the church.



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 15th 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!

'The Promise of the Father'

The A&B CDSC Team invite you to 'The Promise of the Father', joining with Catholics from across the Diocese in a series of seven seminars to help us to grow our lives in the Holy Spirit. Running weekly from Tuesday April 14th at 7.30pm, the course is based at St. Josephs, Redhill, but to widen availability there are two further options. Individuals or families can join on-line from home or, if you would prefer to share face to face with others, attend a Parish Hub. The closest of these will be at St Mary of the Angels, Crescent Street, Worthing BN11 1RQ.

For more details and to register see <http://www.abcharismatic.org/the-promise-of-the-father-2026> and posters in Our Lady of Sorrows or call Mike O'Brien 01243936310

Are you dealing with a bereavement? Or with another significant loss in your life? And would you like some support? The Parish Ministry of consolation team invite you to drop in to the Parish Centre for some chat, some prayer, and some refreshment, from **6pm on Thursday 9th April** (We will finish in time for Mass at 7pm).

Youthscape youth ministry training, Saturday 18th April, Saturday 16th May and Saturday 13th June - three full in person days at The Franciscan Centre Ladywell, Ashstead Lane, Godalming, Surrey, England GU7 - cost £75

An innovative Youth Ministry training course led by our Diocesan Youth team and The Franciscan Centre team for anyone who works with Young People and Young Adults, including chaplains, catechists or those running (or planning to run) youth groups. Attendance at all three days is necessary.

The sessions include up to date insights about young people to help you to understand and minister to them more effectively, skill builders to help increase your confidence when working with young people, and character development opportunities where we reflect on scripture to conform ourselves more closely to Christ. The overall course cost of £75 covers the cost of cooked lunch, tea and coffee and the official Youthscape course workbook for all three days. Sign up for the course through the Diocesan website events page [Youthscape Essentials training \(18-Apr-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you have any questions, please contact Bex Driver, Youth Project Officer E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk

Nick Webber Trust is overwhelmed by the continuing generosity of the St Anthony's congregation, with their recent donation of £1,000. Supporter are aware that for many years now the Nick Webber Trust has been paying boarding school fees for 'street kids' through a wonderful organisation run by the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa. Our support has recently been extended to the construction of a borehole on their property, thus guaranteeing a sufficient clean, and free, supply of water for the children. The total cost is £10,000, so, St Anthony's, your money will not be wasted.

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.

Thank you to all those who attended the Cafod Lent lunches at OLOS and St Anthony's, raising £337.19 at OLOS and £170 at St Anthony's. It was lovely to build community within the Parish while reaching out to those in need. Thank you to the many soup makers and providers of bread, those who set up and helped clear up, our quiz master and Oakmere's for the prize. (St Anthony's).

Our Lady of Sorrows Car Park

Due to ongoing water ingress in the church, scaffolding will be in place for a number of weeks in order to undertake works and inspections of the church roof. This will further limit the number of parking spaces available to 16. If you are able, could parishioners please use the on-street parking or the Lyon Street car park which operates the 2 hour disc parking in order to leave the spaces available for the use of those with restricted mobility and disabilities.

Grandparents' Formation day, Thursday 23 rdApril 10-4pm St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham

Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: davidwellslive.com To register, go to the events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Mental Health Awareness training Saturday 9 May 2026 10-3pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley Tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120)

One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. Thanks to the support of the trainer, we are able to highly subsidise the event. To register go to the events page of the Diocesan website www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about this course, do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Gift Aid Envelopes - For the Tax Year 2026-2027 are now available for collection from the Parish shop or office, the first eligible collection for the new tax year is the weekend of 12th April. Thank you to all who donate this way. If you are a tax payer and wish to donate by weekly envelope, please contact the parish office.

Offertory Collections February

Offertory Plate Collections	£1,984.22
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 680.13
Bankers Orders	£5,265.00
Contactless Machines	£ 526.00
CAF donations	<u>£ 25.00</u>
	£8,480.35

Second Collection

Lourdes Appeal	£850.40
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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. Since January we have received £18,385 in Gift Aid 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. If you have any queries please do contact the Parish office.