



# The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

5th November 2023 - Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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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

## Catholic Schools

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## November: Month of the Holy Souls - Praying for those who have died

This November, there are several ways in which we are invited to pray for the Holy Souls: the souls of our families, friends, and parishioners who have died. We began at the beginning of the month with the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls. These are days in which our focus is on the holiness of God and its place in our lives and in the lives of our brothers and sisters in faith. Each one of us is a work in progress as we journey in faith, remembering, as St Paul says, that *our true home is in heaven* (Phil 3:20). This Sunday, we will celebrate the annual blessing of graves at Chalcraft Lane and Town Cross Cemeteries. The blessing of the mortal remains of our loved ones is an expression of our love for them. Our bodies are good, they are gifts of God; an important part of the way we relate to each other in this world is through our bodies. After the death of a loved one, we continue to honour their physical remains even as we await the resurrection, and a joyful reunion with them in Christ.

And this is, of course, why we pray for the dead. In prayer for the repose of their souls, we're not simply asking for rest after the weariness of this world. To rest in God is to be with him, and we know this is God's will for us in Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. When Jesus calls disciples, he calls them to *be with him*, not just for training, but because he wants us to share in the very life of God, to root every aspect of our being in his life and love. And this love is perfect. Jesus says, *love one another as I have loved you*. So our prayer for each other - and for those who have died - is that our love becomes more and more perfect, purged of all that limits our love, and blessed with all that brings us closer to God. Whilst on earth, this purification is known as conversion; after our death, this purification is the Church's teaching on Purgatory; and the purpose of both is to prepare us for the amazing joy and richness of *being with* God is heaven. Let us encourage each other in prayer for the Holy Souls - may they rest in peace, resting in Christ.

*Fr Chris.*

<b>Saturday 4th</b>	<b>St Charles Borromeo</b>	
St Richard's	9.30am	Lorraine Dent RIP
OLOS	6pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	<b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
OLOS	9am	Rachel Moore RIP
OLOS	11am	Neil Evans RIP
<b>Monday 6th</b>		
OLOS	10am	Romeo Johnson RIP Anniversary
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Catherine & Harold West RIP
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>		
OLOS	10am	Colin Lord RIP Anniversary
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	<b>Consecration of the Lateran Basilica</b>	
OLOS	10am	<i>No Mass</i>
<b>Friday 10th</b>	<b>St Leo the Great</b>	
OLOS	10am	Myrtle & Joe Alvarez RIP
<b>Saturday 11th</b>	<b>St Martin of Tours</b>	
St Richard's	9.30am	Hugh Thomas RIP
OLOS	6pm	Sandra Rose Vaz RIP
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	John French 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:

**Michael Willcocks, Teresa Ferris, Sr Mary Peter, Antoinetta Wade, Billy McMahon, Jane Buckland, John Tyler, Stuart Hillier, Jean Green, Julie Gilbert, Frank O'Kelly, Mary Ellen Honlihan, Kathleen Chalk, Alphon Booth**

***Prayers For The Sick***

Your prayers are asked for:

**Val Warner, Julian L, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Pat Robinson, Paula Rathke, Rosemary Stride, 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



**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.

**Second Collection this weekend Retired Priests' Fund**

This collection can be Gift Aided using Gift Aid envelopes or on the contactless machines.

**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 11am - 12 noon

**Adoration - St Anthony's**

Thursdays 11.30am to 12.30am

**Adoration - Our Lady of Sorrows**

Fridays after 10am Mass

## 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.

## November - Month of the Holy Souls

**Blessing of the Graves, Sunday 5th November** - 2pm Chalcraft Lane, 3pm Town Cross.

**Mass for the Bereaved, Saturday 25th November 10am, Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Prayer Cards for the faithful departed** will be available in the churches, please write the name(s) of those you wish to be included in our prayers in the month of November and place in the basket on the altar.

## Memorial to Children Lost before Birth Sunday 5th November at 3pm Arundel Catholic Cemetery

Prayers will be said during the Blessing of the Graves for all children who died before birth and their families.

## Peace Walk - Sunday 5th November at 2.30pm

Bognor Quakers are leading a Peace Walk to help us reflect on peace in a troubled world. It will start from Bognor Quaker Meeting House (6 Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis PO21 2RJ) and walk to the Town Hall and back again - approximately two miles - with a mix of poetry, appreciation of nature, questions and a little local history along the way. Tea and coffee will be available in the Meeting House for those that want to stay on afterwards.

It is open to anyone who wants to come and there is no need to reserve a place. If you have any questions please contact Chris Bemrose on [chrisbemrose@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbemrose@gmail.com) or 07910 130415

## Supporting Young People in Faith

Pope Francis has said that we are living not so much in an era of change but in a change of era. What does this look like, particularly when we think about the development and growth in faith of our young people / teenagers? What are the challenges they face? What are the opportunities for witness and support we can offer - as families and as a parish community, and what help might we need to do this? Where does the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation fit into all this? To reflect on these questions, there will be a gathering on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm**, in the Parish Centre for young people and their parents / carers. Lizzie Wakeling, Diocesan Youth Adviser has kindly agreed to join us to help us reflect and give us an insight into how other parishes around the Diocese are meeting this challenge.

**Thank you!** The Parish Anti-Slavery Group would like to thank all those Parishioners who attended the Anti-Slavery talk on the 23rd October and the Fundraising Meal on the 27th October. We were able to donate £420 to the Anti-Slavery charity which increases awareness and supports victims. A very big thank you to you all!

**DESSERT ISLAND DISCS - St Richard's on Friday Nov 10th** at 6pm. You are warmly invited to come along to enjoy the chosen music and story of a parishioner, (and no that's not a typo, we will of course have a shared supper first and this is the "afters"). Do join us for another entertaining evening. If you can, bring some food or drink to share.

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School - Open Afternoon 7th November at 2pm

All prospective parents and carers of children due to start school in September 2024 are invited to come and view our wonderful school. We look forward to meeting you at our open afternoon or by appointment. Please book your place with the school office on 01243 822287 or email [office@stmarysbognor.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysbognor.co.uk)

### **Arundel & Brighton Lighthouse**

You are invited to an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Reconciliation, Holy Mass, Prayer Ministry, Teaching and Fellowship at St. Wilfrid's School, St. Wilfrid's Way, Old Horsham Road, Crawley RH11 8PG on Saturday 11th November from 14.30 until 18.30. This is the first Lighthouse event to be organised by the Arundel and Brighton Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion and is a great opportunity for parishioners from across the Diocese to join together in celebration. All are welcome.

For more details see posters in our churches or email [dabcdsc@gmail.com](mailto:dabcdsc@gmail.com).

### **St Anthony's Christmas Fayre**

St Anthony's will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December. We would appreciate donations of Raffle Prizes, Cakes, Books, Jewellery, Gifts, Toys and Games. Donations can be left at the Parish Centre or at St Anthony's, Rose Green.

### **Parents Connect**

Are you a parent who would relish the opportunity to socialise, reflect, and pray with other parents in an atmosphere of welcome, and support in faith? Then this invitation is for you! A couple of times per term a group of parents meet in the Parish Centre, and the next meeting will be on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, 7.30pm-9pm. No need to sign up, but do put the date in the diary as a blessing for yourself and your family, and we look forward to seeing you.

### **Taizé Service - 'Remember I am with you always...'**

**Sunday 19th November** at 4pm, Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church, Fairfield Road, Bosham PO18 8JH. Light a candle and pray for the bereaved and those we have lost with music from Taizé. Fr David Murphy will give the blessing and there will be refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

### **Severe Weather Emergency Provision (SWEP)**

Over the winter period, the Parish Centre will be used by Arun District Council in their support of vulnerable people during severe weather, beginning last Wednesday during storm Ciaran. Essentially this means a place to sleep, with the availability of hot drinks, and people on hand to offer help and advice. (Meals are offered at Glenlogie next door.) This support is managed by the local charities Stonepillow ([admin@stonepillow.org.uk](mailto:admin@stonepillow.org.uk) / 01243 537934) and Turning Tides ([info@turning-tides.org.uk](mailto:info@turning-tides.org.uk) / 01903 680740) If you would like to support these charities, please contact them direct to find out how best you can offer help, and please keep everyone involved in your prayers.

### **Pro-Life Group**

The next meeting for the group in this area will be on Monday 13th November at 7pm in the Parish Room at St Richard's Church, Cawley Road, Chichester. All are welcome. Please contact Maria on 01903 413606 with any queries.

### **The Southwark Brethren**

The charity known as 'The Southwark Brethern', is now known as Southwark and Arundel & Brighton Brethren CIO. Our aims have grown and we now support all priests working or retired. Often medical needs present themselves which are varied and complex and which cannot always be supplied by the diocese or the priest himself, and so today we ask for your generous support to continue our work for priests in whichever way is needed.

If you can help please send a donation in one of the following ways: Cheques payable to SOUTHWARK ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON CIO can be sent to *3 Birch Way, Warlingham CR6 9DA*; or by Standing Order by contacting Frederika or Fr Paul Hough on 07939 654522 and we will send you account details. If you pay tax and wish to support with Gift Aid, or maybe you would like to remember us in your Will, please feel free to contact us regarding this and the appropriate form will be sent to you. Thank you for your support.