



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

5th September 2021 - Twenty Third Sunday - Year B

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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

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We need your prayers!

Over the next few weeks the Alpha Core leadership team, and a group of people who have taken part in the Alpha course in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish over the last 5 years, will be meeting to discern with the help of the Holy Spirit where we think we are being called to use Alpha in our parish going forward.

Many parishioners have taken part in the course and have benefitted from going back to the fundamentals of our Christian faith, small group discussions, and the sense of community and shared humanity that we experienced journeying together over the 15 or so weeks the course takes place. We also were able to host our first Alpha on Zoom this year, welcoming a slightly different group including pilgrims who came to us from other parts of the country and even from Europe.

We now dream of extending the invitation to "come and see" to people who may be more at the margins of a faith journey. Alpha is designed to be the starting point of a journey of faith and we hope that it may be a way of extending the hand of friendship and community from our parish out into the local community.

Above all, we need your prayers. Please take time to support us with your prayers as we meet in the coming months. If you have been a part of Alpha and would like to take part in this process of discernment, do get in touch with Liz at alphabognor@gmail.com and she will ensure you get all the details. Thank you for all your support as we move forward on the Alpha journey.

The Alpha Team

Saturday 4th		
OLOS	10am	Wellbeing of Adam Fil
OLOS	5.15pm	Frank Andrews RIP
Sunday 5th		
Twenty Third Sunday		
OLOS	8am	Anne Kelly RIP
St Richard's	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	10am	Anthony Cox RIP Anniversary
St Anthony's	11am	Kathleen & John Eagle RIP
OLOS	6pm	Win & Jim Corbett RIP
Monday 6th		
St Mary's	9.30am	Priest's Intentions
OLOS	10am	Priest's Intentions
Tuesday 7th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Priest's Intentions
OLOS	10am	Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 8th		
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
OLOS	10am	Suzanne Ginty RIP
Thursday 9th		
OLOS	10am	Tom Humphreys RIP
Friday 10th		
OLOS	9.30am	David Lawson RIP
Saturday 11th		
OLOS	10am	Priest's Intentions
OLOS	5.15pm	John Ambrose RIP
Sunday 12th		
Twenty Fourth Sunday		
OLOS	8am	People of the Parish
St Richard's	9am	Priest's Intentions
OLOS	10am	Priest's Intentions
St Anthony's	11am	Elsie & William Chapman RIP
OLOS	6pm	Priest's Intentions

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday **10.30am - 11am**
 or by appointment.

Requiem in Aeternum

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

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:-
Peg Kimber, John Goldsmith, Frederick Stevens, Win Corbett, Sharon Fryer, Mary Brett, Tom Humphreys, Tess Smith, Ran Banton, Johanna Rose Sullivan

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for
Kathleen O'Gorman, Theresa McCaffie, Mary McGuire, Peter Bardin, Jane Hazelgrove, Brenda Cremen, Lyn Saunders, Tina Miles, Jo Oates, Peggy Lennon, Theresa Mulvaney, Richard Hazelgrove, Jo Cowie, Mary Gabrielle Gregory, Patrick Dwyer, Trish & Don Osborne, Sarah Crossley, John Carr, Arthur Wicks, Moira Deefholts, Susanne Tidmas-Cole, Michael Willcocks, Teresa Sweeney, Paris Stevens, Margaret Grace
Please contact the Parish Office for anyone you wish to be included in our Prayers.

Adoration

 Fridays after 10am Mass in Our Lady of Sorrows until 2pm
Could you come and spend one hour with the Lord to pray for the needs of our parish, our community and the world. To spend time with Jesus...
We'd like to increase the number of people who commit to this prayer ministry - we're looking especially for more people between 11am and 1pm.
If you could help please email Charles Yarham rooksfold@btinternet.com or telephone 01243 582908.

 **Baptisms this Week**
Our Lady of Sorrows
 Sunday 5th September at 12 noon
Emily Samways-Court

Let's make a journey together!

The motif of the journey is a thread that runs throughout the Bible. Think of Abraham who was called by God to journey to an unknown land, but the call had a great promise attached; or think of Moses who lead the people of Israel on a journey from slavery in Egypt towards the freedom of the promised land; or of Joseph and Mary making their way to Bethlehem – not a journey of their choosing, and with Our Lady pregnant. Think of Jesus, who on his journeys taught and healed, and who, after the resurrection accompanied the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We remember, too, that Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to accompany and guide the community of the Church as it sets out on mission.

The key features of these journeys can be found, to some degree or other, reflected in our own personal journeys of faith, or we see them in our experience of the last year or so, and they can be seen also in the journey we will continue to make as we come out of lockdown and the restrictions on our personal lives, and our parish life are lifted.

So we'd like to invite you to come on a journey as, together, we reflect on what it means to be followers of Jesus in this part of the world, and at this, post-pandemic, time. Let's make this journey into the immediate future with hope, knowing that in all the Bible journeys, God was present, guiding and providing, and as he will for us.

This invitation to journey is also opportune for another reason. Speaking to the Parish Leadership Team, Bishop Richard would like to invite all parishioners to reflect on what the mission of the parish looks like, and the participation of each person in it, when, as from the autumn of 2022, the parish will be served by one priest.

So each and every member of the parish is invited to come together to make a journey of hope into the future. We plan – initially – to meet on three Saturdays: 18th September, 23rd October, 13th November, at St Philip Howard School, from 11am to 1pm. There will be a chance to meet each other, chat over a cup of coffee and cake, listen, share, and of course, pray.

Please **contact the parish office** if you require transport to and from the school. For those who can't make these meetings, there will be an opportunity to share in the journey with resources for use at home.

World Day of Prayer Service

(This service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu and was postponed in March)

Service to be held at the Salvation Army on Friday 10th September 2021 at 10.30am. Address: Salvation Army, Canada Grove, Bognor Regis. PO21 1QL. Please come and pray with fellow Christians for the people of Vanuatu. Masks and social distancing to be observed. Further information: 01243 278750.

Plant a Tree and Help Humanity and Our Planet

Have you noticed that 'trees' have appeared in our three churches? This is part of our preparation as a parish for COP26 as well as a practical way to help the planet. Leaflets available at the back of our churches.

An Invitation...from Bethan Townsend:

I'm sure many of you will remember, last year I shared some news about an important step which I took as part of my journey of faith and discernment. I entered into temporary vows whilst discerning a vocation towards consecration. The vows were for one year and so it's time to renew them as I continue to discern, this time for three years. This will take place within Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard on Monday 13th September at the Church of the Holy Name, Esher at 7pm. You are most welcome to come! If you would like to come along, do please let me know by sending me an email:

bethantownsend96@gmail.com

Mary's Meals - The Backpack Project

Mary's Meals are running a project to support children to maintain their education by providing a backpack with the essentials inside like pens, pencils, note books, T-shirts, shorts, skirts etc. The Backpack Project is a really wonderful and direct way of touching the lives of some of the world's poorest little people. There is a page which gives you more details along with the lists all the items that Mary's Meals would love to see included, the link to this list is - [What to pack | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/what-to-pack)

The packs would be brought together to a central location for the end of November (tbc) so that they can be distributed by Mary's Meals around the Christmas Season. We need a parish point of contact for this wonderful project - if you could help, please speak to Fr Chris.

From Fr Ramon

Thanks very much for the kind attentions of the Catholic community of Bognor & Slindon. I returned home safely and have a nice souvenir of this August in that I have recovered a lot my health, and God willing, I will see you again next August.

A marathon effort!

Jo Brennan is running the Brighton marathon on 12th Sept to raise funds for our Sunday Homeless Breakfast. You can sponsor her through her Justgiving page - [click here!](#) - or by putting a donation through the letterbox at the Parish Centre. Please mark it 'Homeless Breakfast - A Marathon effort!'

Journeying from despair to hope

How can parishes support ex-prisoners and or their families during the challenging times that they face? Our Diocesan Social Justice Commission (and those of Clifton and Plymouth), in conjunction with Caritas, are offering an online event entitled 'Despair to Hope', **12th October 2021 5pm – 6.15pm**. There are two very experienced speakers: Canon Paul Douthwaite, National Catholic Chaplain for Prisons and Andy Keen-Downs Chief Exec, PACT. Please register your attendance [here](#).

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Canon Tony Churchill will celebrate the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on **Wed 15th September, 7pm**, followed by a reception in the Parish Centre in celebration of his recent Golden Jubilee

Fr Victor will be leaving us on Monday 4th October, so his last Sunday in the parish will be **Sunday 3rd October**. There will be a reception in the Parish Centre at 12 noon, which will give us an opportunity to say thank you and farewell.