



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

7th July 2024 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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Our Lady of Sorrows, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1JX

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My Journey in Faith – Becoming the people God calls us to be

In this series, we invite parishioners to give a testimony about their journey of faith or an important moment on that journey. Here, Tim Hulse, Headteacher of St Philip Howard Catholic School, reflects on the place of faith in his work in education.

'Becoming the people God calls us to be' is a phrase that I use almost every day in my professional vocation, prayers and family life. As my faith grows, the more these words make sense, and as I reflect on my faith journey, I realise that God always had a plan for me, and I was always following His plan. Working in education allows me to have the most profound conversations with young people, where I see God at work in each and every one of them. I see education and evangelisation working hand in hand and witness the impact it has on people's lives and futures.

When I reflect on my own faith journey and my life, I see the words from the poem 'Footprints' being lived out: 'I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.'

My faith has never been stronger, and for this reason I never feel alone. I know God's work will be done and each day I see God's support for me and love for me. Being a Headteacher, I was told that it's the loneliest role in education, a stressful job that is full of anxiety and frustration. My experience has been so very different, I have a vocation not a job, I have children in our school not 'students'. I am most definitely a minister not a Messiah and every Sunday I feel energised from spending time in our Parish, in our Catholic community where I feel the support and prayers from all our parishioners. So please keep St Philip Howard staff, governors, students and their families in your prayers.

Saturday 6th July		
St Richard's	9.30am	Wellbeing of Vic Wood
OLOS	6pm	Archibald Meheux RIP
Sunday 7th		
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
OLOS	9am	Intentions of Olivia Durbin
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish
Monday 8th		
OLOS	10am	Steve Goss RIP
Tuesday 9th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Daniel Lorey RIP Anniversary
Wednesday 10th		
OLOS	10am	Memorial Mass: Steve Goss RIP
Thursday 11th		
St Benedict		
OLOS	10am	<i>No Mass</i>
Friday 12th		
OLOS	10am	Philip Crespi RIP
Saturday 13th		
St Richard's	9.30am	Wellbeing of Norman Carroll
OLOS	6pm	Richard Deletant RIP Anniversary
Sunday 14th		
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Julia Brown RIP

Requiem in Aeternum



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

Frank Ginty RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Winifred O'Kelly, Christine Reilly, Beryl Lawn, Archibald Meheux, Michael Habgood, Geraldine Symington, Eddie Dolman, Mollie McAtasney, Martin Finneran, Frederick Poole, Mia Sharpe, Bernard Pieters, Jagadoss Amaladoss, Derek Gould, Richard Munden, Richard Deletant, Maureen Higgins, Edna Green, Hilda Darby, Arthur Hook

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:

Therese Brooks, Victor Wood, Ger Buckley, Norman Carroll, Priscilla & Peter McKay, Beverley Bailey, Bridget Orfelia, Richard Green, Ian Findley, Claire Amaladoss, Deidre Sobey, Val Warner, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Paula Rathke, 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.

The Word Who is Life – Holy Hour In presenting his pastoral plan to the Diocese, Bishop Richard has particularly asked us to pray for the Diocese during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a Holy Hour on the first Friday of each month, including the Rosary and Benediction.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 5.15pm Our Lady of Sorrows or by appointment

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

Sacrament of the Sick
Please contact Fr Chris
Tel 01243 823619

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

Forthcoming Funerals
Our Lady of Sorrows
Frank Ginty RIP
Monday 15th July, 11am
Please pass these details to anyone who might like to hear so that all who wish may gather at the funeral Mass to pray.

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.

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.

Fr Chris's Silver Jubilee 17th July 2024

Everyone in the parish is invited to gather with Fr Chris, his family and friends to celebrate Mass at 7pm in Our Lady of Sorrows, followed by a reception in the school. We are looking for a number of volunteers to help with setting up and clearing up and also to bring food for a shared supper; sandwiches, salads, savoury dishes, desserts...

If you can help in any way, please contact Anik on 07780 874300 or the Parish Office. Sign-up sheets are also available at the Sunday Masses.

Accommodation Wanted

Fr Peter is still looking for local rented accommodation in Bognor, ideally in the area between Our Lady of Sorrows and the junction of Nyewood Lane with Hawthorn Road or nearby.

If you are interested in sharing some space in your home and require more information, please email either petercoxe@hotmail.com or margaret.hawe@prcdtr.org.uk

Emmaus Group – Accompanying people enquiring about the Catholic faith

Our Emmaus Group is a gathering that helps people to explore the Catholic faith and what it means to live as a follower of Jesus as part of the Catholic community, and to prepare for full communion with the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. We're planning an introductory gathering on **Monday 22nd July, 7pm, in the Parish Centre**. With a chat and a cup of tea/coffee, we'll think about how the programme unfolds, both from a practical perspective and from the perspective of accompaniment for people on their journey of faith. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Celebrating the Feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne 20th July 3pm at Arundel Cathedral

Pope Francis calls us to this annual celebration for Grandparents. We are encouraging both natural and parish families to bring their more senior members of the community to join Bishop Richard in thanksgiving for all they do to sustain our faith through their lives and witness.

Please sign up through the link provided. [Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne \(20-Jul-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website.

Date for the diary! Race Night Saturday 17th August 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Organised by the Knights of St Columba. A fun night for all the family, 8 races and a Ploughman's supper. Teas and coffee will be available or bring your own drinks.

Tickets will be available at the church doors after Masses from next weekend - £3 per person, free entry for accompanied children.

Catechists' Day - Saturday 21st September 10.30am to 4pm at Worth School

For all catechists and those involved in adult formation across our parishes: a day of formation, reflection and networking Sign up at [Catechists' Day \(21-Sep-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Any queries please email jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

Second Collection this weekend - Our wonderful Flower team will be preparing the church for the Celebration Mass of Fr Chris's Jubilee on 17th July. To assist with their planning there will be a second collection this weekend for flowers.

Second Collection 14th July, Sea Sunday - Stella Maris

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. Donations can be made in the baskets at the church, or contactless machines. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation please use the Stella Maris envelopes in the church or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

Fr Chris writes...

Bishop Richard has asked me to move to the parish in Ashted (near Epsom), with a view to serving as the Moderator of the Clergy Team there in due course. Moving parish is never easy, and after nine years I'll be leaving here with mixed emotions, with very many fond memories, and grateful to God for so many blessings. This will take place in the middle of September. I'm very pleased that the Bishop has asked Fr David Osborne to come here, and he'll come in September, too. So please pray for me, as I make this move, pray for the parish, and for all parishes where there are moves; and pray for Fr David as he settles here, as we, your priests, always pray for you.

Visit to the Ford Recycling Plant

Following the success of the first trip to the Ford plant before the pandemic it is hoped that we can organise a 2nd visit. The visit in 2019 was extremely interesting and everyone welcomed the opportunity to learn more about what happens to our recycling and how it is processed. The site is a dangerous working environment, and the visit would not be suitable for anyone with impaired mobility or sight, or with a pacemaker or some similar device. The MRF booking arrangements require the completion of various personal details, health declarations, next of kin details, and more, all of which have to be given at the time of booking the visit.

If anybody would be interested in such a visit, and when there is visitor availability at the site, likely to be after the summer holidays, then please register your interest with Elizabeth Folman, (eafolman@aol.com)

Gift Aid Statements Tax Year 2023 - 2024

Statements are now available for collection from the Parish Office. If you wish to receive these by post or email, please contact Caroline in the parish office.

Offertory Collections June

Offertory Plate Collections	£3434.85
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 851.50
Bankers Orders	£5941.00
Contactless Machines	£ 440.00
CAF donations	<u>£ 55.00</u>
	£8,774.28

Special Collections

Day for Life	£387.34
Peter's Pence	£330.40

A further £1008.81 was received from the Diocesan online donations to the parish for the period April 2023 to June 2024

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 £9,652 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.