



# The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

*8th May 2022 - Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter*

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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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## Eastertide - The sacrament of presence

Our L'Arche community here in Bognor Regis has been a place of tradition and celebration for 44 years! Of course, things change and grow and develop but we were clear that we could not ignore these important traditions during the Covid pandemic. We did our best using Zoom and it was fine, in fact it was wonderful in a difficult and painful time.

But this year on Maundy Thursday we gathered in person for the first time since 2019, to physically join an important international L'Arche tradition which we call "washing each other's feet." This tradition grew out of the Ecumenical and interfaith experience of L'Arche communities looking for ways to honour each other and be in communion even whilst we could not celebrate holy communion or the Eucharist together. Perhaps I do not need to explain the deeply moving experience of sitting in a circle, people with all our abilities and all our disabilities, and taking it in turns to carefully wash and dry the feet of the person next to us in that circle. You can imagine what it might feel like for someone who is supported daily by someone "more able" to get the chance to return the favour. (It is hard to explain how powerful it is, and I would heartily recommend that you give it a try sometime...)

This year as we gathered in the garden (ultimate ventilation) we felt a bit nervous; we washed each other's hands instead of feet for practical reasons, but it was enough to sit and be with each other. As each person joined the circle making it more joyful by their presence, new people, waving, greeting each other, huge smiles all round. It was a holy place to be, in all the simplicity of being there, being present, gathering to express our care for each other.

We do something else, once your feet have been washed, the person who has done the washing kneels and the person who has been washed, blesses them, with a touch, a prayer, a few words. So, it is a mutual act, an act of equality, both are blessed, the giver and the receiver. Truly a sacrament of presence.

*Martha Myers - L'Arche*

<b>Saturday 7th May</b>		
OLOS	10am	Mary Elizabeth Cole RIP
<b>St Anthony's</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Stephen Featherstone RIP
<b>Sunday 8th</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
OLOS	9am	Joe Duffy RIP
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 9th</b>		
St Richard's...	11.30am	Requiem David Alan Davison RIP
OLOS	10am	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Tara O'Brien RIP & Wellbeing of Des O'Brien
OLOS	10am	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>		
OLOS	10am	Czestawa Martynowicz RIP
<b>Thursday 12th</b>		
OLOS	10am	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday 13th</b>		
OLOS	10am	Mary Ginty RIP
<b>Saturday 14th</b>		<b>St Matthias</b>
OLOS	10am	Frances Dunne RIP
<b>St Richard's</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Ed Kirkby-Bott RIP
<b>Sunday 15th</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
OLOS	9am	Catherine & Harold West RIP
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish

### Weekday Masses

From 25<sup>th</sup> April, pro tem, the weekday Mass schedule will be as follows: Mon 9.30am at St Mary's, Barnham; Tues 9.30am at St Anthony's; Wed 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows, Fri 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows, Sat 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows. Please note this may be subject to change, eg for funerals.



### Adoration and Rosary St Richard's

Wednesdays 11am until 12 noon

### Adoration Our Lady of Sorrows

Fridays after 10am Mass until 2pm.

### Requiem in Aeternum



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

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:  
**Judy Eade, Kathleen Fisher, Cliff Liu, Peter Davies, Irene Jones, Betty Serna, Nancy Gardiner, David Holste, Catherine West**

### Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for  
**Robert Dixon, Priscilla McKay, Edward Earl, James, Megan & Baby Bright, Julia Brown, Annette Naughton, Inika McKay, Susan Leenaars, Rachel Moore, Kathleen McGinley, David Newman, Aidan Cooke, Marie A Townsley, Dave Parker, Mo Moore, Steve Goss, Marie Bentley, Baby Millie Bedford, Richard Green, Neil Evans, Baby Cheo & Hannah Menssa, Teresa Willcocks, Sue Brayton, Chris & Sarah Simmons, Harold Pinkney, Kevin Blake, Jo Soriano, Bridget Orfila, Baby Samuel, Vic Wood, Anthony Simpson, Theresa McCaffie, Mary McGuire, Peter Bardin, Jane Hazelgrove, Tina Miles, Jo Oates, Theresa Mulvaney, Richard Hazelgrove, Jo Cowie, Mary Gabrielle Gregory, Patrick Dwyer, Trish & Don Osborne, John Carr, Arthur Wicks, Moira Deefholts, Teresa Sweeney**

*Please advise the Parish Office of any changes or additions to our Prayers.*

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr Chris  
 Tel 01243 823619

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.30 - 11am or by appointment.

**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**.

### **Do this in memory of me**

Our celebration of Mass is at the heart of our faith as followers of Jesus. There's a direct line from *follow me, to do this in memory of me, to go, make disciples...* When the Parish Leadership Team met with Bishop Richard recently, we were able to have a forthright conversation about the real and specific challenges and difficulties arranging a new Mass schedule has brought, all the time keeping our focus on mission. He promised to keep our parish in his prayers and we're looking forward to Bishop Richard joining us for our Parish Meeting on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm, St Philip Howard**. Please make every effort to be at this meeting, and if anyone would like help with transport, please do let us know.

### **Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Faith?**

**Do you know someone who might be interested in finding out about what it means to be a Catholic?**

Join us for an informal meeting on Tuesday 10th May, 7:30pm in the Parish Centre, come along with them. For more information contact Fr Chris on 01243 823619 or Susan on 07796 952146.

### **Parish Lourdes Redshirt Group**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the recent cake sale in aid of the 5 young people who are hoping to go to Lourdes this summer. We raised just over £300 which is a fantastic start to our fund raising efforts. Thank you to all the cake bakers and eaters! Our next event is a Beetle Drive with a Cream tea on Saturday 28th May from 2pm - 4pm Further details to follow but please save the date!

**Missio Red Box donations** - Many thanks to everyone who donated, a total of £453.18 has been banked from the recent collection. If you would like to donate to Missio through this scheme boxes can be collected from the Parish centre.

### ***Invited!* Season 2 – Growing in Faith**

Season 2 of the Diocesan five-year mission continues this week and runs until Pentecost finishing with a Pentecost celebration on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Each weekly video lasts about an hour and includes a talk, a testimony, and an opportunity to pray and reflect. Due to the Bishop's visit, this week's video will only be shown in St Anthony's after Tuesday morning mass or you can watch it in your own time at home. Registering at [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) will give you access to the weekly diocesan Zoom discussions at 7.30pm on Thursdays. If you would like to learn more or need help with technology, please contact Peter Loose on 07963 379879 or [peter@35007.co.uk](mailto:peter@35007.co.uk).

### **Ruth Group - Thursday 26th May 7.30pm Parish Centre**

We will share a prayer reflection focusing on the feast of Pentecost, followed by some time in open discussion. And of course tea/coffee and biscuits. The Ruth Group is open to all women of the Parish: single, married, mums, grandmas and widows. It would be lovely to see you, and please do feel free to bring a friend along.

### **Knights of St Columba - Meeting Thursday 12th May 7pm, Parish Centre**

All parishioners are welcome to join the Knights where the video of the **Divine Renovation** discussion will be shown. If you missed it first time round or would like to see it again, please do come along. It poses a very important question "What is God saying to the Church?" and is led by three great speakers, Bishop Robert Barron, Fr James Mallon and Nicky Gumbell.

### **CAFOD's Plants, Grand Raffle and Cake Sale Sunday 15th May, Parish Centre 10am to 2pm.**

Donations of plants, cakes and raffle prizes welcome. These can be dropped off at the Parish Centre on Saturday 14th May between 10am and 2pm or at the Parish Centre on the 15th. Money raised will be going to help Ukraine and the children at risk of malnutrition. For more information please call Colin or Gabrielle 01243 278750 or 07736 814364.

### **Supporting Ukrainian families in Poland**

"My name is Hanna and I lived in the Bognor Regis area for 15 years where I was involved in L'Arche and the Polish Supplementary School. We have been living in Poland since August 2017 and I have been involved in a number of voluntary projects since. Right now I'm raising funds to invite a small group of Ukrainian children aged 6-17 (I met them 5 weeks ago for a few Polish lessons) and their mothers for a fun weekend to Poznań. They had been evacuated from Kiev and Zytomierz where their parents had been working at the Polish company NOVOL before the war broke out.

I'm sure that children and their mums will spend a lovely weekend in Poznań and at least for a short while forget what's happening in their homeland. Thank you so much for any kind of support you can offer." *(Please send donations to support Hanna to the Parish Office, in an envelope marked 'For Hanna' and we'll pass the money on.)*

### **Garden Tools collection for Ukraine Victory Gardens Project**

An enormous thank you to the parishioners who donated garden tools (45 assorted types!) at the collection in St Richard's over Easter. Along with a huge load, we have now taken them over the border to Ukraine, together with a vast quantity of seeds to begin planting and help feed 7 million displaced people. Your support will make a real difference to their lives and they will be hugely grateful for your kindness and generosity. - Caragh on behalf of UKTOUKRAINE.

### **New to the parish? Welcome! And an invitation...**

Thanks to the pandemic it has been quite a while since we have been able to officially welcome new members of our parish Community but, at last, we are now able to change this.

If you and your family have joined the Parish in the last couple of years, whichever of our three churches you normally worship at, you are invited to join us in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday May 11th at 7pm** for a social get-together. As well as an opportunity to meet each other, there will be a chance to find out more about the life of the Parish, chat to the leaders of various groups and ministries, and maybe share your hopes and dreams for the future of our parish community.

There's no need to book, just turn up on the night. We look forward to seeing you!

### **ASCENT Information Session 11th or 24th May at 7.30pm**

An opportunity for Parents, Catechists and Priests to learn more about the ASCENT project and the huge impact it is having on young lives. Meet the team, as well as young people who are already taking part, to have all your questions answered. Join one of our Zoom sessions to discover more about this fantastic project for teenagers in year 10, 11 and 12. Contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for joining instructions.

**A big thank you from CAFOD** Michael and John Kay supported by Colin and Gabrielle have completed their Lent Walk Against Hunger. They have walked 618.7km and raised £775. Thank you to all those who sponsored us so generously. Our Just Giving page will be open until the end of the month or donate on the sponsorship forms <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/Gabrielle-Thorpe1>

### **Caritas - Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act**

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from [www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk)

**Vacancy for a Part-time RC Chaplain HMP Lewes** for more information please go to [55129 - Roman Catholic Priest, Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister, Lay Chaplain - MoJ \(tal.net\)](https://www.tal.net)

**The Date in your Diary you've been waiting for:** the cakefest that is the **Nick Webber Trust Garden Party** on June 18th from 2pm. A chance to support innovative projects helping the most marginalised in Malawi, one of poorest countries in the world. Save the date!