



# The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

*8th November 2020 - Thirty Second Sunday - 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 ORG

*Mass is also celebrated in St Mary the Virgin (C of E), Church Lane, Barnham*

## Catholic Schools

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## Notes from Youth Café

At Youth Café, just before the half-term holiday, we rejoiced that we had been able to meet 4 times. I guess we had an idea we were on borrowed time but hey, we managed a whole half-term, we had wonderful new members, began working with Youth Alpha again and shared our journeys of faith together with fun, food and laughter, all according to COVID-safe guidelines, of course.

We are back on being virtual for a little while and this week asked the question, "What does a Saint look like?" Google: Carlo Acutis for a clue. O.K. he's not a Saint yet but you've got an idea.

It is very easy to slip into the negative just now but when you look around there are so many reasons to rejoice: did I mention our Young People? We can rejoice, too, with awe and wonder that some of us have been able to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion again for a little while. Let us hope that this next phase may only be brief.

To receive Him, body, blood, soul, and divinity is at the very heart of our faith, affording us strength and solace, wisdom, and healing. Maybe this week we can join the psalmist and pray:

'O God, you are my God, for you I long:  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry and weary land without water.'

*Tony Lucas*

Keep up-to-date with what's going on in the Church throughout the week,  
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## Mass Intentions

Whilst communal worship is suspended, Fr Chris and Fr Victor will be celebrating Mass each day, so please be assured that Mass will be offered for all the intentions received, though they may not be on the day originally requested. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any queries.

### Saturday 7th

Myrtle and Joe Alvares RIP  
Special Intention

### Sunday 8th - Thirty Second Sunday

People of the Parish  
Kathleen Eagle RIP

### Monday 9th - Consecration of the Lateran Basilica

John Ambrose RIP  
Wellbeing of Mary Curran

### Tuesday 10th - St Leo the Great

Wellbeing of Margaret Morrin  
Wellbeing of Bridie Ritter

### Wednesday 11th - St Martin of Tours

Pat and Constance Maginnis RIP

### Thursday 12th - St Josaphat

Margaret Humphreys RIP

### Friday 13th

John French RIP  
Annie and Patrick Morgan RIP

### Saturday 14th

Sandra Rose Vaz RIP  
Jerome Pessa RIP

### Sunday 15th - Thirty Third Sunday

People of the Parish  
Jack and Matilda Humphreys

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please contact Fr Chris or Fr Victor to arrange a time either by email or telephone

## Requiem in Aeternum



Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.  
**Mgr Barry Wymes RIP**

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time -

**Jane Buckland, John William Tyler, Stuart Hillier, Catherine Stevenson, Julie Gilbert, Frank O'Kelly, Mary Ellen Honlihan, Kathleen Patricia Chalk, Eric Stearn, Alphon Booth, Brian Packham, Duncan Allard, Constance Corcoran**

### *Prayers For The Sick*

Your prayers are asked for  
**Paula Brouder, Arthur Wicks, Elise Johnson, Colin Lord, Paul McGuire, Colm Callanan, Moira Deefholts, Susanne Tidmas-Cole, Michael Willcocks, Teresa Sweeney, Paris Stevens, Margaret Grace, Didi Verdiana Diaris**

*Please contact the Parish Office by email for anyone you wish to be included in our Prayers.*

### Lockdown November 2020

- Whilst we cannot celebrate Mass in person, **daily Mass at 10am from Our Lady of Sorrows will be livestreamed**, please follow the link on the Parish website.
- The church will continue to be open for private prayer Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12pm to 3pm and Saturday 12pm to 2pm.
- For all requests for the Sacraments, or for any other help please speak to Fr Chris or Fr Victor.

### Remembrance Sunday 2020

Every year, our nation is invited to unite in remembrance and prayer for all those who have given their lives in service of their country. This year, on account of the virus, our acts of remembrance will have to be different. The Royal British Legion have suggested that one way we can participate is by joining the two minute silence from the front door of our houses. So this Sunday, our Virtual Sunday Coffee won't begin until 11.05am.

## Parish Administrator

As Anthony is stepping down, we're looking to appoint a new Parish Administrator. This post offers the opportunity to support the work of our growing and outward-looking parish, responsible amongst other things for health and safety, and buildings maintenance. 25 hours per week, £20K-£25K FTE depending on experience. For a full job description and an application form, please contact Fr Chris on [chris.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:chris.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01243 823619 or on the parish website [bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/vacancies](http://bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/vacancies). Closing date for applications is Friday 13th November 2020.



## St Philip Howard Sixth Form

### Online Open Evening Thursday 12 November 2020

SPH Sixth Form has an outstanding reputation based on some of the best results in the County. Regularly in the Top 10% nationally for outcomes and for the last published results, progress scores placed us as the best performing Sixth Form in Sussex.

We offer Taster Days, master classes and school tours; providing a broad curriculum with many subjects not offered elsewhere. Come and see for yourself and discover your future.

Register your interest in attending at [www.sphsixthform.co.uk](http://www.sphsixthform.co.uk) or phone 01243 558218.

## Calling all Young Adults of the Diocese (20-30 somethings)

Before the current restrictions, our Youth and Young Adults' Advisor had plenty of big plans for helping you get to know other Catholics of a similar age, to form communities where you are free to be yourself, to explore your faith, to grow in friendship, and to be a safe place for you to realise your Catholic identity.

However, this has all had to go on hold. We cannot have a Prosecco and Praise night and remain Covid secure! What we would like to do is invite anyone who is interested to join a focus group. This group will meet virtually to discuss the needs and desires of young adults in the Church, and, if you would like, be involved in coming up with some creative ways to meet those needs.

If this sounds like a project you would like to be a part of, please contact the Youth Service Secretary Rosie at [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01293 651161

## Does God still cause plagues?

Come and join us online on **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** for a discussion about plagues and the Bible. David Beresford will explore how Scripture helps us to make sense of our current situation. The session will start at 11 am and the Zoom link will be on the Parish Website. We will finish at 12.30pm and there will be lots of opportunities to ask questions and share your own thoughts, or to simply listen.

No booking necessary.

## Sunday Virtual Coffee

*Join fellow worshippers for coffee after Sunday Mass*

After 10am Mass on Sundays you are invited for coffee with fellow Mass goers via Zoom. A great opportunity to connect with others in the Parish. What to expect... We begin by gathering in one Zoom room and then divide into smaller breakout rooms for easier conversation. Around 11:30am we gather back together to end. You are welcome to come and go as you wish.

**Just click on the link on the website**



### **Operation elf: Give the gift of Christmas to a child with a parent in prison.**

This Christmas 200,000 children are missing a loved one due to imprisonment. Together we can ensure we can spread a little Christmas cheer to families and children who are separated at Christmas.

Due to Covid-19, Operation Elf is being organised differently this year. Instead of the toys we are usually asked for, this year we're asked to buy a book token to the value of £10 that can be sent in a Christmas card to a prisoner's child. You can buy book tokens online from [www.nationalbooktokens.com](http://www.nationalbooktokens.com) or from all local bookshops. If you buy your book token online, you can even choose for it to be delivered straight to Santa's Grotto! (which is really Pact's London office; 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA.) For more information please visit: [www.prisonadvice.org.uk/news/operation-elf](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/news/operation-elf)

### **Supporting the Bereaved Course 2021**

Around the Diocese many parishes are developing a bereavement befriending team, to accompany and support those experiencing grief and loss. They provide a vital service where people with a common faith can walk with others on this painful journey.

Do you feel that you are being called to this Ministry? Do you have a good ear for listening? Are you able to empathise with people? Are you able to maintain confidentiality?

If you feel drawn to supporting fellow parishioners, please speak to your Parish Priest about being considered for the Diocesan Supporting the Bereaved Course.

A commitment to attending every session is needed (Eight Tuesdays across January to March 2021).

If you wish to speak to someone about what the course entails and to register your interest in joining the programme please call Rev Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Project Worker, on 07415 306222 or email on [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk).

### **Godly Play**

Godly Play is a creative and engaging way of praying with children, young people and even adults! Telling stories helps us explore God's story, Bible stories, our own story, and where we fit in to it all. Are you involved with, or interested in Godly Play?

Join members of our Formation Team on Zoom, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30am. Please contact [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk) for booking information.

### **Catholic Children's Society Christmas Cards**



This year's cards include the Fresco Nativity with St Jerome by Pinturicchi, a design specially chosen to mark the Year of the Word.

All funds raised will go directly towards supporting their work with disadvantaged children and families. For more information and to order go to [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk) or telephone 01948 831 046.