



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

31st May 2020 ~ Pentecost

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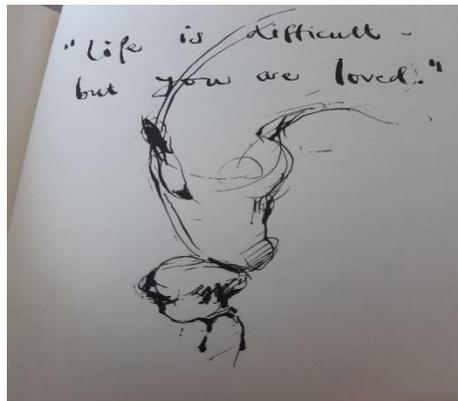
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Renew the Face of the Earth. Psalm 103



from *'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse'* Charlie Mackesy.

A delightful simple book about Love, Friendship and Kindness.

Many of us know what it is like to receive the unconditional and faithful love of a pet. For my daughter, isolating on her own, her beloved horse, Betsy, has brought much comfort during these difficult and lonely days. Kindness and love grow daily in our communities as neighbours reach out to help one another, those in need, to communicate differently and to boost the morale of keyworkers. Pause and remember that God's love for each one is far greater than any other love.

What did Peter ponder as he waited in the upper room 'in lockdown' between Ascension and Pentecost? Maybe the words 'feed my lambs...my sheep'. What do these mean in today's lockdown and beyond, both nationally and globally? What gifts of the Holy Spirit do I/we need to ask for this Pentecost? As a Live Simply community, pray for a deeper awareness of the needs of our suffering world and of our calling to respond and so spread the message of hope and love that we are given.

Gabrielle Thorpe Cafod

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❖ **Saturday 30th May**

Charlotte Eade RIP

❖ **Sunday 31st May – Pentecost**

People of the Parish

❖ **Monday 1st June – Mary, Mother of the Church**

Stacey Bond RIP

❖ **Tuesday 2nd June**

Wellbeing of Greta Cummings

❖ **Wednesday 3rd June – St Charles Lwanga**

Dominick Morrisroe RIP

❖ **Friday 5th June – St Boniface**

Intentions of Mathias and Marie Therese Hale

❖ **Saturday 6th June**

Wilfred & Anne Graham RIP

❖ **Sunday 7th June – The Most Holy Trinity**

People of the Parish

Saturday 30th May, 8pm - Pentecost Vigil

Mass at 10am and the Pentecost Vigil will be live streamed from Our Lady of Sorrows

Scripture Resources

Every Friday the Catholic Bible School publishes questions which can be used to prompt conversations about the Scripture Readings for Sunday's Mass. You could use them with your family and others in your home, or use them for personal reflection.

Here is the link

<http://www.catholic-bible-school.org/sundays>

Everyday at 8pm you are invited to Night Prayer

Night Prayer will be led by a range of people who worship in one of the three churches that make Bognor & Slindon parish.

All the information you'll need to join can be found at www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/ways-to-pray

See you there!



Requiem in Aeternum

Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently –
Mary Watkins RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time –

Sister Loretta Kennedy OSM, David Rand, John Moor, Patrick Duffy, Maria Finneval, Mervyn Dove, Leo Verling, Roman Kostco

Prayers for the Sick

Your prayers are asked for **Ian Bell, Ann Collier, Michael Gregory, Margaret Grace**

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

Keeping in Touch

If you wish to receive Fr Chris' weekly email please confirm your email address to the Parish office or if you have not yet completed the census form, this can be downloaded from our website.

Whilst the Parish Centre is closed the office can still be contacted by email for any enquiries, Mass Intentions, Prayers for the Sick and Newsletter items.

(Please submit Newsletter items by 1pm Wednesday)

Newsletter and Fr Chris' weekly email

To help as many as possible to keep in touch, **do you know of any parishioners who are unable to access these on our website or receive emails?** If so, and they would like a printed copy posted to them, please contact the Parish office.

Virtual Coffee Morning

After the 10am Mass on Sundays there will be a virtual Coffee Morning through Zoom.

Just click on the link on the website

Come, Holy Spirit! – Preparing our hearts for Pentecost

After the Ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem to await the gift of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus promised the Father would send. To help us wait in prayer for the gift of the same Holy Spirit, in the nine days after Ascension and before Pentecost (22nd May – 30th May) there will be resources on the parish website so that you can pray for the Holy Spirit. For each day there will be music, scripture reflections, prayers, and a parishioner sharing their faith journey in a chat with Margaret Fraher. On Saturday 30th May, at 8pm, there will be an online Pentecost Vigil – Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth!

Pentecost Novena Vigil Prayer Saturday 30th May

You are invited to join us as we pray for our parish on the eve of Pentecost. At 8pm we will gather together virtually to pray.

We will invite the Holy Spirit to come deeper into our lives through prayers, songs, listening and reflecting.

There are two ways that you can join us:

1. Via YouTube - follow the link on the parish website, just like Mass and pray along at 8pm
2. Via Zoom - to be more actively involved in the prayer, email davidrberesford@gmail.com to receive an invitation (You won't have to speak or be on screen if you don't want to)

However you join - do come along and let's allow the Holy Spirit to move us.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Food Bank

We know that these uncertain times have affected us all but unfortunately, some families may be facing particularly tough financial difficulties. We want to support our community, and as such are pleased to announce our plans to open a St Mary's Catholic Primary School Food Bank to help support those who may need it.

We are asking families and those who are in a position to donate items of non-perishable goods, to please drop donations into school between 10am-2pm from Monday 18th May. A 'Food Bank Box' will be located in the school office reception area ready for your kind donations. As soon as we have enough donations, we will announce the opening days and times of our non-contact shop.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and support, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the FSA (Families and Staff Association) on fsa@stmarysbognor.co.uk or call the school office on 01243 822287.

Helping Others Join in the Sunday Mass

Many thanks to those parishioners who have volunteered to help others share in our Sunday Mass by 'phone. This is enabling people to share the Mass with each other and with the community. For those who would prefer, there is now a direct number to dial – for details, please ring Margaret Fraher on 07971 460331

An Urgent Reminder from CAFOD

"We must never forget that we are one global family. Our brothers and sisters overseas do not have access to a healthcare system as brilliant as the NHS" (CAFOD Director). Many live in overcrowded conditions with no access to water. Climate Change has had the biggest impact on the poorest people and the same is true of Covid-19. Those who deserve it least suffer more. Already hunger and starvation are on the increase. Queues for food in some places stretch for miles and many loose out. CAFOD is adapting its work to meet the needs but funds are low. As a Live Simply parish let us think globally and respond generously as we have done for the NHS. Please donate to CAFOD on their website: www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus or through our parish Cafod JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-of-Sorrows> you can also contribute by supporting Colin and Gabrielle on their daily walk for CAFOD through their JustGiving page by following the link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Colin-Thorpe>

Churches opening for private prayer

To date there has been no mention of when our Churches can open for private prayer. Please pray that this will be soon – I know that there are many people who wish to have the opportunity to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, and the sign value of Churches opening is significant, too. It's very likely, though, that before we can open, we'll have to have rotas in place for cleaning and welcoming. Many of our existing volunteers may be within the 'vulnerable' category (and so prevented from serving in their usual capacity), so this appeal goes out to all parishioners: could you help either with cleaning or welcoming, so that when the time comes we're ready? If you can, please contact Fr Chris for more details.

Pentecost Sunday - May 31st

National Rosary Rally 9am to 9pm

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries and joining online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19 and he has composed two prayers for this intention. You are invited to join in an initiative that follows on the Pope's request, the **Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally**, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Scotland England and Wales. Our Diocese has been asked to pray a **Rosary Hour** at 9am and I warmly invite you to take part.

At 9pm the Rosary Rally will end with a Rosary being led by Bishop John Keenan from St. Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley.

Come Holy Spirit & Renew the Face of the Earth
[Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us](#)