



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

5th May 2024 - Sixth Sunday of Easter- Year B

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Good News! Celebrating God's love in the Sacraments

In this series of articles for the newsletter, we'll be celebrating Good News stories that encourage and support us all in living out the call to evangelisation.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be rejoicing with 68 children and their families as the children receive the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. This is a wonderful moment in their journey of faith and the support of parishioners through prayer and encouragement at Sunday Mass will be so important in helping them grow in faith as they continue to receive the gift of God.

It's also a great opportunity for their families, and for all of us, to reflect on the way we celebrate the Sunday Mass 'the encounter with Christ that enables us to do all He asks of us' (Bishop Richard, *The Word Who is Life*, 2.1).

Let's also rejoice with the 14 young people preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. May we so live in the Holy Spirit that our lives joyfully proclaim Jesus is Lord (cf 1 Cor 12:3).

So much to thank God for; so many to keep in our prayers.

Fr Chris.

Saturday 4th May		The English Martyrs
St Richard's	9.30am	Cole Family RIP
OLOS	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th		Sixth Sunday of Easter
OLOS	9am	A.G. & Yvonne Cooper RIP Anniversary
OLOS	11am	Cliff Liu RIP Anniversary
Monday 6th		
OLOS	10am	Wellbeing of Ian Findley
Tuesday 7th		
St Anthony's	9.30am	Martin Johnson RIP
Wednesday 8th		
OLOS	10am	Lucy Stock RIP Anniversary
Thursday 9th		Ascension of the Lord
OLOS	10am	People of the Parish
OLOS	7.30pm	Noreen Hristov RIP
Friday 10th		
OLOS	10am	Julia Patricia Harrison RIP
Saturday 11th		
St Richard's	9.30am	Mr R.J. Wilton RIP
OLOS	6pm	Stephen Featherstone RIP Anniversary
Sunday 12th		Seventh Sunday of Easter
OLOS	9am	People of the Parish
OLOS	11am	Neil Evans RIP Anniversary

Requiem in Aeternum



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

Andrew Bolger RIP

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

**Irmgard Blackamore, Judy Eade,
Kathleen Fisher, Cliff Liu, Peter Davies,
Betty Walker**

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for:

Richard Green, Ian Findley, Claire Amaladoss, Esme Shimell, Rebecca Barratt, Caroline & Martin Swanson, Deidre Sobey, Nuala Lesbinel, Theresa Neill, Val Warner, Julian L, Christine Davey, Lucia Elson, Paula Rathke, Steve Goss, 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 5.15pm Our Lady of Sorrows or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr Chris
Tel 01243 823619



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.

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.

Masses in Polish

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

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

Second Collection this weekend CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal

Donations can be made in the baskets and contactless machines.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation please visit CAFOD's website cafod.org.uk/sudan appeal or Text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10.

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.

A Month of Prayer for Vocations - Good Shepherd Sunday to Pentecost

The journey from Eastertide, to Ascension and Pentecost calls us to mission. This year, in the light of the new Pastoral Plan, the whole Diocese is invited to come together for four weeks of prayer to the Holy Spirit to grant us a missionary spirit, through the raising up of new vocations to all walks of life in the Church.

Leaflets with suggested prayer itineraries and prayer cards for vocations are available in the churches. During the 6th Week of Easter read about the Spirit of sacrifice (1 Peter 4: 13-16) and pray for greater numbers to respond generously, to celebrate the sacrifice of Mass.

Cake Sale - This Sunday 5th May St Mary's FSA will be holding a cake sale in the Parish Centre after both Sunday Masses. Funds raised will go towards work on the Spirituality Garden and in providing Year 6 SATS Exam Breakfasts. Any cake donations would be very welcome.

Cake and Plant Sale Saturday 11th May, St Richard's - 10am to 11am

In support of Pro Life causes, everyone is very welcome. Please contact Maria on 01903 413606 for collection of donations.

Quiet Day at Storrington Priory RH20 4LN, Thursday 16th May 10am - 4pm

Led by The Chemin Neuf Community. Speaker: The Rev Paul Seaman, Rector of Pulborough. With a talk, guided prayer and simple lunch. Enquiries or Registration: storrington@chemin-nuef.org

L'Arche Ukulele Band

Everyone is warmly invited to St Richard's, Slindon, **Friday 17th May, 6pm**. When, by popular request L'Arche Ukulele Band return to entertain us with songs popular on both sides of the Atlantic. A joyful and fun evening is guaranteed. If you are able, please bring a plate of food or some drink to share in our buffet supper.

St Anthony's May Fayre - Saturday 25th May 10.30am to 12.30pm

All are welcome to our annual May Fayre. There will be various stalls including Raffle, Jewellery, Books, Bric a Brac, Plants and Cakes. Tea, coffee and cake will also be served. Donations for the Fayre would be most welcome and can be left at the Parish Office or at St Anthony's.

Missio Red Boxes

Thank you to all who donate to Missio this way, in 2023 this raised £1,117.80 in the parish. Your support of Missionary Priests working in rural communities enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community.

If you would like to donate this way boxes can be collected from the Parish Centre or shop. Alternatively donations can be made on Missio's website missio.org.uk. **The next banking of Missio boxes will be towards the end of May, boxes can be dropped off at the Parish Centre or shop and exchanged for new ones.**



To celebrate the birthday of the Church, you and your family are invited to an open-air Mass in St Mary's school field, followed by a bring and share picnic and fun fair on **Sunday 19th May at 11am**.

Please do come along with family and friends, this is a brilliant opportunity to share your faith at a lively and fun church event. Mass will begin at 11am, and from 12-noon onwards we'll share lunch, and the inflatable assault course will be open. **Don't forget to bring a dish to share!**

Second Collection next Weekend - World Communications Sunday

On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication – through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. The theme of this year's World Communications Day: *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication*. "Artificial Intelligence is radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society." Pope Francis

Fr Chris writes...

I've had confirmation from Guy's Hospital that my next procedure will be on **Tuesday 7th May**, 11am. So prayers please. And I'll take the rest of the week to recuperate and hope to be back on Mon 13th May.

And **Wednesday 17th July**, is the 25th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. We'll celebrate with Mass in Our Lady of Sorrows, 7pm, followed by a reception in St Mary's School – please put the date in your diary and join me in thanking God for the gift of my vocation.

The Circus is Coming to St Mary's! Summer Fundraising Event

Happy's Circus are coming back to Mary's on Wednesday 5th June 3pm - 7pm. The (animal free!) show features a number of exciting acts including acrobats, aerialists, specialty acts, magic and audience participation with loads of fun and lots more! There will be stalls, fun activities and refreshments available on the school field from 3pm, circus doors open at 4.30pm. Popcorn, candy floss and circus goodies will be on sale inside the Big Top.

Tickets cost £10 and are available on the school website: www.st-marys-bognor.co.uk/shop/ Funds from this event will help to buy books and music equipment as well as much needed resources. All are welcome to come along and support this event.

Not long now to the CAFOD Plant Sale

June 2nd after both 9am and 11am Masses. There is still time to sow seeds and divide plants. Each plant sold will help someone, somewhere and will bring Love and Hope.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26th June 11am -3pm

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard, to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible, as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

Big Church Festival 25th & 26 May – Wiston nr Steyning

It's not too late to buy tickets for the amazing Christian festival taking place in the heart of our Diocese, great for families, teenagers, young adults, old adults and everyone in between! Mass will be celebrated on Sunday by Bishop Richard. Save up to 52% by booking with this link <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>

Worth Abbey June Gathering

The Abbott and Community invite you to Worth Abbey from 11.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 1st June for a social and spiritual day. Share monastic prayer in the Abbey Church and enjoy the beauty that is Worth. Enjoy a guided walk through the woods and fields and visit St Bruno's retreat centre. Families welcome, there will be activities for children. www.worthabbeypilgrims.com



Alpha - Can you help?

Having a shared meal is an important part of our Alpha course and we are blessed to have some wonderful cooks to prepare these meals but more help is also needed. If you feel you can help either with a main course or dessert please contact Jackie Humphreys on 07468 444074.