



# The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

21st April 2024 - Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter- Year B

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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

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## Encounters

Sometimes the Word that we hear at Mass tends to resonate and linger with me longer than usual. So it is with the story we hear about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, the longest recorded one-to-one conversation he has with anyone. We know that Jesus lived in a world of divides and power imbalances, as we do, and that within his own community there were strict rules about who to meet, who to eat with and what to eat. But we see Him continually engaging in encounters with the kind of people outside normal societal rules, those about whom society had already made up its mind. So it is with Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, where he defies cultural expectations and norms and persists in His conversation with her, even when she seems determined to misunderstand, before finally becoming one of the first people to recognise and bear witness to Him as the Christ.

I feel that often fears, prejudices and distrust stops us from engaging with others and we often prefer to stay in our comfort zones and echo chambers, avoiding those who make us feel uncomfortable. But again and again we see Jesus calling us to respond differently to others who may be marginalised or just different in some way, as they are made in His image just as we are; and sends us many opportunities every day to recognise these unexpected others.

And what about what the woman shows us? I love how curious and persistent she is! She asks what she wants to know and grapples with the answers until she discerns the truth – and then runs off to share what she's learned. Our latest Alpha course started this week, a great place to come along and ask anything and encounter others with their own questions.

*Jennifer Hutton*

<b>Saturday 20th April</b>		
St Richard's	9.30am	Deceased family of AP Morgan
OLOS	6pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 21st</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
OLOS	9am	Sophie and her children
OLOS	11am	Barry Shears RIP
<b>Monday 22nd</b>		
OLOS	10am	Intentions of Elizabeth Clark & Family
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>		<b>St George</b>
OLOS	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Requiem: Elizabeth Lavelle RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>		
OLOS	10am	Intentions of Terry Whiffen
<b>Thursday 25th</b>		<b>St Mark</b>
OLOS	10am	No Mass
<b>Friday 26th</b>		
OLOS	10am	Josie Kelly RIP
<b>Saturday 27th</b>		
St Richard's	9.30am	Gabrielle & Zenon RIP Anniversary
OLOS	6pm	Wellbeing of Chantelle Neal
<b>Sunday 28th</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
OLOS	9am	Sally Petronijevich RIP
OLOS	11am	People of the Parish

**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

***Requiem in Aeternum***



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

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

**Elsbeth Coe, Edward Mathé, William Carroll, Michael Martin, Kenny Collins, Brendan Willcocks, Maureen Forry, Sheila Sellars, Bridget Melia, Vincent Kent, Michael Wildsmith, Jackie Williamson**

***Prayers For The Sick***

Your prayers are asked for:

**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

**Forthcoming Funerals**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

**John Hennessy RIP**

Tuesday 30th April 10am

**Beryl Rounds RIP**

Friday 3rd May, 10am

*Please pass these details to anyone who might like to hear so that all who wish may gather at the funeral Mass to pray.*



***Baptisms this week***

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

*Sunday 21st April, 1pm*

**Frankie Dorothy Joan Glaister**

*Sunday 21st April, 2pm*

**Freddie Paul Glue**

## **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.

**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.

## **Find out who the real quizmasters of the parish are... Quiz Night 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Thank you to all of the parishioners who have supported our fundraising efforts towards the Lourdes 2024 pilgrimage so far! We are holding one more fundraiser as a final push. We would love to see you for an evening of fun, competition and food. Come on your own or with a team.

It would be fantastic if you joined us at our quiz night in the parish centre on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April from 7pm - 9:30 pm. A light supper will be provided but please bring your own drinks. Tickets cost £5 and will be on sale after Sunday Masses from the 7<sup>th</sup> of April or at the parish office.

## **My Future Care - Change of Venue and time**

**This will now take place in the Parish Hall at 11.30am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** please do come along to find out more about this initiative. There will be a short video about Lasting Power of Attorney and advance care planning and an opportunity to pick up a free copy of the My Future Care Handbook.

These sessions are aimed at people of all ages to support planning for tomorrow and living for today. Further details in the porch.

## **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](http://missio.org.uk).

Many thanks also to Frank Meaby for all his work in recent years as our Parish's Missio Local Secretary who is now stepping down. Cathy Smith will now take on this role with Sue Canipel assisting.

## **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.

## **Safeguarding Training**

The Diocese training provider is changing to CSSA and replaces EduCare; it is a Church related training. It is just one course with both Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults included.

Going forward, all volunteers must complete the CSSA Level 3 course which can be accessed via this link <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/courses>

Please note, any EduCare training that has been completed in the last three years will still be accepted, but the CSSA Level 3 course is the training that we will be using from now onwards.



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 this weekend - World Day of Prayer for Vocations and the Education of Future Priests.** Donations can be made in the baskets at the end of Mass or on the Contactless machines in the church. This collection can be Gift Aided.

**Second Collection next weekend 27th/28th April - SURVIVE-MIVA** - A Catholic lay Association based in Liverpool which provides grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access, across Africa, Asia and Latin America. SURVIVE-MIVA aims to help those who already have the skills; who are ordained or medically trained, the Sisters who are doctors and midwives, and the village nurses, providing a means to do their jobs or carry out their apostolate much more effectively and reach more people, more often. To find out more please visit [www.survive-miva.org](http://www.survive-miva.org)

### Fr Chris writes...

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

And **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**, is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Children's Liturgy helpers urgently needed

Do you have young children who come out to Children's Liturgy on Sundays? Or would you just be free to help lead Children's Liturgy every five or six weeks? The Children's Liturgy team are urgently in need of more adults to help lead Children's Liturgy on Sundays during 11am Mass. Are you able to share Bible stories with children? Prepare simple activities linked with the Gospel? Pray? Sharing the Gospel with young children in a way that is meaningful and fun for them is such an important part in helping children to explore their faith. We are blessed with huge numbers of children but really need more catechists. Whether you currently have young children or not, the Children's Liturgy team would love you to join us. Full training and support will be given. Please speak to Kathryn Cole or Dan McNamara, or contact us through the parish office.



Do you want to find out more about Christian belief in the context of our challenging lives and troubled times? Are you curious about what and why Christians believe what they do? Then maybe the Alpha course is for you.

Come and join our course at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Centre, Hislop Walk, Bognor Regis PO21 1LP (at the back of the church) on the next session will be on **Wednesday 21st April at 7pm** for a simple meal, interesting film and a chance, in a convivial environment, to ask searching questions about faith. Everyone is welcome, whatever your experience of church. The evening is completely free of charge and there is no pressure to sign up for more. Simply come and see!

To book on the course, or for more details, e-mail Liz at [alphabognor@gmail.com](mailto:alphabognor@gmail.com), phone the office or simply turn up!

### 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.



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

**St Vincent de Paul** The next meeting will be on Friday 26th April in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm. If you would like to find out more about the work of the SVP in our Parish please do come along, new members are always welcome.

### Gift Aid Envelopes 2024 - 2025

For the new tax year are now available for collection from the Parish Centre or Parish shop after Sunday Masses. If you would like to donate this way please contact Caroline in the parish office.