



The Catholic Parish of Bognor Regis and Slindon

19th May 2024 - Pentecost - Year B

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St Richard of Chichester, Top Road, Slindon, BN18 0RG

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Signs of the Holy Spirit

Today as we celebrate an incredible moment in the life of the Church, we can notice all the ways in which we see the Holy Spirit at work in our parish and community.

In the number of families here each Sunday as a witness to their love for each other and for God. The miracle of new life and growing children. The young people who give their time to incredible projects like the diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, raising money for those who need it and inspiring us with their vision for a fairer, safer world.

In those who guide and support young people, teachers, people who work in schools and of course parents supporting and praying for those who are the future of the church and the world.

The people who dedicate themselves to running the parish, essential work like administration, cleaning, organising things so they run smoothly. The leadership team keeping a focus on vision and what is possible. Our Priests and religious sisters whose lives are given to building God's kingdom in a unique vocation. The many people who accompany each other on the journey of faith in different groups; those who minister at masses in a wide variety of ways.

And above all, the amount of prayer taking place each day, held in this community, trusting in God's promise that he is with us always, until the end of time. Life can be tough! So many things happening that feel dark and desperate, we can wonder where is God in all this? Isn't that the crucial question? Because I think if we choose to look, we will see him at work.

Our community is a microcosm of the entire world, with so much goodness at work. Where is God? His Spirit is right here, right now, with you and me, transforming us into co-creators, life givers and Kingdom builders! The world needs this, needs our prayers and our hard work. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for giving us what we need to continue. Amen

Martha Myers

Saturday 18th May		
St Richard's	9.30am	Michael Heywood RIP Anniversary
OLOS	6pm	Michael Collins RIP Anniversary
Sunday 19th		Pentecost
OLOS	9am	<i>No Mass</i>
11am Mass St Mary's School Field - People of the Parish		
Monday 20th		Mary Mother of the Church
OLOS	10am	David Holste RIP
Tuesday 21st		St Christopher Magellanes & Companions
St Anthony's	9.30am	Jill Glassock RIP
Wednesday 22nd		
OLOS	10am	Carel Schilder RIP
Thursday 23rd		Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
OLOS	10am	<i>No Mass</i>
Friday 24th		
OLOS	10am	Requiem: Andrew Bolger RIP
Saturday 25th		St Bede
St Richard's	9.30am	Wellbeing of Fr Fred Sheldon
OLOS	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th		The Most Holy Trinity
OLOS	9am	Margaret Reynolds RIP
OLOS	11am	Jyothi Rajesh RIP

Requiem in Aeternum



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

We also remember all whose anniversaries occur about this time: **Margaret Forrest, James Muldoon, Benoit Moyart, Anthony Mills, Mary Anne Watkins, Richard Riley, Peter Heys, Ida Mowatt, Hilda Glenny David Jenkins, Anthony O'Flinn, Cynthia Cassidy**

Prayers For The Sick

Your prayers are asked for: **Bridget Orphelia, 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, 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

**St Anthony's
Angela Clover RIP**

Tuesday 4th June, 9.30am

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

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.

Second Collection next weekend

Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese.
This collection can be Gift Aided.

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

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. Pentecost Sunday: read about the variety of spiritual gifts that make up the church (1 Cor 12:3-13) and pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured on our Diocese, to produce many vocations.

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

All are welcome to our annual May Fayre. Come and spend your money on bargains at the various stalls which include Raffle, Cakes, Bric a Brac, Books and Plants. 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. If you are unable to do so in person please contact Graham Darby who will be happy to collect donations Tel 01243 262467

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](#)

Mass for Engaged Couples - Arundel Cathedral 5th July 7pm - 8pm

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Join us afterwards for a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. To register for this event please visit <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Day of celebration sharing in the gift of people with disabilities at Aylesford Sunday July 7th 2024

If you, or anyone you know, lives with a disability of any sort this day is for you. Held at the beautiful Priory of Aylesford, near Maidstone in Kent, the day will begin at noon with a welcome ceremony, there will be various activities throughout the afternoon including, by popular demand, the L'Arche Bognor Community Choir and Ukulele band performing lots of sing along songs, Mass at 4pm and the day ends at 6pm. The diocesan group Hand in Hand will be making their contribution to both the welcome service and the Mass in Drama and mime.

But how do I get there? I hear you say. Well, come on the coach leaving from Bognor around 9am and picking up other travellers in Worthing, Brighton and possibly Crawley and then travelling to Aylesford. The coach will have disabled access. What will it cost? The coach is provided by the organisers of the day, although any donations to the cost will be gratefully received. How do I book my place? Contact Anne Ward by email: wardanne458@gmail.com. What if I don't use email? Then please contact your parish office and ask them to send an email with your details to Anne Ward. What do I need to bring? A packed lunch and snacks for the day. If the weather looks likely to be warm then please bring sun cream, a hat and water.

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 now cost £8 - Kindness tickets can also be donated to enable as many children and families to attend this fun event. Tickets 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.

Thank you from CAFOD

CAFOD thanks the parish for our latest donation from monies raised through Lenten lunches and Sunday Tea/Coffees *"Thank you to all parishioners for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £420.38. Thank you so much for being there for our global family."*

The parish gives generously to support the work of CAFOD throughout the year with various fundraising activities. Our next event will be:

CAFOD Plant, Cake Sale and Raffle Sunday 2nd June 9.30am to 2pm in the Parish Centre

Please join us for this life giving and community event. Donations are welcome and can be delivered to the Parish Centre on Saturday 1st June 2pm to 4pm. For enquiries or collection please contact Colin and Gabrielle on 07736 814364

Mental Health Awareness Seminar – Saturday 15th June 10am - 4pm. Cost £30

Please note that the venue has changed to The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley

Being aware of the challenges and signs of the struggle many people have with their mental health is becoming more and more important in our modern world. We are pleased to announce that in association with Mental Health England we are running a one day course in mental health awareness. The course has been heavily subsidised by the Diocese. For registration please click on this link [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events) or visit the Diocesan website events calendar: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

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.worthabbepilgrims.com

Offertory Collections April

Offertory Plate Collections	£2409.05
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 456.00
Bankers Orders	£7265.50
Contactless Machines	£ 281.00
CAF donations	<u>£ 45.00</u>
	£10456.55

Special Collections

Vocations Sunday	£334.90
Survive MIVA	£528.25

Many thanks to all you give to the parish. If you are eligible to Gift Aid your donation, we are able to claim an additional 25% from the Government. This year £21,107 has been recovered from the Government. This is a valuable source of income to the Parish, if you are a UK taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your donation forms are available in the churches, on our website or via the Parish Office, donations can be made by Standing Order or in weekly envelopes. *You can also register for Gift Aid even if you already donate by Standing Order*, if you have any queries please do contact the Parish office.