



Parish of St. Richard of Chichester

with Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham
Parish of St. Peter, the Witterings

31st Sunday of Year C

4th November 2007

Thought for the Week: This Sunday Luke introduces us to a well-known and popular character that we can all relate to at some level. We may have more in common with the Zacchaeus of the Gospel story than we might like to admit. We are sometimes happier taking the role of a spectator, finding a place to look-on passively, rather than becoming directly involved with the life of Jesus. Perhaps we have a tendency to value personal wealth or status over personal integrity. Maybe at times we prefer to be isolated rather than mingle with the crowd. Even if all or some of these things are true about us, the positive similarities are certain: We want to see Jesus; we are called by name; we are invited to conversion and we can welcome Him with joy!

Next week is Remembrance Sunday

We remember in our prayers all who have died in conflicts, wars and atrocities.

The Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

Arundel Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese and the church of its chief pastor, the Bishop. The heavy expenses for its upkeep have to be shared by the parishes of the Diocese. *Your donation may be gift-aided.*

Please pray for the Sick

Deacon David Boyd, Maureen Eyles, Gizella Gatford, Brendan Walls, Molly Linfield, Shelley Cox, Alastair Gordon, Tom Le Morvan & Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville.

Remembrance of the Holy Souls

The Book of Remembrance will be placed in the chapel of St Richard's during November. Names will be read out each day and included in our prayers.

Friday Project

The Parish Friday Project which supports the work of CAFOD and the welfare of needy parishioners raised **£88.25** this week. Please use the Friday Project envelopes, which can be gift-aided, or CAFOD envelopes from the porches.

Blessing of the Graves - TODAY

This annual service will be held at 3pm at Portfield Cemetery, Chichester. Please come and join our prayers for the deceased.

Baptism

Welcome to Rachael O'Flanagan, who will be baptised in our Church today, Luke Sharp & Poppy Bullen, who will be baptised next Sunday. Please keep the families in your prayers for their special day.

The Event

Thurs. 15th Nov. 1pm - 3pm in the Parish Rooms.
Lifts needed? Call Maria 782837.

Taizé Style Worship

Christ Church, Old Market Ave. Chichester invites you to an evening led by Tim Bushell on **Sun. 4th Nov. at 6.00pm** (not 6.30pm as stated last week) at their church. All are welcome.

A date for your Diaries

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on **Sunday 16th December** at St Richard's Church at 4pm. Please do come along and benefit from it. With all the seasonal preparations going on, it is important we prepare ourselves spiritually too. So please add the date to your dairies now before your dairies get too full. All are welcome.

Quiz & Harvest Supper

at St. Philip Howard High School on **Fri. 9th Nov.** 7pm in the hall. Adults £4 Children £1.50 includes Ploughman's supper. For tickets call 552055.

Open Letter on the 1967 Abortion Act

The Presidents of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Scotland Cardinals Cormac Murphy-O'Connor and Keith O'Brien have recently issued this joint letter. It clearly sets out the Church's stance on abortion and suggests practical measures that can be taken in the current climate. Copies are available in all church porches.

Christmas Market

NEXT WEEKEND To raise funds for Mercy House, Johannesburg our Market will be on **Sat. 10th and Sun. 11th Nov.**

Anything sellable? Let us have it, especially bottles, unwanted gifts etc. Either deliver to the Parish Office, or 5 Laburnum Grove. Anything to collect? Call Mick and Penny on 783988.

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Please pray for the Repose of the Soul

of David James. He was an active and much loved member of this parish for many years before moving to Herefordshire. His requiem will be in Ledbury on Tuesday. Please keep Susie, Christine, Barbie and Peter in your prayers. May David rest in peace.

Bosham Ecumenical Prayer Group

Meet again on **Mon. 12th Nov.** at 3pm at 8 Fairfield Road, Bosham. All welcome.

St. Philip Howard High School

Parish Parent Group Meeting: **Tues. 6th Nov.** at 7.30pm in the parish room. See posters for details.

Home is where the Hurt is

Responding to Domestic Violence. A date for your diary: An all day seminar for churches on this topic will take place on **Sat. 17th Nov.** at Chichester Baptist Church. For full details and booking forms please take a brochure from the porch.

The Emmanuel Prayer Group

meets at 'Shalom' 28 Grosvenor Road, Chichester on Monday evenings at 8pm. (Rosary at 7.45pm). Tel: 785337. All are welcome.

Bosham Tuesday Group

meets as usual after 10am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Bosham. We will be watching a DVD entitled "The Miracles of Jesus, Did they really happen?" Refreshments served. All welcome.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

are now meeting at 9.30am in the chapel followed by Bible Study in the Upper Parish Room. All are welcome. Refreshments available.

Mass Books for Children

'Let's Go to Mass' a publication suitable for small children is now available from the Repository Shop at St. Richard's, price £3.25, open after all Sunday masses.

Christian Aid

The Wednesday soup lunches at Christchurch continue from 12 - 1.30pm. Come and try our delicious soup and make a donation.

Public Meeting

At 7.30pm on **8th Nov.** at the Friends Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester concerning the control of BAE or lack of it by the UK Government. Speakers from CAAT and The Corner House, London. All very welcome and free entry!

Enquiring Into the Priesthood Evenings

An opportunity to enquire into the vocation to the priesthood with priests from the diocese of Arundel and Brighton. To take part please first contact your parish priest or Fr. Paul Turner, the Diocesan Vocations Director on 01293 603773

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

continues on Thursdays at 8pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome.

The Parish Co-ordinating Group

met last month. The minutes of that meeting can be found on the parish website: parish/pastoral life/ppt.

Singer Sewing Machine needs a new home

in good condition, this 50 year old machine could be put to good use. The owner asks for a reasonable donation to the World Youth Day. Offers considered. Please contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL

Saturday Study Days: Prior booking is helpful please.

17th Nov: '**STREAMS OF GRACE**' a day for women led by Fiona Hendy 10am - 3.30pm.

24th Nov. '**TO BE OR NOT TO BE - we are the answer**' A Day for men led by Phil Waine 10am - 3.30pm.

Midweek Bible Study 'The Prison Epistles.'

Led by Geoff Poulter (& two more sessions 15, 29 Nov)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Hour)

Wed. 7th Nov. at 7.45pm

Healing Service: Wed. 21st nNov. At 7.30pm.

"OPEN DOOR PRAYER MEETING" Wednesdays at 7.45 pm – all welcome. www.catholic-bible-school.org Reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings or Tel:371766.

A New Telephone System

has been installed at the Parish Office. Although you will get several options, there is always the opportunity to speak to the office (when open) or directly to either of the clergy. This should enable a more efficient use of the time of both members of staff. Please let us know what you think of this new system.

....And a Video Entry System

When calling at the Parish Office or the Presbytery, please use the new videophone entry system in the silver box on the wall. This will enable us to see who is calling and will give a more secure environment for both the staff and clergy here at the Presbytery.

Stars of Mary Mass for the Disabled,

the frail and elderly and their friends and families takes place at 3pm on Sun. 18th Nov. at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Petersfield Road, Midhurst. Refreshments served afterwards. Everyone welcome.

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At Westminster Cathedral with Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor on **Sat. 1st Dec** at 3pm followed by CAFOD reception.

Oaklands Teaching Vacancies

Temporasy teacher of Geography required at Oaklands Catholic School, Waterlooville. For 1st Jan - 31st Aug 2008. For further information please contact the Headteacher on 023 9224 8043.

Application forms on request. Closings date: Fr. 16th November.

The Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting

will be held each Saturday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 3.30pm. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week commencing Sunday 4th November 2007

- Sat. Vigil 6.00pm George Deere RIP (Mrs P Deere)
- Sun 4th 8.30am For the People of the Parish
9.00am *Wittering - see overleaf*
10.00am Mary Green & Vic Ruddell RIP (Mrs P Green)
- Bosham 11.00am Jim Griffiths RIP (Eileen Grant RIP)
- Mon 5th 8.00am Dec'd members of the Doocey family
- Tues 6th 8.00am NO MASS
- Bosham 10.00am In thanksgiving for Tony's birthday (Mrs. Thomas)
- Wed 7th 8.00am NO MASS
12.15pm Bridie & Patrick McGreal RIP
- Thur 8th 12.15pm Edward Wood RIP (Eileen Wood)
8.00pm *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*
- Fri 9th 8.00am Frank du Moulin RIP
10.00am *Wittering - see overleaf*
12.15pm *Scriptural Rosary in the B.S. Chapel*
- Sat 10th 10.00am Pat Mullen RIP (Collins family)
3.30pm *Holy Family Prayer Meeting*
- Vigil 6.00pm Sylvia & William Darby RIP (Mrs. P. Deere)
- Sun. 11th 8.30am For the People of the Parish
Witterings 9.00am *see overleaf*
10.00am Wellbeing of the Cookson family
- Bosham 11.00am Jack & Eileen Grant RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10.30am - 11.15am & 5.00pm - 5.30pm

By arrangement at other times.

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9am - 2pm Mon. to Fri. *Items for newsletter in by noon on Wed.*

St. Richard's Parish Primary School 784549

Headteacher: Mrs. Catherine Hunn.

St. Richard's Parish Nursery 776728

Nursery Supervisor: Mrs. Rosemary Beal

St. Philip Howard Catholic High School 552055

Headteacher: Mr. David Todd Fax: 01243 552900.

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Chichester Christian Care Association 537934

Ecumenical charity providing services for people homeless or at risk.

S.O.S. Prayer Line 377331 Every evening 7.30pm - Midnight.

Parish Visiting & Support Group - Ring Parish Office for help.

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Psalter Week 3

First Reading:

Wisdom 11:22-12:2.

You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.

Responsorial Psalm

No. 144

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second Reading:

Thessalonians 1:11-2:2.

The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 19:1-10.

The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

Next weekend

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First Reading:

Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14.

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5.

Gospel:

Luke 20:27-38.

Please read the Scriptures at home and listen to them at Sunday Mass.

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Mass

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2007
31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Refreshments available afterwards,
all welcome.

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PARISH WEBSITE

www.strichardschichester.co.uk

Sacraments

Sundays: Mass 9.00 am
Wednesdays: Mass 10.00 am.
Solemn days of obligation: Mass 10.30am

Sacrament of Penance:

First Friday of the month at 9.30 a.m.
Also at St Richard's at the following times:
Thursday: 10.30 - 11.15 a.m. and
5 to 5.30 p.m.
Baptism: By Appointment
Marriage: 6 months' notice.

ASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Priest: Kieron O'Brien 782343
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Parish Council Chair/Secretary Geoff Breeze 671082
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Parish Hall/Buildings David Field 672823
Parish Office/Parish Hall/Liturgy Monica Heath 672293
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THIS WEEK'S FEASTS:

Sunday - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop.
Friday - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.
Saturday - St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 4 November - Jack Culliton RIP (Monica Tourlmain).
Friday 9 November - Dennis Shirley RIP (Nora Haugh).
There will be a Special Collection next Sunday for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund. This collection is eligible for Gift Aid.

PULLING TOGETHER

Correction.....**Friday 9th November, 7.00 pm in the hall**
An informal meeting for parishioners of St Peter's to review the 2007 summer fete and discuss the 2008 summer fete.
Cheese and wine provided. Please attend if you can, your opinion is important. We need to discover what we can do better, building on past experience. We also need to know how we can involve more parishioners. Whether or not you are agile, we would like you as part of the team. So if you haven't managed to turn out before, let us know what would persuade you in the future.

TRAIDCRAFT There will be a sale of Traidcraft goods in the parish hall after Mass next Sunday, 11th November. Please come and see what is on offer and help support the growers in the Third World.

ADVENT GROUPS In order to help parishes prepare spiritually for Christmas, the diocese has produced a programme: "NOW IS THE TIME!" There will be two groups in the parish using the programme, one on Tuesday evenings, and one on Friday mornings after Mass, beginning on Tuesday 27th November and Friday 30th November.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Hilda Brooker, Christopher Browne, Peggy Carney, Jean Clinche, Angela Connor, Norah Connor, Elspeth Gormley, Minnie Guest, Jean Hood, John Mattalan, John Nordatt, Marjorie Ross-Palmer, June Seaward, Norma Taylor, and John Twose.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the souls of our departed parishioners whose anniversaries occur this week:
John Christopher Culliton (1996), Alice Wadey (2003), Francis Richard Gundry (1984), Evelyn Mary Gertrude Mann (1985), James Edgar Carney (1988), Margarita Faith Denning (2004).

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