



Parish of St. Richard of Chichester

with Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham

Parish of St. Peter, the Witterings

2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

9th December 2007

Thought for the Week:

This Sunday is Bible Sunday, when we are asked to pray for openness to the word of God. In the Gospel this week people are coming from miles around in response to this call. John the Baptist rebukes the Pharisees and Sadducees who think accepting baptism is enough. He warns them they must also be repentant and produce the fruit of good works and faith. The same message still applies to us. We are baptised. We participate in Mass. We are open to the word of God. But what fruits are we producing? Can we do more? Paul reminds us that even when we are weak and giving up God is still on our side, encouraging us to keep faithful to the word of God. The goal is spelt out in the first reading: a restoration of harmony, peace and calmness in an otherwise chaotic world.

There is a Second Collection TODAY

This Sunday (9th December) there will be a second collection for the BANGLADESH CYCLONE EMERGENCY APPEAL which will be channelled through CAFOD.

The Season of Advent

There are a few copies of "Now is the Time", the Diocesan Advent booklet, available to buy in the Parish Office, price £1.50.

Advent Prayer in Singleton

During Advent ecumenical Evening Prayer will be held at Singleton Parish Church each Tuesday (4th to 18th December) at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Further information from Ged Lavery - 811270.

Our Advent Reconciliation Service

will be held on **Sun. 16th Dec.** at St Richard's Church at 4 pm. With all the seasonal preparations going on, it is important we prepare ourselves spiritually too. So please add the date to your diaries now before your diaries get too full. All are welcome.

Bosham Home Produce Sale for Fr. Joe

If you have any homemade/grown produce for our sale after 11 am Mass on **Sunday 9th Dec** at Our Lady of the Assumption, please bring it along - ready-priced. All monies raised go to Fr. Joe's education work in his parish.

Christmas 'Event'

Come along for carols and festive cheer on **Thurs. 13th Dec.** in the lower parish room 1 pm - 3 pm. All welcome. Prior booking needed for catering. Phone Maria on 782837. Transport available.

Parish Office

During the period before a new permanent secretary is appointed the Parish Office **will only be open from 9.00—12.00, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.** The Office will be closed from 24th December until 2nd January.

New e-mail address for parish office

admin@st-richards.fsnet.co.uk

Parish Office Manager

Following the retirement of Julia Janiec, applications are invited for the new post of **Parish Office Manager.** This is a permanent part-time post (25 hours per week) based in St. Richard's Presbytery. Please contact Father Kieron for an application form and job description. Closing date 31st December 2007. Interviews will be held early in the New Year.

Please pray for the Sick

Deacon David Boyd, Maureen Eyles, Mick Finn, Gizella Gatford, Brendan Walls, Molly Linfield, Alastair Gordon, Keith Cartey & Ros Davies.

Christmas Vigil Mass at Bosham

Children attending the Family Mass at Bosham at 5 pm on Christmas Eve are invited to come dressed as shepherds and angels. If you wish your children to join the procession to the crib please arrive by 4.45 pm.

Bosham Ecumenical Prayer Group

The next meeting will be at 3.00 pm on Monday 10 December at Loafers, Bosham Lane. All welcome.

New Arundel & Brighton Directories

Are on sale in our churches price: £3.80.

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e-mail: kieron@chicathchurch.prestel.co.uk www.strichardschichester.co.uk

'Walk with Me' Advent booklets

A journey of prayer for Advent and Christmastide, price £1. Money in the 'Papers' wall safe please.

Available from all church porches.

Christian Aid

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

Stars of Mary Mass for the Disabled,

the frail and elderly and their friends and families takes place at 3 pm on Sunday 9th Dec at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Bognor Regis. Refreshments served afterwards. Everyone welcome.

The Big Parish Christmas Card

is in the main porch at St Richard's. Please sign this to your friends in the Parish and contribute the money you save on sending individual cards to CAFOD.

The Emmanuel Prayer Group

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

Bosham Tuesday Group

meets as usual after 10 am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Bosham. We will be continuing the Advent booklet, "Now is the Time". Refreshments served. All welcome.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

Join us to study the Diocesan Advent booklet at 10 o'clock in the Upper Parish Room and/or the Prayer of the Church in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 9.45 am. All are welcome. Refreshments available.

Are you new to our Parish?

Welcome! Please complete a new parishioner's form and return it to the Parish Office for our records. There are Parish Directories available free from all porches, with details of all the Parish activities.

Work Needed

Helena, a Catholic Slovakian au pair, is available for cleaning, babysitting or dog walking. Please contact her on 07726 509233.

Retreat Week

As is his custom, Fr. Royston will be going on his annual retreat to Quarr Abbey from Mon 28th Jan to Fri 1st Feb 2008. If any other men (aged 18+) would like to join him and experience life in a Benedictine Monastery, please let him know ASAP, as numbers may be limited.

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

Parish Diaries are now available from all church porches. Although they are free, please make a suggested donation of at least £1 to CAFOD. Envelopes are available from the porches.

'Busy' Box in the Chapel

A small quantity of children's books are available in the Chapel for use by our young parishioners, during Mass, when Children's Liturgy is not available. Please look after them and return them to the box so others may use them too.

Parish Youth Council

If you are a young person, of secondary school age, or older and would like to help shape the future for young people in the Parish, come and join the first meeting of the Parish Youth Council on Thursday 3rd January at 6 pm in the Presbytery.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL

Saturday Study Days: Prior booking is helpful please.

Why not take some time out before the Christmas rush really begins?

"COMING TO THE CRIB" A time of Advent preparation using a variety of media. Friday 14 December 10 am - 11.30 am.

19th Dec: **MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE YEAR** 7.45 pm followed by seasonal refreshments. **ALL MOST WELCOME.** Come and give thanks for all the Lord has done in 2007.

"OPEN DOOR PRAYER MEETING" Wednesdays at 7.45 pm - all welcome. Visit the CBS website www.catholic-bible-school.org for more information and weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings or Tel: 371766.

The Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting

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

St Richard's School 400 Club

Congratulations to the prize winners of the November draw; 1st Mr & Mrs Gillet (124), 2nd £30, Mr M Moore (36) and 3rd £10, Mrs G Jones (119). Double prize money in December for Christmas. New members always welcome, please contact either the school or Lesley Brownlee on 771558.

Pilgrimage to Poland

Terry Martin, assistant priest at Bognor, is running a pilgrimage to Poland from 02-09 May 2008. The total cost is £590, which includes half-board in two hotels, and visits to: Czestochowa for the national shrine of Our Lady (the black Madonna) at Jasna Gora, Krakow (City, Cathedral, Royal Chambers, St Mary's Basilica, the largest medieval square in Europe), Auschwitz (where the cell of St Maximilian Kolbe can be visited), the new basilica of the Divine Mercy at Lagiewniki, Wadowice (the birthplace of Pope John Paul II) and the famous salt mines at Wieliczka. Flights from Gatwick. All are welcome. Please contact Fr Terry, who will be happy to send further details at: The Parish Centre, Hislop Walk, Bognor Regis, PO21 1LP. Tel: 823619.

Terry.martin@dabnet.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Week commencing Sunday 9th December 2007

2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

- Vigil 6.00pm Maryncia Dembinski RIP
(Davenport family)
- Sun. 9th 8.30am Michael Fitzalan-Howard RIP (M. Emmet)
Witterings 9.00am *see overleaf*
- 10.00am Wellbeing of the Cookson family
- Bosham 11.00am For the People of the Parish
- Mon 10th 12.15pm For Joan Le Morvan & Family (Emmanuel
Prayer group)
- Tues 11th 8.00am Jenny & John Hogan RIP (Family)
- Bosham 10.00am Dec'd members Rawson, Ambrose and
Burgess Families
- Wed 12th 8.00am For Fr Thomas' Intentions
12.15pm Yvonne Badel RIP
- Thur 13th 12.15pm Shelley Cox RIP
- Fri 14th 8.00am Marie Marguerite RIP
10.00am *Wittering - see overleaf*
- Sat 15th 10.00am Patrick Doocey Jnr RIP (Family)

3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

- Vigil 6.00 pm Dec'd Family and Friends of P & E
Robson
Baptism of Callum Shepherd
- Sun 16th 8.30 am Bridie & Patrick McGreal RIP
Witterings 9.00 am *see overleaf*
- 10.00 am Dec'd Timlick Family (M & J Timlick).
- Bosham 11.00 am For the People of the Parish.
4.00 pm *Penitential Service*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10.30am - 11.15am & 5.00pm - 5.30pm
By arrangement at other times.

Parish Office 782343 e-mail: admin@st-richards.fsnet.co.uk

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.

E-mail: office@stphiliphoward.w-sussex.sch.uk

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.

Parish Rooms Bookings - contact the Parish Office as above

Transport to Mass 528818 - Michael Purcell

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Psalter Week 2

First Reading:

Isaiah 11::1-10

He judges the wretched with integrity

Responsorial Psalm

No. 71

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Second Reading:

Romans 15:4-9

Christ is the saviour of all men..

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close a hand..

Next weekend

3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading:

Isaiah 35:1-6.10.

Second Reading:

James 5:7-10

Gospel:

Matthew 11:2-11

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

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Mass

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2007

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BIBLE SUNDAY

Refreshments available afterwards,
all welcome.

PARISH E.MAIL

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PARISH WEBSITE

www.strichardschichester.co.uk

Sacraments

Sundays: Mass 9.00 am

Fridays: Mass 10.00 am.

Holy days of obligation: Mass
10.30am

Sacrament of Penance:

First Friday of the month at 9.30 a.m.

or at St Richard's at the following times:

Saturday: 10.30 - 11.15 a.m. and
5 to 5.30 p.m.

Baptism: By Appointment

Marriage: 6 months' notice.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

Fr Kieron O'Brien
782343

Chair - Rotation Councillor

Vice Chair/Secretary Geoff Breeze
671082

Finance David Field
672823

Land/Buildings David Field
672823

Hall/Liturgy Monica Heath
672293

Pastoral Care Tony Mornement
513376

General Assistance

Graeme Bell
Mary de Brunner

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS:

Sunday - Bible Sunday, a day of prayer for openness to the Word of God.

Thursday - St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr.

Friday - St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 9 December - Albert Connor RIP (Norah Connor).

Friday 14 December - Maria Raposo (Mary de Brunner).

WITTERING 150 CLUB

The next half-yearly draw will take place on Sunday 9th December 2007 at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church Hall.

Brendan Martin will be collecting members subscriptions after Mass today. New members would be very welcome. Nibbles and Raffle Prizes would be very welcome on the night.

ADVENT MUSIC & POETRY FESTIVAL AT ST PETER'S

on Friday 14 December at 7.45 pm in the church with wine and mince pies afterwards in the hall.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held in the church hall on Saturday 15 December at 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm. All welcome.

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:

Eileen Anne Skinner (1997)

Kathleen Maeve West (2005)

Noreen Morphee (1993)

Charles Annesley Morfee (1984).

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