



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

The Epiphany of the Lord

6th January 2008

Thought for the Week:

The Feast of Epiphany challenges our assumptions. We think there are three wise men, or magi, but we only *know* there were three gifts. We think this draws the Christmas season to a close, but in fact it marks the beginning of Christ for the Nations and in any case the season continues until the Baptism of the Lord. We might think that the visitors from the east were wise men or kings, but in fact their real identity is shrouded in mystery. Clinging-on to old assumptions does us no harm provided that they do not lead us away from the essential truth: the child in the manger brings a universal message of salvation, the magi are ambassadors for all peoples. We too should present our gifts for the building up of his kingdom and to spread his Gospel.

Ordination to the Priesthood

The Bishop of Arundel and Brighton has proposed Thursday 24th January 2008 in Arundel Cathedral for the Ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Malcolm commencing at 7.00 pm. A cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners of St Richard's Chichester, St Peter's Wittering, and Our Lady Bosham to be present on that occasion. Deacon Malcolm would greatly value your support and prayers. If you would be able and like to attend would you please place your name on the list at the back of the Church by 17th January 2008. The possibility of travel by coach will be looked into once numbers have been determined and cost obtained.

Pray for those who have died

José Martinez-Lopez whose funeral will be on Wednesday 9th January at 12.15 pm and Tom McHale whose funeral will be on Thursday 10th January at 12.15 pm. May they rest in peace.

Thank you

The Parish Clergy wish to thank everyone for their generosity over Christmas. The cards, gifts and Christmas collection are very much appreciated!

Mass Intentions There are now some forthcoming masses available for particular intentions. If you would like a mass offered please contact the parish office or drop in an envelope containing details of the intention, the donor and a donation (usually £5).

Mass in the Polish language

For a trial period, Fr. Waldemar Partyka will celebrate Mass in Polish at 12 noon at St Richard's Church on Sundays. Zapraszam serdecznie na Msze w języku polskim w Chichester, w kazda niedziele o godzinie 12.00 ks.

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.**

New e-mail address for parish office

admin@st-richards.fsnet.co.uk

Tea at West Dean on Thursday 10th January at

3 pm. All welcome - please book by 7th January. Transport available. Please phone Maria on 782837.

Emmanuel Prayer Group will be having a break until January. During January we will be meeting at 9 Cooks Lane, Southbourne (Tel: 374390) on the 7th and 14th at 8 pm (Rosary at 7.45 pm) and at 80 Westgate, Chichester on the 21st (Tel: 784946). We will resume at 'Shalom', 28 Grosvenor Road, Chichester from 28th January. All are welcome.

Please pray for the Sick

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

SPUC Meeting

The next meeting of the Chichester & District Branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be on Tuesday, 15 January, at 7.30 pm, in the parish centre at our Lady of Sorrows Church, Bognor Regis. All are welcome.

White Flower Appeal

There will be a collection after all Masses on **12/13 January** in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, to support them in their defence of the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please give generously.

Father Kieron O'Brien & Father Royston Pegley

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Congratulations to St Richard's Primary School

The School has recently been inspected under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005, which looks at Religious Education and the Catholic Ethos of a school. Once again, St Richard's has been described as an "outstanding school", achieving grade one (outstanding) in each of seven categories. This is a tremendous result and a wonderful testimony to the dedication, talent and hard work of all the staff and pupils. We wish them all a well-earned break for the Christmas holidays! Copies of the report are available from the Parish Office.

St Richard's Golden Jubilee The next meeting about the Golden Jubilee Celebrations will be on January 15th at 7.30 pm (**Please note change of date**) in the Parish Rooms. You are welcome to come along and get involved! The Mass on 21st May with Cardinal Cormac and Bishop Kieran will be by ticket only. All parishioners will be invited to apply for tickets in February and these will then be allocated on a first-come first served basis, more details to follow.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th—25th January 2008

UNITED SERVICE AND LAUNCH OF "HOPE 2008"

Sunday 20th January at 6.30 pm,

Chichester Cathedral, Preacher Ian Chisnail.

PRAYER WORKSHOP

Saturday 19th January, 10 am to 12.30 pm at 5 East Pallant.

Subject, 'Forgiveness' led by Geoff Poulter.

24/7 PRAYER

St Wilfred's Church, Parklands will host 24/7 prayer from Friday 19th to Thursday 24th January (excluding Sunday) from 8 am to 8 pm. *Note* Our parish share of time is Tuesday, 20th January, 12 noon - 4 pm.

Parishioners able to spend time at St Wilfred's please sign rota in porch of Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

CLOSING SERVICE

Thursday 24th January, 7.30 pm at St Pancras Church.

St Richard's Car Parking Scheme The future of the car parking scheme for the spaces around St. Richard's Church will be reviewed in the New Year when we have additional admin support. In the meantime, please continue to use your 2007 discs and exercise consideration for others by only using the designated spaces and respecting the disabled parking bays.

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.

New Arundel & Brighton Directories

Are on sale in our churches price: £3.80.

Barn Dance

Saturday 2nd February 2008, 7.30 pm—11 pm, at our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham. Caller, Helen Floyd. Admission by programme, £7.00, includes Ploughman's Supper. For more details contact Marion on 01243 792372 or Finola on 572934. (If you would like to donate a Raffle prize, please contact Angela on 374390).

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

'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.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL

Saturday Study Days 10am - 3.30pm (Bring a packed lunch) Prior booking is helpful please.

12 January - "Vision-Discovering God's Will" led by Charles Whitehead - Author and International Speaker.

26 January - "The Road To Maturity" Led by Mary Pytches and Prue Bedwell. Mary (wife of Bishop David Pytches) is an author and both are experienced speakers and retreat leaders.

Monthly Healing Service Wed 16 January at 7.45pm.

"Open Door Prayer Meeting" recommences Wednesday 9 January 2008 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.

St Richard's School 400 Club

Congratulations to the prize winners of the Christmas draw; 1st £200, Mr M Dale (274), 2nd £60, Mrs Thefaut (69) and 3rd £20, Mr & Mrs G Shirt (182).

New members are always welcome and should contact either the school or Lesley Brownlee on 01243 771558.

The Event will be held on Thursday 17 January from 1 - 3 pm. This is a parish social which is held once a month in the Parish Room at St Richard's and is open to all. Do come along. Transport can be arranged - phone Maria on 782837.

The Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting

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

Welcome to Life

Discover who you are in Christ's eyes. A retreat for young adults aged 20 -35. Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd February 2008 at Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery, Sussex. For more information and booking form contact: Elmgrovecommunity@yahoo.co.uk on 01273 245096.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week commencing Sunday 6th January 2008

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sat 5th Vigil	6.00 pm	Edmund Boland RIP (Flaxbeard Family)
Sun 6th	8.30 am	Bridie McGreal RIP (McGreal Family)
<i>Witterings</i>	9.00 am	<i>see overleaf</i>
	10.00 am	Well-being of the Cookson Family
Bosham	11.00 am	Celebrants Intention
Mon 7th	12.00 pm	NO MASS
Tues 8th	8.00 am	NO MASS
Bosham	10.00 am	M Murphy RIP (Maura Sands)
Weds 9th	8.00 am	NO MASS
	12.15 pm	Requiem for José Martinez Lopez RIP
Thur 10th	12.15 pm	Requiem Mass for Tom McHale RIP
Fri 11th	8.00 am	NO MASS
	10.00 am	<i>Wittering - see overleaf</i>
Sat 12th	10.00 am	Rosaleen Thompson RIP (Brome Thompson Family)

The Baptism of the Lord

Vigil	6.00 pm	Celebrants intention
Sun 13th	8.30 am	Piotr Janiec RIP (Mrs R Janiec)
<i>Witterings</i>	9.00 am	<i>see overleaf</i>
	10.00 am	Christine Marmont RIP (M & J Timlick)
Bosham	11.00 am	For the People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

No Sacrament of Reconciliation available this week

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

Year A

Psalter Week 2

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the lord appears.

Responsorial Psalm

No. 71

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

This mystery has now been revealed: it means that pagans now share the same inheritance

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia! Matthew 2:2

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

We came from the east to do the king homage.

Next weekend

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7.

Second Reading:

Acts 10:34-38

Gospel:

Mark 1:7-11.

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

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Mass

SUNDAY 6 JANUARY 2008

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Refreshments available afterwards,
all welcome.

PARISH E.MAIL

stpeterswittering@tiscali.co.uk

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.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD of
Deacon Malcolm, on Thursday 24 January in
Arundel Cathedral at 7.00 pm. A cordial
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attend, please put your name on the list at the
back of the church by 17 January. The
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obtained.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2008

The Society for the Protection of Unborn
Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual
White Flower Appeal next weekend, 12
January. In common with the Catholic Church
SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of
human life from conception until natural death.
The Society opposes laws and policies which
violate or threaten human life such as abortion,
euthanasia, research on human embryos and
anti-life education. SPUC also provides
trained speakers for schools and colleges and
a range of pro-life support services. Please
give generously to this worthy cause.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 6 January - Dervil Reynolds RIP (Mary Noble).

Friday 11 January - Stella Hall RIP (John Poland).

THE BIBLE GROUP The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8
January at 7.30 pm in the meeting room (off the church hall).
Topic: MATTHEW - THE GOSPEL IN A JEWISH WORLD.

PULLING TOGETHER Further to the meeting held in
November, a follow-up meeting will be held on Friday 11
January at 7.00 pm for parishioners of St Peter's to discuss the
fete for 2008 and any other events that you may wish to put on
as well or instead. Please attend if you can because your
opinion is important. We need to build 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 up before, let us
know what would persuade you in the future.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL The unconfirmed minutes of
the last meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) held on
11 December are displayed on the noticeboard in the church
porch. Please note that all matters relating to the PPC should
be referred to the Vice Chairman/Secretary.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH This Sunday, 6 January, we
welcome to St Peter's members of the United Reformed
Church (URC) whose church building is about to be demol-
ished and rebuilt. Work is due to start on 3 January and is
expected to last for six months. While the rebuilding is taking
place the URC will be using St Peter's church for their Sunday
services from 10.30 am to 12 noon. During this six month
period will parishioners please help to keep the church clean
and tidy by taking their newsletters home or replacing them in
the church porch. A small storage area in the church porch is
being set aside for the URC hymn books. Please respect this
area.

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, June
Seaward, Norma Taylor, and John Twose.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the souls of all our departed parishioners
whose anniversaries occur this week:

Flo Neal (2005), Arthur John Delahunty (1998), James Irving
Cosgrove (1996), Margarita Mary Joyce Bingham (2002),
Ethel de Wilton (1998).

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