



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

4th Sunday of the year

3rd February 2008

Thought for the Week:

This year our excursion into “ordinary time” has been very brief with Lent beginning during the coming week. However we should not let the earliness of the Season deter us from taking this time of preparation for Easter seriously. The cream eggs are already in the shops and even the spring flowers seem to be obliging early but we need to take our time to journey through Lent if our Easter celebrations are to be fruitful. This year we are privileged to have ten people preparing for baptism and/or Confirmation at Easter, they will be presented to the Bishop at the Rite of Election next Sunday. As they use this time of Lent to reflect on their calling, we accompany them with our prayers as we also renew our sense of being part of God’s elect, his chosen ones. The Gospel from the Sermon on the Mount reminds us today that we are called into holiness and even when the path to life is tough, we have reason to rejoice because “your reward will be great in heaven”.

Collection for Catholic Children’s Society

Today (3rd February) there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Children’s Society. Donations may be Gift Aided using the Society’s own envelopes.

Special Service

There will be a Service for neonatal deaths and still births today at St. Richard’s, 3 pm.

The Season of Lent

Commences this week on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Time for fulfilling Easter Duties begins.

Lenten Alms: donations may be made in the boxes in both porches.

Lenten Reading and Reflection: Walk With Me: A Lenten Journey of Prayer £1.

Stations of the Cross

will be prayed in St Richard’s Church throughout Lent on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm.

Fr Malcolm King

would like to thank the people of the parish for their support, everyone who attended his ordination and for all the kind gifts and cards which he received. He is most grateful.

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.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

Join us at 9.45 am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome.

New Parish Office Manager

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Lena Finn to the new post of “Office Manager” in the Parish. Lena will begin work with us on 25th February. Until that date, the current temporary arrangements will continue. Thank you for your understanding during this period of transition.

Parish Office

During the period up to 25th February the Parish Office **will only be open from 9-12 noon Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

Fund Raising for Fr. Joe -

Home Produce Sale Sunday 10th February 2008, at our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham. If you have any homemade/grown produce that we could sell after Mass, please bring it to 11 am Mass. Price produce before bringing. All monies raised goes to Fr. Joe’s education work in his parish.

Bosham Art and Craft Group

meets at Bosham Catholic Church on Thursday 7th February from 1.30 pm. All welcome, refreshments available.

KSC Draw Tickets

The KSC will be selling their grand national draw tickets after all masses on the weekend of 9th and 10th February. The proceeds will go towards training a Samaritan.

Please pray for the Sick

Deacon David Boyd, Alison Eyde, Maureen Eyles, Gizella Gatford, Molly Linfield, Alastair Gordon, Keith Cartey, Ros Davies, Ashley Barrett, Trudy Clery.

Father Kieron O’Brien & Father Royston Pegley

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Lent Groups

Pathways to Prayer - the material is produced by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, BBC Radio 4 and BBC Local Radio. The material can be downloaded from www.ctbi.org.uk and www.bbc.co.uk/religion.

There are 4 daytime groups at present. Apply to Yvonne - 573030 or Office - 782343 for further details. If you could lead a group, please contact Yvonne as above or to join a group, contacts as above.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 24th July to 1st August 2008 - Booking forms are available in the church and from the Pilgrimage Office. If you require a Medical Form please contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01903 745180.

Lenten Lunches at Bosham

Every Friday, during Lent, Our Lady of the Assumption Church will host the Meeting Point Lenten Lunches. Do come along, between 12.30 - 1.45, to enjoy a bowl of homemade soup, bread and cheese, tea or coffee and some good company. Cost £3 in support of the Christian Care Association.

Friday Project

The Parish Friday Project which supports the work of CAFOD and the welfare of needy parishioners raised **£64.11** this week. Please use the Friday Project envelopes, which can be gift-aided, or CAFOD envelopes from the porches.

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.

New Arundel & Brighton Directories

Are on sale in our churches price: £3.80.

Churches Together in Chichester

A Hope and a Future: a series for Lent Mondays, 7.30 pm, 11 February - 10 March, at Christ Church. Speakers: Baroness Cox; Ruth Valerio; the Bishop of Reading; Dr Carrie Pemberton and Rev David Powe.

Czech Lady (41, Catholic, art historian)

seeking temporary employment as companion to an older person, offers help with cleaning, shopping, cooking, gardening; non-driver; speaks a little English at present. For more information please phone John or Daphne Pavitt on 538895.

Giving away

2 television sets, a skybox, a video and a reclining armchair. Please contact Mary on 787074.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL

Saturday Study Days 10.00 am - 3.30pm

(Bring a packed lunch) Prior booking is helpful please.

16 February - "Israel is Relevant!" Led by Roy Hendy, founder of the Open Door Community and International Speaker.

1 March - "The Easter Vigil Readings" Led by Abbott Laurence O'Keeffe.

"The Passion and the Cross" - commences Friday 8

February 10.00 - 11.30. A new Lenten programme using a variety of media (4 Fridays) led by Gina and Geoff Poulter.

"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.

Recycling Many thanks to all who have collected plastic or foil milk bottle tops to raise money for Chesnut Tree House Children's Hospice. Until recently these have been taken to a collection point at St Paul's Church. However, from mid January, we will have two collection bins here at St Richard's, next to the entrance to the Parish rooms. Please place the lids (in bags) in the appropriate bin. Just two reminders - no thin foil thank you, only bottle tops or pie cases, and only plastic lids with number 2,4 or 5 inside and with no paper inserts. I should be grateful for any help with sorting these once a month, probably just for a couple of hours. If you can help, please ring Gill Casey (784965).

The Hot Mikado St Philip Howard Catholic High School is staging a production of The Hot Mikado, at the Minerva Theatre, Chichester from 14th - 16th February. This lively musical comedy is based on the Gilbert & Sullivan operetta The Mikado and comes with popular melodies and a live band. Many of our young parishioners are taking part. Please give them your support by booking tickets through the Box Office on 01243 781312 (£6 and £10).

The Firstborn

Churches Together in Chichester and Chichester Festival Theatre present 'Celebrating Christopher Fry'. St Paul's Church - 7th and 8th February at 7 pm and Minerva Theatre - 10th February at 7 pm. Tickets £8 and £12.50, Phone 01243 781312 or online: www.cft.org.uk.

The Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting

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

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.

New e-mail address for parish office

admin@st-richards.fsnet.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

Week commencing Sunday 3rd February 2008

4th Sunday of the Year

Vigil	6.00 pm	Bill & Audrey Ritchie RIP (William Ritchie)
Sun 3rd	8.30 am	Mike Eastland RIP
Witterings	9.00 am	See overleaf
	10.00 am	Well-being of the Cookson Family
Bosham	11.00 am	For the People of the Parish
Mon 4th	12.15 pm	For Freya Dudley & her Family (Máire Wells)
Tues 5th	8.00 am	NO MASS
Bosham	10.00 am	Celebrants Intention
	12.25 pm	Requiem for Geraldine Davidson
		Ash Wednesday
Weds 6th	8.00 am	NO MASS
	9.15 am	Ludwig Dembinski RIP With St Richard's School
Witterings	10.30 am	See overleaf
	12.15 pm	Titus Mathew Thomas - First Birthday
Bosham	7.30 pm	Celebrants Intention
Thurs 7th	12.15 pm	Celebrants Intention
	8.00 pm	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Fri 8th	8.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Witterings	10.00 am	see overleaf
Sat 9th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
		1st Sunday of Lent
Vigil	6.00 pm	Rebecca Turner RIP (Family)
Sun 10th	8.30 am	Celebrants Intention
Witterings	9.00 am	See overleaf
	10.00 am	Dec'd members of Dwyer Family
Bosham	11.00 am	For the People of the Parish

Parish Office 782343 e-mail: admin@st-richards.fsnet.co.uk
9am - 12 noon 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

4th Sunday of the Year Year A

Psalter week 4

First Reading:

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

*In your midst I will leave a
humble and lowly people.*

Responsorial Psalm

No. 145

**How happy are the poor in
spirit; theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.**

Second Reading:

Corinthians 1: 26-31

*God chose what is foolish by
human reckoning.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord
of heaven and earth, for
revealing the mysteries of the
kingdom to mere children.**

Alleluia!

Matthew 11:25

Gospel:

Matthew 5: 1-12

*How happy are the poor in
spirit.*

Next weekend

1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Second Reading:

Romans 5:12-19

Gospel:

Matthew 4:1-11.

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

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Mass

SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2008

4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**Refreshments available afterwards,
all welcome.**

PARISH E.MAIL

stpeterswittering@tiscali.co.uk

PARISH WEBSITE

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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

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Vice Chair/Secretary Geoff Breeze 671082

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Land/Buildings David Field 672823

Hall/Liturgy Monica Heath 672293

Pastoral Care Tony Mornement 513376

General Assistance

Graeme Bell

Mary de Brunner 670797

Linda Jolly 670398

Dot Leaver 671829

Marie O'Grady

Terry O'Hara

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS:

Tuesday - St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.

Wednesday - Ash Wednesday, Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

**There will be Mass at St Peter's on Ash Wednesday at
10.30 pm.**

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 3 February - Derek Bennett RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze).

Friday 8 February

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

There will be a collection today, Sunday, for the Catholic Children's Society which provides care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community. Their work includes providing subsidised Breakfast & Homework Clubs and Pre-school care; Counselling for school children experiencing stress and exclusion; Adoption, Post-Adoption and Fostering placement and support; Residential Care for young people with special needs and Catechetical programmes for children and young people with disabilities. The Society relies on the generosity and goodwill of the Catholic community to continue its work in our diocese. Please give what you can to help give the next generation the chance they deserve. This collection is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid, but please use the Catholic Children's Society Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church.

LENTEN GROUP

During Lent the parish will run a Lenten Reflection group. Using resources prepared by the diocese, we will pray and reflect on the Sunday Mass readings. Why not make this part of your spiritual preparation for Easter. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 5th February at 7.30 pm in the meeting room (via the church hall). EVERYONE VERY 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 Naldrett, 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:

George Wilfred Wilson (1993)

Vera Tucker (1997)

Emmanuela (Lily) Palmer (1999).

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