



# Parish of St. Richard of Chichester

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

17th February 2008

### *Thought for the Week:*

When Abram leaves his country, not only does he become the Father of a great nation, but the father of three great faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. There is much that distinguishes these religions, one from another and yet we can all claim to be children of Abraham, Sons and daughters of the same God. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can and should lead us into a closer understanding of the uniqueness of Jesus Christ, while at the same time, leaving our hearts open to dialogue with others who are, spiritually speaking, our distant relatives. Today's Gospel of the Transfiguration leaves us in no doubt about the identity of Christ - it is only by being secure in our own beliefs that we can confidently dialogue with those of other faiths and none. We do not need to define ourselves by who we are not, but by the revelation given to those disciples on the mountain: *This is my son, the beloved, listen to him.*

### **This Weekend (16th/17th February)**

There will be an appeal at all Masses on behalf of the Sisters' Mission Committee for England and Wales.

### **Date for your diary:**

Farewell Mass for our former Parish Secretary, Julia Janiec, will be on Saturday 3rd May at 10.00 am followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms.

### **Stations of the Cross**

will take place at 7.30 pm in St Richard's on Fridays during Lent. Like last year these will be led by members of our community. If you or a group of friends are interested in leading one of the sessions please let the office know as soon as possible. There are also Stations of the Cross on Wednesday afternoons at 3.20pm.

### **Emmanuel Prayer Group**

Will be meeting at 9 Cooks Lane, Southbourne, (Tel: 374390) on February 25th, and at 80 Westgate, (Tel: 784946) on February 18th and March 3rd. We will resume at "Shalom", 28 Grosvenor Road, from Monday 10th March at 8 pm (Rosary 7.45 pm). All are welcome.

### **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. We are looking for soup makers and helpers, if you can help, please phone the Parish Office.

### **Fr Joe Kengah writes from Kenya:-**

Calm is restored now in most hit areas but people are yet coming to terms with the loss of life and property as well as loss of lots of jobs. In Mombasa most hotels have no guests so hundreds of people have been forced to go on leave without pay.

We are very hopeful that an agreement will be reached this week before Friday of the way forward. The pressure from the international community has added to the quick search for a settlement to the whole issue. Most schools are back to business now but still this semester will not be as productive as it has always been. Parents are still not sure of exactly what is at stake. Thank you for your prayers.

The young man that I have been with from Harrow left yesterday for the UK. He has been with me for three months.

Best wishes for the Lenten season.

### **Bosham Tuesday Group**

meets after Tuesday morning Mass at Bosham Catholic Church, as usual with tea/coffee etc. During Lent, we will be following Pathways to Prayer, copies of which will be available. If you wish it can be downloaded from the ctbi website - [www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk).

### **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.**

### **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.

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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](http://www.ctbi.org.uk) and [www.bbc.co.uk/religion](http://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.

## Stars of Mary

Masses for the disabled, the frail and elderly as well as their friends and families.

The next Mass will be at St Richard's on Sunday 24th February at 3.00 pm, followed by tea. Transport can be arranged, phone Kathleen O'Gorman on 01243 544097 or Sue Botes on 01243 814457.

## Date for your diary:

The Youth Group will meet in the Lower Parish Room on Thursday 28 February at 6.30 pm.

**Tuesday Morning Group** We are looking at the Lent booklet Pathways to Prayer. Do join us in the Parish Rooms at 10 am or for Prayer of the Church at 9.45 am in the Chapel.

## Lenten Evening Prayer in Singleton

During Lent ecumenical Evening Prayer will be held in Singleton Parish Church each Tuesday, (12th February to 18th March) at 6.00 pm. Everyone welcome. Further information from Ged Lavery on 811270.

**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.

**Please note** There will be no toddler group during half term week.

## CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL

### Saturday Study Days 10.00 am - 3.30pm

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

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

15 March - "Living the New Covenant Life" Led by Jenny Baker from CaFE

"The Passion and the Cross" - 10.00 - 11.30. A new Lenten programme using a variety of media Fridays 29 Feb & 14 March led by Gina and Geoff Poulter.

Wednesday 5 March - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Hour) commences at 7.45 pm.

"Open Door Prayer Meeting" Wednesdays at 7.45 pm - all welcome.

Visit the CBS website [www.catholic-bible-school.org](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org) for more information and weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings or Tel: 371766.

### Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill

*The Ethics Group* will meet to consider and discuss all aspects of the development which will affect us all and our children and is part of a bigger picture.

Place: - **Upper Parish Room, Tuesday 4 March at 7 pm.** Everyone is welcome.

John Cummins 573718 or Brian Pointer 776020.

**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.

**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](mailto:admin@st-richards.fsnet.co.uk)

## Golden Jubilee Mass

To enable us to start planning for the Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass we need to establish the number of people who wish to attend very soon. As space is likely to be tight, attendance will be by ticket only. Please apply for your ticket(s) by using the tear-off slip below.

### Application for tickets for St Richard's Golden Jubilee Mass Wednesday 21st May 2008 at 7 pm

Name..... Tel No.....

E-mail..... I would like.....tickets reserved.

Please return this form to the Parish Office by Monday 18th February 2008.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Week commencing Sunday 17th February 2008

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

Vigil	6.00 pm	Nora Tuohy RIP (M & A Clark)
Sun 17th	8.30 am	Terence & Joyce McMorris RIP (T McMoriss)
<i>Witterings</i>	9.00 am	<i>See overleaf</i>
	10.00 am	In Gratitude for Prayers (David & Mary Boyd)
3osham	11.00 am	For the People of the Parish
Mon 18th	8.00 am	NO MASS
	12.15 pm	Kitty Ring RIP (Mike & Sue Kirby)
Tues 19th	8.00 am	NO MASS
3osham	10.00 am	Wellbeing of Pauline White (Molly Morgan)
Weds 20th	8.00 am	NO MASS
	12.15 pm	Marie Curtis RIP (May Kelly)
	3.20 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thurs 21st	12.15 pm	James & Kate Fahy RIP (Eileen Wood)
	8.00 pm	<i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Fri 22nd	8.00 am	NO MASS
<i>Witterings</i>	10.00 am	<i>see overleaf</i>
	7.30 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 23rd	10.00 am	NO MASS
		<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>
Vigil	6.00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sun 24th	8.30 am	John Ritchie Snr & Jnr RIP (T McMorris)
<i>Witterings</i>	9.00 am	<i>See overleaf</i>
	10.00 am	Peter Weigall RIP (Family)
3osham	11.00 am	Joe Phillips RIP (Phillips Family)
	3.00 pm	<i>Stars of Mary Mass</i>

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

By arrangement at other times.

**Parish Office 782343** e-mail: [admin@st-richards.fsnet.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

Year A

*Psalter week 2*

*First Reading:*

Genesis 12: 1-4a

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

*Responsorial Psalm*

*No. 32*

**May your love be upon us,  
O Lord, as we place all our  
hope in you.**

*Second Reading:*

Timothy 1: 8-10

*God calls and enlightens us.*

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**From the bright cloud the  
Father's voice was heard:  
"This is my Son, the Beloved.  
Listen to him".**

Matthew 17:5

*Gospel:*

Matthew 17: 1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

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*Next weekend*

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

*First Reading:*

Exodus 17:3-7

*Second Reading:*

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

*Gospel:*

John 4:5-42.

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

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# St Peter's

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## Mass

**SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2008**

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

**Refreshments available afterwards,  
all welcome.**

### PARISH E.MAIL

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### PARISH WEBSITE

[www.strichardschichester.co.uk](http://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 670797

Linda Jolly 670398

Dot Leaver 671829

Marie O'Grady

Terry O'Hara

### THIS WEEK'S FEASTS:

Friday - The Chair of St Peter, Apostle.

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 17 February - Joanne Armstrong RIP (Joan Smith)

Friday 22 February - Thanksgiving - Liz Tomkins and Family  
(Bernard & Nora Haugh).

### LENTEN ALMS

Donations may be made during Lent in the box in the church porch.

### LENTEN GROUP

During Lent the parish will run a Lenten Reflection group in which we will pray and reflect on the Sunday Mass readings. Why not make this part of your spiritual preparation for Easter. We meet every Tuesday evening during Lent at 7.30 pm in the meeting room (via the church hall). Everyone very welcome.

### VACANCY ON PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

We currently have two vacancies on the Pastoral Parish Council. You are invited to nominate parishioners to fill these vacancies and nomination papers are available in the church porch and the sacristy. There will be an "election" by the PC at their next meeting if there are more candidates than vacancies. Completed nomination papers should be handed to Geoff Breeze, Secretary of the PPC, by the closing date of 10.00 am on 2nd March.

### 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:

Dennis Bryan Keefe (2000)

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