



Parish of St. Richard of Chichester

with Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham

Parish of St. Peter, the Witterings

5th Sunday of Lent

9th March 2008

Thought for the Week:

As the day of the Lord draws closer and we enter into Passiontide, the Gospel for “year A” gives us a taste of death and resurrection in the person of Lazarus. We frequently sanitise the reality of death with euphemisms, so when we hear Jesus referring to Lazarus as “resting”, we know what he means even if the disciples did not. If they did not understand what was meant by Lazarus “resting”, nor could they understand the meaning of Jesus saying that he would “wake him”. What followed then was not just an awakening for the friend of Jesus, but an awakening of faith in his disciples. We know that we believe in the resurrection—yet we fear death. We look for something better to come—yet we cling to life, as we know it. We trust in God’s mercy and love—yet we are scared of judgement. The raising of Lazarus is not just a precursor for the resurrection of Jesus but a promise of hope and eternal life for all of us.

Golden Jubilee News

The applications for places at the Jubilee Mass on 21st May have now closed. All who have applied will be issued with their required number of tickets. We have just heard that our celebration in the Parish will coincide with a visit to the Diocese by the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency, Archbishop Faustino Sainz Munoz, so he will be joining us on the 21st! The prelate count now runs at; one bishop, one archbishop and one cardinal!

Parish Penitential Service for Holy Week

As usual we will be holding a Penitential Service for Holy Week on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, 16th March at 4pm in St Richard’s Church.

Holy Week Services

Many thanks to all those who volunteered last week to read or minister at the Triduum Services. A rota for these ministers will be posted to all concerned during the next week. It has not been possible to accommodate all the names given—so we will hold a few in reserve.

Stations of the Cross

will take place at 7.30 pm in St Richard’s on Fridays during Lent. There are also Stations of the Cross on Wednesday afternoon at 3.20pm.

Emmanuel Prayer Group

Will be meeting at “Shalom”, 28 Grosvenor Road, from Monday 10th March at 8 pm (Rosary 7.45 pm). All are welcome.

A Hope & Future series for Lent

Continues Monday 10th March at 7.30pm at Christ Church. “Hope for Prisoners” led by The Rev’d David Powe.

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

Good Friday Children’s Liturgy

Will be in St Richard’s church at 10am. All children aged up to 12 are welcome. If you would like a speaking part or to do a reading please collect a script after 10am Mass on Sunday 9th March and come to rehearsal after 10am mass on 16th March for approx 40 mins. Contact Maria on 782837

Lilies for Easter

Would you like to donate a Lily at Easter, for the altar flowers in memory of a loved one? If so, please write both your own name and the name of the deceased on an envelope enclosing at least £3 donation and include it in the collection or deliver to the Parish Office.

(Can be Gift-Aided)

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.

Please pray for the Sick

Deacon David Boyd, Alison Eyde, Maureen Eyles, Gizella Gatford, Molly Linfield, Alastair Gordon, Ashley Barrett, Trudy Clery and Pat Cooper.

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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.

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.

The Event

Thursday 13th March in the Lower Parish Room at St Richard's, 1-3pm. Speaker Deacon Hilary Parsons. All welcome.

Bosham Arts & Crafts Club

Meets on Thurs 6th March from 1.30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham. You might like to make a few Easter cards or do your own thing. Refreshments. All welcome. Contact Yvonne on 573030.

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 February draw; 1s £100, Mr & Mrs D West (367), 2nd £30, Mr & Mrs Beal (56) and 3rd £10, Mr & Mrs M Downy (24). Double prize money in March for Easter. New Members always welcome, please contact either the school or Lesley Brownlee on 01243 771558.

BBC Series— The Passion

It's not often that this happens, but from time to time opportunities arise nationally that provide significant moments for the Christian faith to engage with our culture. One such opportunity will be the forthcoming BBC series *THE PASSION*. It will be shown on BBC1 in peak time slots throughout Holy Week. It is a simple, fresh and challenging account of the last days of Jesus.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL

Saturday Study Days 10.00 am - 3.30pm

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

15 March - "Living the New Covenant Life"

Led by Jenny Baker from café

29 March "The Cross-Christ Crucified" (1Cor 2:2)

Led by Rev David Matthews

Wednesday 19 March - Healing Service 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 for more information and weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings or Tel: 371766.

Vocation to The Priesthood Events

Enquiry into the Priesthood Evening on Friday 14th March at St Joseph's Church at St Margarets Drive in Epsom (KT18 7JQ). The evening starts at 7pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and is followed by a talk, discussions and night prayer. Light refreshments will be provided. The evening provides single catholic men an opportunity to enquire into the vocation with priest of our diocese.

Priesthood Discovery Day for young Catholic teenagers who have an interest in the priesthood. St Pancras Church in Irelands Lane, Lewes (BN7 1QX) on Saturday 15th March from 10am to 4pm. For further details contact Fr Paul Turner, Diocesan Vocations Director 01293 603773 or vocations@dabnet.org. for further details and a parental consent form.

A Big Thank You for all the enthusiasm shown last weekend by all those who have taken some cloth home to prepare letters from which the Prayer will be made. There will be a comprehensive update pinned on the notice board in the Lower Parish Rooms so that you can see how it is progressing. So far all is going really well. There will be some letters going begging!! Please feel free to help. Would any parishioner in Bosham or the Witterings like to get involved?

Friday Project

The Parish Friday Project Raised **£66.14** this week.

New e-mail address for parish office

admin@st-richards.fsnet.co.uk

Thank You

Ros Davies wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and support during her recent illness.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week commencing Sunday 9th March 2008

5th Sunday of Lent

Vigil	6.00 pm	Nora Tushy RIP (M & A Clark)
Sun 9th	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Witterings	9.00 am	See overleaf
	10.00 am	Wellbeing of the Cookson Family
Bosham	11.00 am	Martin Buckley RIP
Mon 10th	12.15pm	Peter Weston RIP (Patsy & Family)
Tues 11th	8.00 am	Celebrants Intention
Bosham	10.00 am	Peter Weston RIP (Eileen Wood)
Weds 12th	8.00 am	Celebrants Intention
	12.15 pm	Celebrants Intention
	3.20 pm	Stations of the Cross
Thurs 13th	12.15 pm	Bill Frew RIP
	8.00 pm	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Fri 14th	8.00 am	Celebrants Intention
Witterings	10.00 am	see overleaf
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 15th	10.00 am	Celebrants Intention
		Palm (Passion) Sunday
Vigil	6.00 pm	Intentions of Mathew Thomas (Marysia Dembinska)
Sun 16th	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Witterings	9.00 am	See overleaf
	10.00 am	Celebrants Intention
Bosham	11.00 am	Martin Buckley RIP

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
9am - 2 pm 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

5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

Psalter week 5

First Reading:

Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my Spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm

No. 129

With the Lord there is Mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

Gospel:

John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

Next weekend

Palm (Passion) Sunday

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:

Matthew 26:14-27.66

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

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Mass

SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2008

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

**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.

THE FETE FUND On Easter Sunday after Mass we will be running an Egg Hunt for the children - for free. Separately we will be offering fresh coffee and yummy slices of home-made cake to raise money for the Fete Fund, so do please try to join us in the hall. If the weather is good the Hunt will take place outside.

BOTTLES FOR TOMBOLA STALL Yes we know it's early to be thinking about the Fete (the organisers say it's never too early!) but the sooner we have the bottles in the better. Let's have as many bottles as possible to ensure the best tombola ever. If you have any wine or whisky left over from Christmas (full bottles only), please bring them in so that we can plan ahead for a successful fete this year. Hand them to Geoff Breeze for safe keeping. He promises not to drink them!

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 9 March - Ken Howard RIP (Rachel Howard)

Friday 14 March - Kibble & Field Families, deceased & current (Sue Field).

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.

MEET OUR LORD IN THE CHURCH AND YOUR FRIENDS OUTSIDE Would all parishioners please be as quiet as possible before Mass commences, to allow for quiet meditation and prayer. This is as a result of requests by several parishioners. Thank you.

EASTER LILIES We are having lilies in the church for Easter. If you would like to dedicate one to the memory of someone, please write their names in the book and leave £2.50 each in the tin in the church porch. (Not eligible for Gift Aid).

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT On Saturday 15th March at 7.30 pm there will be a Parish Social Evening in the church hall to celebrate the Feast of St Patrick. Girls bring a dish of food and boys bring a bottle, raffle donations welcome, proceeds to Lourdes Fund. Contact Sylvie on 672886 or Marie on 673346.

APF BOXES Frances Herbert is transferring the organisation of the APF Boxes to Gill Breeze. We thank Frances for the efficient and dedicated service that she has provided in the past. Please hand your Boxes to Gill during the month of March so that your contributions can be recorded and banked. Contact Gill on 671082. Thank you.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES The Pastoral Parish Council met on Monday evening. There were two vacancies on the Pastoral Parish Council, and we are pleased to announce that Clare Walton and Erna Shaw have been elected. Their first meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd April. Congratulations to both parishioners.

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:

Frances Rachel Bett (1995)

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