



Parish of St. Richard of Chichester

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

Easter Sunday

23rd March 2008

Thought for the Week:

Emptiness rarely evokes positive emotions; an empty house is not a home, an empty bank account spells financial hardship, an empty wine bottle will not lift our weary spirits much. Easter celebrates the empty tomb, the stone has rolled away, *He is not here, He is risen!* Today's feast turns normal expectations on their heads and what is empty becomes a source of fullness for all who believe. At the heart of the lives of many people (probably ourselves included) is a restlessness, a longing and an emptiness. The empty tomb gives us the key to this search for meaning. We have to be willing to search outside of the confines of what the world expects or what logic dictates and hand over our lives to mystery. The mystery which makes sense out of failure, brings hope out of death, turns emptiness into fullness and absence into constant and abiding presence. Light shines out from the empty tomb, today we carry that light with us.

Jubilee Day Out - Monday 26th May

As part of the Parish Jubilee celebrations and to link our 50 year old St Richard's Church with churches St Richard would have walked or ridden between 750 years ago, we plan a celebratory journey in the Compton area with routes suitable for everyone. Families, all ages and fitness, on foot or by car finishing with Mass at 3pm at St Mary's Compton, followed by refreshments at Littlegreen, Compton. Further details to follow but offers of help with planning, marshals etc are welcome. Please phone Maria on 782837.

Tea Outing— Tuesday 25th March

All welcome for a Cream Tea at the Pavilion Tea Room, Stansted Park Garden Centre at 3pm on Tuesday 25th March. Cost £4.50. To book and for transport contact Maria on 782837 by 20th March.

Children's Liturgy—Help needed

New rota after Easter. Would all leaders and helpers please sign up for next term after Mass on Sunday. Alternatively phone/email Helen no later than 31st March. Every week over 50 children attend liturgies. At least four adults are needed to lead and help. At present only 8 parents and 2 others (from a team of 27) regularly lead or help which is too great a burden. If you are prepared to help in any way please contact Helen on 781374. If we do not have more volunteers it will not be possible to provide a children's Liturgy every Sunday.

Parish Co-ordinating Group

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st April 2008 at 7.30 at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham.

Youth Group

A reminder that the Youth Group meets again on Thursday 27th March 6.30—9pm in the Lower Parish Rooms.

Shepherds Pie Lunch

In aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice on Wednesday 9th April 2008 from 12 noon until 2pm at St Paul's Church Hall. Tickets are £10.50 which includes first drink. Contact Sally Manley 01243 788239 for details and tickets.

Marathon in Memory of Catherine

Davenport

Hannah Morley will be running in the London Marathon on Sunday April 13th. She is running it in aid of the National Society for Epilepsy and in memory of her very dear friend Catherine. There are sponsor forms in the porch for anyone who would like to sponsor her, or please call Sally Morley on 01243 572855. Thank you.

Emmanuel Prayer Group

There will be no meeting on Monday 24th March. We resume on Monday 31st March. Meet at "Shalom", 28 Grosvenor Road at 8 pm (Rosary 7.45 pm). All are welcome.

Please pray for the Sick

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

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Lent Lunches at Bosham

The Lent Lunches organised by Meeting Point at Our Lady of the Assumption raised £592 for St Joseph's Refuge. Thank you for all the hard work by volunteers from the churches at Bosham and of course all those that came for lunch.

Tuesday Morning Group

We will not be meeting over the Easter holidays but will resume on 22nd April. Do join us in the Parish Rooms at 10 am or for Prayer of the Church at 9.45 am in the Chapel.

Bosham Arts & Crafts Club

Meets on Thurs 3rd April from 1.30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham. Refreshments. All welcome. Contact Yvonne on 573030.

Bosham Tuesday Group

Meets after Tuesday morning Mass at Bosham Catholic Church, as usual with tea/coffee etc.

The Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting

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

Fund Raising for Fr Joe—Home Produce Sale

Sunday 30th March at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham. If you have any homemade/grown produce that we could sell after Mass, please bring to 11am Mass. Price produce beforehand. All monies raised goes to Fr Joe's education work in his parish.

Godspell

A production of Godspell, a musical based on the Gospel of St Matthew, is being performed on 10th-12th April at The Windmill Theatre, Littlehampton. Box Office 01903 722224.

Sponsored Walk

Sunday 27th April at Worth Abbey in aid of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage Sick Fund. For sponsorship forms please contact the Pilgrimage office on 01903 745180.

Friday Project

The Parish Friday Project Raised **£65.90** this week

If you go into Hospital

If the hospital authorities fail to offer you the opportunity of spiritual support, they are contravening the NHS guidelines for the spiritual needs of patients and staff. However, it is always helpful if you contact the Parish Office should you or a member of your family be admitted. *We do NOT automatically know if one of our parishioners is in hospital and would like to be visited.*

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL

Saturday Study Days 10.00 am - 3.30pm

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

29 March "THE CROSS—CHRIST CRUCIFIED"

(1Cor 2:2) Led by Rev David Matthew.

26 April "ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL REVISITED"

Led by Rev Dr Adrian Graffy.

Wednesday 2 April HOLY HOUR—ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT commences at 7.30 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.

Indian Community—Bosham Retreat

24th March 10 am—6pm

Rosary prayer, word of God, Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, Healing Service and Blessing.

25th March 10.30am—6pm

Rosary prayer, word of God, Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, Healing Service and Blessing.

26th March 10 am—6pm

Rosary prayer, word of God, Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, Healing Service, Adoration, Benediction and Blessing.

Deputy Head—Our Lady of Lourdes School

The Governors wish to appoint a highly motivated, practising Catholic to share the leadership of our high achieving and welcoming school. Contact Mrs E Prior, Headteacher, 01273 306980 email admin@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Wanted

Small car in good condition—no terminal illness!

Contact Patricia Smith 01243 836078

Wheelchair available for use in the Church

The Parish Visiting & Support Group have purchased a wheelchair for parishioners' use in and around St.

Richard's Church. This is stored in the disabled toilet in the lower parish room. Please ask a Welcomer to assist if you would like to make use of it, whilst in the church and its vicinity.

'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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week commencing Sunday 23rd March 2008

Easter Sunday

Vigil	8.30pm	John Patrick Neill RIP (Bridie Neill & Family)
Sun 23rd	8.30 am	Charles & Josephine Hay RIP (Kate Jackson & Family)
<i>Witterings</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>	<i>See overleaf</i>
	10.00 am	Marian & Graham Wiles 40th Anniversary
Bosham	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Mon 24th	12.15pm	NO MASS
Tues 25th	8.00am	NO MASS
Bosham	10.00 am	Roy Vickers RIP (Marjorie Vickers)
Weds 26th	8.00am	NO MASS
	12.15 pm	Agnes Heather RIP
Thurs 27th	12.15pm	John & Mary RIP (May Kelly)
Fri 28th	8.00am	NO MASS
<i>Witterings</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>See overleaf</i>
Sat 29nd	10.00am	NO MASS
		2nd Sunday of Easter
Vigil	6.00pm	Jerry Lyons RIP (Sheila Lyons)
Sun 30th	8.30am	People of the Parish
<i>Witterings</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>	<i>See overleaf</i>
	10.00am	For the Cookson Family (J Ashby Pickford)
Bosham	11.00 am	Cyril Chaloner RIP (Frances Messenger)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

By arrangement at all 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

Easter Sunday

Year A

Psalter week 3

First Reading:

Acts 10:34.37-43

We had eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection

Responsorial Psalm

No. 117

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

Next weekend

2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

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

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Mass

SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2008

EASTER DAY

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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.

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

General Assistance Mary de Brunner 670797

Linda Jolly 670398

Dot Leaver 671829

Marie O'Grady

Terry O'Hara

Erna Shaw

Clare Walton

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS:

Sunday - Easter Sunday 9.00 am Mass.

The collections taken at Masses on Easter Day are your personal gift to the priests. This custom arises from the fact that, in this country, priests receive no salary. Your generosity goes a long way towards providing their income.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 23 March - Joan O'Hara RIP (Terry O'Hara)

Friday 28 March - Roy Clayton RIP (Lucy Clayton).

THE FETE FUND Today, 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.

JUMBLE SALE Could you please bring any clothing you have for the Jumble Sale, which is being held on Saturday 29th March at 2 pm, to the church hall between the hours of 10 am and noon on that day. Please contact Mary Buckley on 513484 if you have any queries.

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 We had a very enjoyable St Patrick's Night and raised £62.00 for the Lourdes Fund. Thank you from Sylvie and Marie.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP will start again on Tuesday 1 April at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

APF BOXES Please hand your Boxes to Gill Breeze during the month of March so that your contributions can be recorded and banked. Contact Gill on 671082. Thank you.

FATHER KIERON O'BRIEN AND FATHER ROYSTON PEGLEY WISH YOU A HAPPY AND JOYFUL EASTER.

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, and John Twose.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

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

Daphne Alma Bird (1994)

Joan Elizabeth O'Hara (2005)

Roland George Clayton (1998)

Clifford Francis Morfee (1996)

Frances Latham (1987).

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