



Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Psalter Week 4

16th August 2009

Mass Times

St Richard's, Chichester

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 8.30 am and 10.00am
12.00pm Polish Mass

St Peter's, Wittering

Sunday 9.00am

Friday 10.00am

Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham

Sunday 11.00 am

Tuesday 10.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Richard's

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

St Peter's

First Friday of the month 9.30am

By arrangement at all other times

Readings for the week

First Reading

Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6.10.

*A woman adorned with the sun
standing on the moon.*



Responsorial Psalm No 44

On your right stands the queen, in gold of Ophir.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him..

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.

Thought for the week Last week, 6th August, we celebrated the Lord's Transfiguration. This was the moment he gave his disciples, Peter, John & James, a preview/foretaste of his glorification. He did this to assure them his teachings of the Resurrection were a reality not a dream. This was backed up with the presence of Elijah & Moses. Elijah we know was Assumed into heaven in a chariot of fire. It was always believed Moses had been Assumed too. His presence confirmed that belief to be true. Their presence showed their sharing in Christ's glorified state: a promise given to us all. Like Moses, it has always been believed that Our Lady too was Assumed, being only right and fitting being the Mother of Our Lord. Although there is no scriptural evidence of this, there are clues to it in Revelations. This was finally defined by Pius XII in 1950. These Assumptions remind us that God is always drawing us to him, in his new heaven and earth. We may not be Assumed as Mary, Moses & Elijah were, but we're all promised a place in heaven & Christ's glorification if we respond by saying "YES" to him.

St Richard's

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Music at 10 am Mass Resumes on 30th August.

Gift Aid Statements for the financial year ending 5th April 09 are now available for collection from the Parish Office.

Mercy House Lunch A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came along and supported us on the day. How incredibly lucky we were too with the weather. I think there is an adage about the sun shining on the righteous. ... We had in excess of 60 people enjoying lunch and the day as a whole. Amazingly we took over £700 and donations are still coming in. Remember our slogan—its never to late to donate!!!! The money will be sent as soon as possible directly to Diana so we hope the wheels can be set in motion for the realisation of her dream.— a little bolt on office/bedroom at Mercy House. More information and a final figure when we have it. For the present though, another enormous thank you to St Richard's parishioners for their overwhelming generosity—again! PS. **THE ONION** weighed in at 1 lb 11 1/4 oz's. Thanks to donations from many good humoured folk the Mercy House Fund grew by a splendid **£23.60**. The winning estimate for the weight of the onion was returned by that well known "Reader", "Ambler" and now "Onion Weigher" **Gill Casey!**

Sussex Historic Churches Trust Ride& Stride Saturday 12th September. This is an Annual Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk Event that takes place throughout Sussex. Both St Richard's & Our Lady in Bosham will be open but St Richard's will not be "manned". Sponsor forms are available from the Parish Office and www.rideandstride.info.

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Fete Meeting—Monday 17th August There will be a meeting in the church hall at 7.30pm on Monday 17th August for all stall holders, helpers and volunteers for the Fete.

Summer Fete—Saturday 22nd August The Fete is our annual Parish get-together so please do get involved. You can support it in many ways; by helping on a stall, donating items, helping to set up or clear up afterwards and praying for fine weather. There is a Fete Bin at the back of the Church to place any donations for stalls or if you need anything collected, please call Erna Shaw on 672374 or Christine Barton 670196. Half the money raised will go to St Wilfred's Hospice.

Rite of Welcome There will be a Rite of Welcome today, Sunday, for Connie O'Brien in preparation for her Baptism.

Witterings 150 Club The half-yearly draw will take place on Saturday 22nd August in St Peter's Church Hall during the annual Summer Fete. Mick and Pat Thompson have taken over the running of the Club from Brendan Martin and will be collecting member's subscriptions after Mass on Sunday 26th July and following Sunday's. New members would be very welcome (only £12 per annum)



Our Lady of the Assumption

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Welcome A warm welcome to our summer visitors. Do join us for coffee after Mass.

Bosham Bounce The winner of the August draw is Mary Andrews (No.52). Congratulations!

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Parish New

Lourdes Cycle Ride Fr Kieron and David Rang successfully completed their cycle ride to Lourdes with the addition of the ascent (and descent!) of the 2115mt Col du Tourmalet. Many thanks to those of you who have donated sponsorship money which has now topped £2000. This will be given to the Lourdes Sick Fund which enables the sick and the disabled to travel on the pilgrimage each year. The Cookson Family from our own parish will benefit from this. Late donations are still welcome!

Confirmation Course 2009/10 Application forms are available in the porches.

First Holy Communion Programme 2009/2010

Application forms are available from all church porches for Year 3 or above. Please complete and return the form (retaining the page of dates) to the Parish Office **no later than 9th September**.

Catholic Bible School Saturday Study Days (10am –3.30pm—bring a packed lunch—Proir Booking is helpful) 19th September “THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THE NEW” led by Kathleen O’Gorman, lecturer in Religious Studies at St Mary’s College.***** Commencing Tuesday 29th September for six weeks “THIS PROMISE IS FOR YOU” a video facilitated programme to help attendees consider and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. (Prior booking necessary) **OPEN DOOR PRAYER MEETING** in summer recess—next meeting Wednesday 9th September at 7.45pm—all welcome. Visit the CBS website www.catholic-bible-school.org for info & weekly reflections on the Sunday Readings, Tel 01243 371766.

Friday Project raised £36.62 this week.

TEA OUTING Wednesday 19th August at West Dean Gardens

Enjoy a cream tea or tea and cake in the beautiful surroundings of West Dean Gardens. All welcome and transport provided if wanted. To book contact Patsy 528026 or Maria 782837 by 17th August.

AMBLE

The next Amble will be on Wednesday 26th August to Pagham. Full details will be in next week’s newsletter.

Annual Mass for the Birthday of Our Lady followed by a Torchlight Procession through our woodland field to the shrine outside of Our Lady on **Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm** at Our Lady of England Priory, Storrington.

Chestnut Tree House Children’s Hospice—10 k Coastal Run On Sunday 13th September Heather Walker (Beal) and Becky Sleven are taking part in the run to raise funds for Chestnut Tree House Hospice. The Hospice has offered support to Helen and John Cookson and respite care for Rachel, particularly since Rebecca’s death in December last year. They have signed up for the race to help ensure that this can continue for as long as the family need it. They are now asking for your support. Donations can be made online at www.justgiving.com/Becky-and-Heather. Your donation will be sent directly to Chestnut Tree House Hospice and reclaims Gift Aid automatically if you are a UK Taxpayer.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2-4 September A reminder that there is a meeting for all those who have booked to go on the Pilgrimage on Wednesday 26th August at 7.30pm in the Lower Parish Rooms at St Richard’s.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single, widowed, separated and divorced Catholics of all ages (Over 18) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. All members receive a monthly bulletin, called Catholic Networking. For more information please tel 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk.

Prayer Groups

S.O.S Prayer Line 01243 377331 Every evening 7.30 pm—Midnight

Emmanuel Prayer Group Tuesdays at “Shalom”, 28 Grosvenor Road at 8pm (Rosary at 7.45pm). All welcome. There will be no meeting on 18th August or 1st September.

Tuesday Morning Group Meetings will resume on 8th September 2009 after the summer break continuing with the book “Faith, Hope & Love”.

Bosham Tuesday Group Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church.

Novena to Our Lady Thursdays 8 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Open Door Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 7.45 pm at Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne.

Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting Thursdays at 5 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Diana Willis RIP (William Ritchie)
Sun 16th	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	Leonardo D'Anna RIP (Gio Grabowski)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Deceased relatives of the Timlick Family (J & M Timlick)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Jim & Molly Hawley RIP (Marion Coombes—Shrubb)
Mon 17th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Miss G Boulters RIP
Tues 18th	St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	Our Lady	10.00am	Denis Brannan (Family)
Wed 19th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Richard's	12.15pm	Fred Bellenger RIP
Thurs 20th	St Richard's	12.00pm	Requiem for Jack Riddle RIP
Fri 21st	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peters	10.00am	Dot O'Dwyer RIP (Mary Ward)
Sat 22nd	St Richard's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention

21st Sunday of Year B

Sat 22nd	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Richard Longlands RIP
Sun 23rd	St Richards	8.30am	Maude Mary Welch RIP
	St Peters	9.00am	Jack Hatfield (Marie O'Grady)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Wellbeing of Larry Clery
	Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intention

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Thursday—St Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church

Friday—St Pius X, Pope

Saturday—Our Lady, Queen and Mother

Please Pray for the Sick

Jerome O'Hea, Pauline Vidler, Yvonne Bishop, Malcolm Lawson-Paul, Frances Herbert, Shirley Bridges, Gerry Farrell, Mark Wynter, Maureen Eyles, Gisela Gatford, Alastair Gordon, Pat Cooper, Mary Andrews, Patricia Mary Spooner, Christopher Browne, Peggy Carney, Jean Clench, Angela Connor, Elspeth Gormley, Jean Hood, John Mattalan, June Seaward, Elizabeth Clarke, Violetta Ruff, Pat Williams, Phyll Deere, May Thorpe, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Chris Edwards, Yuka Wilcocks & Doris White.

The Visiting and Support Group is a team of about 12 parishioners, under the guidance of Fr Royston, who visit people who have difficulty getting out. If you would like to know more, or to arrange a visit for yourself or someone you know please contact the Parish Office 01243 782343 or speak to Father Royston or Father Kieron.

Next week's Readings 21st Sunday of Year B

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2.15-18

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel

John 6:60-69



DO YOUR BIT! Read this on our Website and save a few trees!
Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays