



Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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21st Sunday of Year B

Psalter Week 1

23rd 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

Joshua 24:1-2.15-18.

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.



Responsorial Psalm No 33

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.

Gospel

John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

Thought for the week Some of the followers of Jesus found his teaching intolerable, others did not believe and many “stopped going with him”. There are echoes of what goes on in the Gospel in today's society which is often referred to as an age of unbelief. However, people have always found the teachings of Jesus challenging and the gift of faith is not received by everyone. Perhaps more worrying is the onset of apathy and indifference, which can affect us in the Church as much as anywhere else. A lukewarm Christian is much less convincing than a fully committed atheist! The words of Jesus are spirit and life, we cannot be indifferent about that claim. Either we reject it or we embrace it wholeheartedly and let it be the guide and direction for our whole life, our relationships and every decision we have to make.

St Richard's

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If this describes you or someone you know, you are welcome to come to an informal social evening on 9th September at 7.30pm in the Presbytery to meet with others who are considering taking this step. There is no obligation to make a commitment.

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.

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.

Welcome We welcome today through the Sacrament of Baptism, Connie O'Brien and Jessica Sollis. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

CATECHISTS' COURSE There will be a Catechists' Course, beginning in October, for all Catechists. This is a Deanery wide course and although intended and planned mainly for catechists, it is suitable for all who wish to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. More details to follow.

Mercy House Lunch—Update Thanks to some VERY generous donations, (and to Fr Kieron for rounding the figure up!) we are able to send Diana £1,000 towards her "dream". Again a huge thank you to everyone who so kindly helped, came along and supported us or gave a donation.

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Mass Cards & Get Well Cards There is now a selection of Mass Cards and "get Well Wishes" for sale in the porch, all at 99p each.

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Summer Fete—Saturday 22nd August Our thanks to all those who gave such wonderful help and support to make the Fete a success. Please will anyone with Fete expense receipts pass them on to David Field as soon as possible so we can calculate the total amount raised. Half of the money raised will go to St Wilfred's Hospice. Thank you.



Our Lady of the Assumption

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

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Parish New

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 £77.53 this week.

AMBLE

The next Amble will be on Wednesday 26th August. Take the 51 Selsey bus which leaves the Bus Station at 10.50am alight at Sidlesham Ferry. We will amble from there to Pagham, lunch at The Lamb and take the 60 bus from there back to Chichester. Any queries please contact Susan 776792.

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.

SPUC Meeting and AGM

The next meeting, including AGM, of the Chichester District Branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be on Wednesday 26th August at 7.30pm in the Lower Parish Room at St Richard’s Church, Cawley Road. All are welcome.

CTiC Fifth Sunday Service 30th August 6pm at St Mary’s Church, Lavant.

Head teacher Vacancy The Governors of St Philip’s Catholic Primary School, Uckfield wish to appoint a permanent Head teacher for January 2010. To arrange a visit please contact the Clerk to Governors on 01825 762032.

Ecumenical Music Event “One Heart, One Voice” led by Marty Haugen & Philip Jakob. Saturday 24th October from 9am to 4.30pm at Guildford Cathedral. Tickets £17 to include lunch. Visit www.cofeguildford.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 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	People of the Parish
Mon 24th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Mary Dodd RIP
Tues 25th	St Richard's	8.00am	Judy & Simon Davenport 30th Wedding Anniversary
	Our Lady	10.00am	Intentions of Tom and Cath (Susan Line)
Wed 26th	St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	12.15pm	Liam Gribbin RIP (Council 546 KSC)
Thurs 27th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Private Intention
Fri 28th	St Richard's	8.00am	Trudy Clery RIP
	St Peters	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 29th	St Richard's	10.00am	Daniels 1st Birthday (Binoy & Gili)

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This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Monday—St Bartholomew, Apostle

Thursday—St Monica, Married Woman

Friday—St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8

Second Reading

James 1:17-18.21-22.27.

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23.



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Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays**