



Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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223rd Sunday of Year B

Psalter Week 3

6th September 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

Isaiah 35:4-7

The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosened.

Responsorial Psalm No 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

God chose the poor to be heirs to the kingdom.

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak..



Thought for the week

We sometimes pride ourselves on having become a “classless” society, and we fool ourselves to think that it is really true! The letter of St James makes the point that faith in Jesus Christ is incompatible with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Next Sunday we will celebrate Racial Justice Sunday which reminds us that the same is true with people of race or culture other than our own. Our eyes need to be constantly opened to the radical justice of the Gospel and our ears need to be tuned-in to the cries we still hear from those who are discriminated against—even within the Church. Everyone should find a welcome in our community, no means test or citizenship is required! As our programmes begin again for preparation for the Sacraments of Christian initiation - perhaps we need to take a step back and ask—how good are we at welcoming others and encouraging them to take the risk of faith, which transcends culture, race and wealth.

St Richard's

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? For anyone considering taking this step, the new programme of exploration into the Catholic Faith will begin in September. There will be an informal gathering in the presbytery on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm, so please do come along.

Sussex Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride Saturday 12th September. This is an Annual Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk Event that takes place throughout Sussex.

Yoga Classes resume on Friday 4th September 9.30am—10.30 am in the Lower Parish Rooms. £5 per class. Please bring a mat. **New Class** on Monday evenings beginning 7th September 6—7pm in Lower parish rooms £5 per class. Please bring a mat. Contact Jane Tyler 07779075444

Mercy House Autumn Cruise Join us for a Chichester Canal Cruise in aid of Mercy House refuge in Johannesburg on Saturday 26th September. Afternoon Pimms Cruise 3pm—5pm. Sundowner Cruise 6pm—8pm. For tickets phone Frances 512740 or Marie 673346.

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First Holy Communion Would anyone with Children aged 7 or older (Yr3), who want to make their First Holy Communion next year, please contact Pat 672334 or Sylvie 672886.

Mother & Toddler Club Starts again on Wednesday 9th September at 1.30pm in the church hall.

Witterings 150 Club The half-yearly draw took place during the fete on Saturday 22nd August. Mick & Pat Thompson would like to thank all who contributed to the successful event and welcome our new members. Also thank you to Brendan Martin for helping us to take over the Club and assisting with the draw. A list of Prize winners is shown on the notice board in the church porch. A donation of £200 is being made to St Peter's Church Funds.

Wittering Churches Together Next Sunday 13th September at 3pm Wittering Churches Together are holding a Harvest Songs of Praise behind the Marian Shrine at St Peter's Church. There will be lots of enjoyable harvest hymns and some reflective scripture reading. Everyone is welcome so please encourage your friends to come and join us.

APF Boxes It's that time of year for the collection of red APF Boxes. Over the next four weeks we ask that you please bring your boxes and leave them in the church porch so that they can be collected and emptied. They will be returned to you in the following week.

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting The next meeting is tomorrow, Monday 7th September 7.45pm in the church hall. Any Agenda items to Geoff Breeze 671082 today please.

Parish Office Will be closed on Tuesday 8th September but open Wednesday 9th. Newsletter items as usual.

Our Lady of the Assumption

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Parish New

CABRINI SOCIETY & ADOPTION BY SAME SEX COUPLES POLICY Address by Mr Terry Connor, Chief Executive of Cabrini Society (formally Catholic Children's Society) on **17th September at 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms at St Richard's. All parishioners are urged to attend this talk and discussion because of the implications for our financial support of the society. For information contact Brian Pointer 776020.

Buildings Maintenance Group The buildings sub-group of the Parish Finance Committee are looking for new members. If you feel that you can contribute to the on going development and management of our premises in Chichester and Bosham please contact Fr Kieron.

Liturgy Group Reminder— the Liturgy Group meets on Tuesday 8th September, 7 pm in the Parish Rooms.

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**.

Attention Young Adults Bosham, Chichester & Witterings Year 12 + ? Then this is for you!!! An informal, open minded discussion on faith based issues. 1st Friday of the month at 6pm in the Lower Parish Rooms of St Richard's. Leaflets available in the Church Porches. Contact Fr Royston 782343 or Fr Tony 670034.

APF BOXES Will all Promoters please empty your boxes and take all monies to the Parish Office.

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.

400 Club Renewals Subscriptions for 2009/10 to the St Richard’s 400 Club are due by the end of this month. Members who pay by cash/cheque will receive a renewal letter by post within the next week or so. Thank you to all who subscribe, we very much appreciate it, we really need you.

AMBLE The next Amble will be on September 23rd. Details to follow next week.

Relics of St Therese of Lisieux at Aylesford Priory Sunday 11th October An opportunity to display honour and respect for St Therese and be open to God’s grace and blessings by travelling to Aylesford Priory in Kent to venerate the relics of St Therese. There is a gathering service and procession to the main shrine at 11am, Mass at 11.30 am (most Rev Millan, Prior General Order of Carmelites) followed by blessing of the roses and a farewell service at 3.30pm. We leave Chichester at 9am and return by 6pm. Bring a picnic lunch. All welcome. To book contact Sheila on 530382 or Maria on 782837 or sign the list at the back of the church.

Friday Project raised £81.74 this week.

YOUTHGATHER 2009 Sunday 18th October at St Wilfrids School, Crawley 9.30am—6.00pm. A sponsored walk to raise money for Brighton Voices in Exile and Uganda Hands for Hope. It is a day for young people from the Diocese to gather in a Christian context for a day of Faith, Fun and Friendship, to meet with Bishop Kieran and to raise money for charities at home and abroad that support young people. If you are interested in attending please contact Becky Montieth 532916.

Car Park Charges Chichester District Council is considering changes to its car park charges from April 2010, some of which will directly affect parishioners of St Richard’s and parents of children attending St Richard’s Primary School. District Council is carrying out a consultation on its proposals and there is a questionnaire available from the Council Offices in East Pallant or on line www.chichester.gov.uk follow the links to *latest news/residents to have their say on car park charges*. **Responses need to be made by 11th September.**

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.

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

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| Sat 5th | St Richards | Vigil 6.00pm | French & Turner Families Intentions (Jenny Turner) |
| Sun 6th | St Richards | 8.30am | The Christians in the Holy Land (KHS) |
| | St Peters | 9.00am | Clive Evans RIP (Mabs Evans) |
| | St Richard's | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| | Our Lady | 11.00am | Pat Griffin RIP (Griffin Family) |
| Mon 7th | St Richard's | 12.15pm | KSC (Billy Walker) |
| Tues 8th | St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| | Our Lady | 10.00am | Jim Boyd RIP (Mary Boyd) |
| Wed 9th | St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| | St Richard's | 12.15pm | Richard Longlands RIP |
| Thurs 10th | St Richard's | 12.15pm | Wellbeing of Larry Clery |
| Fri 11th | St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
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24th Sunday of Year B

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| Sat 12th | St Richards | Vigil 6.00pm | Wellbeing of Paula Murray (Angela Horne, her sister) |
| Sun 13th | St Richards | 8.30am | John Patrick Neill RIP (Bridie Neill & Family) |
| | St Peters | 9.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| | St Richard's | 10.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| | Our Lady | 11.00am | People of the Parish |

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Tuesday—The birthday of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Please Pray for the Sick

Jerome O'Hea, 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, 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

First Reading
Isaiah 50:5-9

24th Sunday of Year B

Second Reading
James 2:14-18

Gospel
Mark 8:37-35



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Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays