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Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Universal King Psalter Week 2 22nd November 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

Daniel 7:13-14.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.

Responsorial Psalm

No 92

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 1:5-8.

Ruler of the kings of the earth... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Gospel

John 18:33-37.

It is you who say that I am king.



Thought for the week

During this weekend when we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, twelve of our young people will be enrolled into the Confirmation programme for 2010. For several years now, this feast has been the occasion to celebrate National Youth Sunday which places our young people firmly at the heart of all that we do as a Christian Community. We are fortunate to have excellent parish schools and large numbers of children and young people on our catechetical programmes. A good number of our young people are involved in serving and other liturgical ministries, many others however, struggle to feel welcome in church. For some young people simply *going to mass* is too much, for others, it is not enough—as they want to seek other ways of deepening their faith. We should use this Feast to celebrate the faith and vibrancy of our young people—but we should also use the opportunity to consider how we can nurture the ministry and mission of those who are not only the Church of tomorrow, but the Church of Today.

St Richard's

Second Collection next weekend for the Christmas Flowers.

The Season of Advent commences next Sunday. There are copies of "Walk with me" Advent booklets and calendars priced £1 available in the porches. Money in the "papers" wall safe please.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped, donated or supported the Mercy House Sale last weekend. We made the best ever, splendid total of £2,260...and more to come! Diana writes ... "Your effort is almost unbelievable. How on earth did you manage that stunning total. As it stands now it will come to around 26000.00 Rand, a tremendous contribution to covering the cost of the new building which we need so badly. My joy and relief are immense. How can we thank you!!!".

Service of Light & Joy Sunday 13th December at 4pm in St Richard's Church. A service for families and people of all ages. It will end with Benediction followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms. All welcome.

Rite of Baptism This weekend we welcome through Baptism Natalia Jervis, Mackenzo Onal, Justin Cordero, Miya Edwards and Rowena Baker. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

St Richard's Toddler Group Meets every Wednesday in the Lower Parish Rooms from 10—11.30am for children from 0yrs—school age. Join us for a cuppa, play and sing a long!

Youth Group Meets again Thursday 3rd December at 6.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

Christmas Day Mass Volunteers We are still seeking volunteer Eucharistic Ministers and Readers for the Christmas Day Masses. If you can help please sign the rota in the Sacristy.

St Peter's

Advent Groups During Advent as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas there will be a group meeting together to reflect and pray on Sunday readings for Advent. We will meet in the meeting room off the church hall on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. First meeting 24th November. Everyone very welcome, so do come along.

Christmas Dinner A Christmas Dinner is being held on Friday 4th December at the Pond Barn, Farm Road, Bracklesham at 7.00pm. Tickets are £17.50 per head for a three course meal. The menu is on the notice board in the church porch. We will also be holding a Raffle, so if you could please bring along a prize it would be most appreciated. All proceeds of the evening will go towards the mini Bus Fund, this is due to the fact that we could not get it on the road for nearly six months and we have quite a bit of catching up to do. If you are interested please contact Susie Locke 672997. We are also desperate for Drivers, if you are able to help out once again can you please contact Susie Locke or Geoff Breeze.

Wittering Churches Together On Sunday 29th November at 3pm, there will be an Advent Songs of Praise at the United Reformed Church, Oakfield Avenue. There will be Advent Hymns & reflective scripture reading. Everyone is welcome, please encourage your friends to come and join us.

Advent Service Sunday 13th December at 4.30pm. A service of readings, carols & prayers for Advent followed by refreshments in the church hall. Everyone very welcome.

Advent Stations During Advent we will hold a "Stations of the Nativity" after Mass on Friday mornings.

Witterings 150 Club The next draw will take place on Sunday 13th December in the church hall after Mass. There will be tea and coffee and some Christmas Fare. Mick & Pat Thompson will collect member's subscriptions after Mass on Sundays 29th Nov and 6th Dec in the church hall. New members very welcome (only £12 per annum)

Christmas Cards Gill Breeze thanks everyone who purchased Christmas cards recently. A cheque for £54 has been sent to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Rite of Acceptance of Candidates Today, during Mass, we will welcome Peter Baker into the order of the Catechumens. He is seeking to be received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church at Easter through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We pray for him and his family as he makes this journey of faith.

Christmas Cards There will be a tree in the narthex where you can hang a card for all your friends at the Church. Please make donation to Fr Joe's Feeding Programme. 31p feeds a child for 1 day. There are 80 children to be fed every day.

Bosham Welcomers There is a meeting for Welcomers at 9.30am on Saturday 5th December in the church.

Parish News

Second Collection this weekend for The Retired Priest Fund. At present we have 50 retired priests cared for by the Diocese. They have each given many decades of service to the people in the Diocese. Although “retired” they may be still in ministry and assisting parishes. We want to help our retired priests live independent lives for as long as possible. In 2008 the Diocese spent £321,000 on our retired priests. Please help by giving generously. Your donation can be Gift Aided.

Friday Project raised £71.61

Book of Remembrance During the month of November the Book of Remembrance will be kept in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for those who wish to write in names of loved ones who have died on a particular day of the month. These people will be included in the prayers on the appropriate day.

Parish Penitential Service Sunday 20th December at 4pm in St Richard’s Church.

Advent Groups using the Diocesan programme “To be made Holy” starting in the week beginning 23rd November. **St Richard’s:** Monday evening at 7.30pm and Tuesday morning 9.45 for Morning Prayer, group beginning at 10.15am. **St Peter’s:** Tuesday evening 7.30pm. For details of other groups meeting in the Parish please contact the Parish Office.

Day of Recollection for Advent led by Fr Tony Shelley will be held on Tuesday 1st December from 10.30am to 3pm, at the Catholic Bible School. (Mass at 12.15pm). **All are very welcome.** Bring a packed lunch or have soup and a roll. For transport contact the Parish Office 782343.

St Richard’s School Christmas Draw & Bazaar There will be raffle tickets on sale after Mass this weekend and next, to raise funds for the school. We have some fantastic prizes for you to win, including an Italian leather sofa worth over £600!! We would also love to welcome you to the Christmas Bazaar on **4th December from 2.30pm**, where there will be lots of festive fun for all the family and the draw will take place. See you there!!

Catholic Bible School Saturday Study Days (10am –3.30pm, bring a packed lunch, Prior Booking is helpful) 5th December “Step into the Streams” - (A practical strategy for becoming like Jesus) A DAY FOR MEN led by James Catford, CEO of Bible Society and Chair of Renovare Britain & Ireland 25th Nov—MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY continues —”A Glance at Galatians” led by Geoff Poulter 9.30—11.30 (2 sessions) Wednesdays at 7.45pm - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 1st Wednesday of the month, **Open Door Prayer Meeting** 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday of the month, all welcome, **Healing Service** 3rd Wednesday of the month. Visit the CBS website www.catholic-bible-school.org for info & weekly reflections on the Sunday Readings, Tel 01243 371766.

Young Adults Group meets again on Friday 4th December in the Parish Rooms at St Richard’s. As Christmas is near bring something to nibble and something to drink.

Coffee Morning Bognor Parish Centre, Saturday 28th November, 10.30am—12.30pm. Home produce, Sew & Sew products, tombola, Christmas decorations. The £1 entrance fee includes coffee/tea, biscuits and a raffle ticket. SPUC to benefit from part of the proceeds.

Chichester Cathedral Advent Procession Saturday 28th November at 6pm.

CTiC 5th Sunday Advent Service, “Carols for Advent” . St Paul’s Church 6.30pm Sunday 29th November.

Free to Collector Oval extending Mahogany effect Dining table & 6 chairs. Excellent condition. Tel 788669.

Prayer Groups

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

Emmanuel Prayer Group will meet at Patricia’s on Nov 23rd, Dec 7th & Jan 4th (Tel no 784946) and will meet at Angela’s on Nov 30th, Dec 14th & Jan 11th (Tel 374390).

Tuesday Morning Group Continuing with the book “Faith, Hope and Love”.

Bosham Tuesday Group Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church. Watching the video “Catholics Making a Difference”.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **Second** Wednesday of the month and every Wednesday during Advent 7.30pm—8.30pm

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

Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting Saturday’s 2—5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21st	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Eric, Doris & David Darby RIP (Phyll Deere)
Sun 22nd	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	Thanksgiving for Baby Luke (Pat Jenkinson)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Birthday Blessings for Lucy & Millie
	Our Lady	11.00am	Knights of St Columba (Billy Walker)
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass
Mon 23rd	St Richard's	12.15pm	Deceased Family & Friends of P & E Robson
Tues 24th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	Our Lady	10.00am	Private Intention (Susan Line)
Wed 25th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Richard's	12.15pm	Jim Boyd RIP (Mary Boyd)
Thurs 26th	St Richard's	12.15pm	George French RIP (Family)
Fri 27th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peters	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 28th	St Richard's	10.00am	NO MASS

1st Sunday of Advent Year C

Sat 28th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	In Thanksgiving (Jerome & Elizabeth O'Hea)
Sun 29th	St Richards	8.30am	Aurora Inocillas RIP (Shai & Family)
	St Peters	9.00am	Doris White (Eric & Family)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Maylon Mahon RIP (Phyllis Casey)
	Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Tuesday—St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Please Pray for the Sick

Robin Bowker, Margaret Andrews, Jane Lake, Michael Timlick, Margaret Hooper, Molly Hill, Yvonne Bishop, Malcolm Lawson-Paul, Frances Herbert, Shirley Bridges, Gerry Farrell, Mark Wynter, Maureen Eyles, Gisela Gatford, Alastair Gordon, 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, Teresa Willcocks, Ruth Hall, Doris White, Nigel Hogben & Joanne, Simon & Aisling Smith.

The Visiting and Support Group is a team of about 12 parishioners, under the guidance of Fr Kieron, 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 Kieron.

Next week's Readings

First Reading
Jeremiah 33:14-16

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Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel
Luke 21:25-28.34-36



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays