



## Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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**With Our Lady of the Assumption**

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1st Sunday of Advent Year C

Psalter Week 1

29th 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*

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*I will make a virtuous Branch  
grow for David.*

#### *Responsorial Psalm*

*No 24*

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

#### *Second Reading*

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

*May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness  
when Christ comes.*

#### *Gospel*

Luke 21:25-28.34-36

*Your liberation is near at hand.*



### Thought for the week

One of the signs of moving from childhood into adulthood is that the night before Christmas is no longer spent in waking anticipation of the day to come. When adulthood passes into parenthood, the night before Christmas is spent in anticipation of an early awakening by excited insomniac children! The Gospel on this First Sunday of Advent gives us a wake-up call; not for the first coming of Christ, but for his second! Just as our children will eagerly await the joys of Christmas morning—so we all need to be ready to welcome the Lord when our time comes. This prospect should not fill us with fear and trepidation but with the same eager longing that children have for Christmas. The coming four Sundays help us to focus on the two comings of Jesus. As we prepare to celebrate his first, so we are reminded of our constant desire to be ready for his second. When this happens, we will not meet him as a stranger, but as the same person we meet in his Word, in his sacraments and in each other.

## **St Richard's**

**Second Collection** after Mass for the Christmas Flowers.

**CHILDREN**—Have fun making an Advent Chain and use it to count down to Christmas as part of your night prayers. Collect a pack with all the materials—one per family. Also you can take home a card with Advent prayers—there will be one card for each week on the themes of Faith, Hope, Love and Joy to help us make time for the presence of God in our lives this Advent and to prepare to celebrate his coming to us as a baby at Christmas.

**The Season of Advent** commences today. There are copies of “Walk with me “ Advent booklets and calendars priced £1 available in the porches. Money in the “papers” wall safe please.

**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.

**Log on to Mercy House's own website** Mercy House has a talented media trained resident who has published a remarkable website about life at the Mission. He has a feature telling of their latest success. Either log on to St Richard's site and click on the link to Mercy House or directly [www.mercy-house-sa.blogspot.com](http://www.mercy-house-sa.blogspot.com).

**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.

## **St Peter's**

**The Cake Sale & Tombola for Children in Need raised £230.84** A big thank you to everyone who came along and to all the children and Christine Barton for the Youth Mass on Sunday.

**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. 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** Today, 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.

**Children's Christmas Party & Advent Service—13th December** A Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 13th December at 3pm. There will be an Advent Service at 4.30pm with readings and carols for Advent followed by refreshments for everyone in the church hall afterwards. 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 following the 9am Mass where we can have cup of tea or coffee and some Christmas Fare. Mick & Pat Thompson will collect member's subscriptions after Mass today, Sunday 29th Nov and 6th Dec in the church hall. New members would be very welcome ( only £12 per annum).

## **Our Lady of the Assumption**

**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 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.



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## **Parish News**

**Second Collection NEXT weekend** for the needy of the parish. If you know of anyone who is in need, please contact the Parish Office in confidence.

**Second Collection** last weekend for The Retired Priest Fund raised £362.26.

**Friday Project** raised £29.00

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

**Advent Groups** using the Diocesan programme "To be made Holy" continues this week. **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 contact the Parish Office.

**Advent Evening Prayer in Singleton** During Advent ecumenical Evening Prayer will be held in Singleton Parish Church each Tuesday (1st to 22nd Dec) at 6.00pm. Everyone welcome. Further information from Ged Lavery 811270.

**Exposition** Every Wednesday during Advent 7.30pm—8.30pm in the Blessed Lady Chapel.

**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 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 Dec "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 16th Dec THANKSGIVING MASS for all the Lord has done in our lives in the past year. Open to all. 8.30pm followed by Mulled wine & mince pies. **Wednesday evenings** 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](http://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.

**CTiC** 5th Sunday Advent Service, "Carols for Advent". St Paul's Church 6.30pm Sunday 29th November.

**Stars of Mary Mass** Sunday 6th December at Our Lady of Sorrows, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis at 3pm. Mass for the disabled, the frail and elderly as well as their friends and families.

**SPUC Meeting** The next meeting of the Chichester District Branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be on Wednesday 9th December, at 7.30pm, in the Lower Parish Room at St Richard's Church, Cawley Road, Chichester. All are welcome.

**Carols by Candlelight** St Philip Howard Catholic High School invites Senior Citizens to join students and staff for the performance on Thursday 11th December, 2.30pm—4.30pm. There will be singing & readings in the school hall, and mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee will be served throughout the afternoon. Contact Peter McGeady 558216 to reserve seats.

## **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** Will meet on Wednesday 2nd Dec continuing with the Advent Reflections book "To be made Holy", 9.45am for Morning Prayer group beginning at 10.15am.

**Bosham Tuesday Group** Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church. We will be looking at The Advent Reflections book. Next session 8th December unless Mass times or dates are changed.

**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.



## MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon 30th	St Richard’s	12.15pm	Intentions of Fr Thomas
Tues 1st	St Richard’s	8.00am	The Little Chalmers Family (Jane Chalmers)
	Dec Our Lady	10.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 2nd	St Richard’s	8.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
	St Richard’s	12.15pm	For the Wellbeing of Fr Royston (The Visiting Group)
Thurs 3rd	St Richard’s	12.15pm	For the Repose of the Souls of deceased members of the staff of St Richard’s School
Fri 4th	St Richard’s	8.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
	St Peters	10.00am	Celebrant’s Intention
Sat 5th	St Richard’s	10.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>

## **2nd Sunday of Advent Year C**

Sat 5th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	For the wellbeing of Fr Royston (Emmy & Eddie Roblin)
Sun 6th	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	Veronica Brown RIP (Geoff & Gill Breeze)
	St Richard’s	10.00am	Molly Corbally RIP (Megan Hadden)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Oscar Dominguez RIP (Family)
	St Richard’s	12.00pm	Polish Mass

### This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Monday—St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

Thursday—St Francis Xavier, Priest

### Please Pray for the Sick

Valerie Davis-White, Anne Kibble, Robin Bowker, Margaret Andrews, Jane Lake, Michael Timlick, 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*

Baruch 5:1-9

### **2nd Sunday of Advent Year C**

*Second Reading*

Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

*Gospel*

Luke 3:1-6



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