



Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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4th Sunday of Advent Year C

Psalter Week 4

20th December 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

Micah 5:1-4

*Out of you will be born the one
who is to rule over Israel.*

Responsorial Psalm

No 79

**God of hosts, bring us back; let your face
shine on us and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-44

*Why should I be honoured with a visit from the
mother of my Lord?*



Thought for the week

A story of a visit. Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth out in the hills. Both women are with child, one of them will be great a prophet, the other; the Saviour of the world. These two women have both been visited and blessed by God's Spirit. The visits were received graciously and the response was generous. As they cooperate with God's plan, they find time to support each other. We are entering into a season of visiting, giving and receiving. Before we make a space for the coming of Christ, perhaps we can learn from the two extraordinary women in the Gospel, who make a space for each other. During the coming week, may our visits be generous and joyful; may our giving be selfless but not showy; may our receiving be grateful and may all that we say and do give a blessing to others

St Richard's

Church Cleaning We now have a few volunteers to help clean the church in preparation for Christmas but still need a few more. If you are able to volunteer for a couple of hours from 9.30am on Tuesday 22nd December, please contact the Parish Office.

Foliage and Greenery is needed to help with the decoration of the church. If you can provide some please bring to the church on Wednesday 23rd. Thank you.

Advent Prayer Cards This week's theme is Joy. Please take a card which gives a short prayer which can be used when lighting an advent candles, and a bible reading to help us prepare to celebrate God's coming by sharing his presence in our lives.

The Season of Advent There are copies of "Walk with me" Advent booklets and calendars £1 and "Advent Extra" £1.20 available in the porches. Money in the "papers" wall safe please.

Novena There will be no Novena on Thursday's 24th & 31st December but will resume on Thursday 7th January.

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 14th January at 6.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

Yoga will resume again on Monday 4th January.

St Peter's

Advent Groups As part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas there will be an Advent Group meeting in the Church Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm where we will pray and reflect on the Sunday readings for Advent. Everyone is very welcome so do come along.



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

Witterings 150 Club The half yearly draw took place after mass in the Church Hall on Sunday 13th December along with some Christmas Fare. Mick and Pat Thompson would like to thank all who contributed to the club and participated in the draw. A list of the prize winners is shown on the notice board in the church porch.

Christmas Cards There are a small number of religious cards and other items for sale in the porch at the back of the church. Money for these can go in the "Shop" box on the wall.

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 for 1 day. There are 80 children to be fed every day.



Bosham Christmas Vigil Mass There will be a practice on **Monday 21st December at 10am** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church for any children who would like to sing in the choir or to play an instrument and also for the readers.

Bosham Meeting Point Carol Service on December 27th There will be a practice on **Monday December 21st at 11.15am** following the children's practice. Anyone who would like to sing with us will be welcome.

Help Needed after Mass for coffee and tea once every two months with one other person. Please contact Sue Pike 371089.

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.

Parish News

Christmas Offering

The collection at the Christmas Masses is your personal gift to the priests of the Parish. This forms a significant part of their annual income. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd December until Monday 4th January.

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Friday Project raised £67.20.

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

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.

Catholic Bible School

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 for info & weekly reflections on the Sunday Readings, Tel 01243 371766.

St Richard's School 400 Club

Congratulations to the prize winners of the November draw; 1st £100, Mrs M Elliott (88), 2nd £30, Mrs A Andrews (423) and 3rd £10, Mrs Crinion (400) New members are always welcome to help school funds, please contact either the school or Lesley Brownlee on 01243 771558.

Tea Outing to West Dean Gardens Wednesday 6th January at 2.45pm

All welcome. Transport available. Please phone Maria on 782837.

Pilgrimage to Northumberland 28 August to 1 September 2010

There has been a good response to this proposed trip and we will have an **Information Evening on Sunday 31 January at 4pm** in the Lower Parish Rooms at St Richard's. All welcome to find out more about the saints and their land, whether or not you're interested in coming to the wild north. This holiday is very suitable for families, you can either travel in the coach or your own car and take part in whichever of the activities you wish. See www.minsteracres.org for details of the accommodation. Any enquiries please phone Maria Whitehouse on 782837.

Young Adults Group Will meet again on 8th January in the Upper Parish Rooms at St Richard's Church.

St Olave's Church, North Street has re-opened as an independent Christian Bookshop and resource centre. The centre has funding for 6 months but needs support or the Church is in danger of being sold. Please support this enterprise. The staff are hoping to build up a section of Roman Catholic books, DVD's and much more.

Next week's Readings

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel

Luke 1:39-44



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 again on Tuesday 12th January.

Bosham Tuesday Group Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church. .

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Second Wednesday of the month 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 19th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	David Bramley (Theresa Owgan)
Sun 20th	St Richards	8.30am	Joe & Bertha Silver RIP (Family)
	St Peters	9.00am	Kieran Johnston RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Deceased relatives of the Timlick Family (J & M Timlick)
	Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass
	St Richard's	4.00pm	Reconciliation Service
Mon 21st	St Richard's	12.15pm	Margaret Mary Smith RIP (Elizanne Wardrop)
Tues 22nd	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	Our Lady	10.00am	Deceased members of the Sharkey Family (Family)
Wed 23rd	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Richard's	12.15pm	George Rafferty RIP (Elizanne Wardrop)

Christmas

Thurs 24th	Our Lady	Vigil 5.00pm	Julia Outram Bull RIP
	St Peter's	8.00pm	Mary Kite RIP (Lucy Clayton)
	St Richard's	10.30pm	Celebrants Intention
Fri 25th	St Richard's	8.30am	Neill, Cullinane & Hay Family RIP (Bridie Neill & Family)
	St Peters	9.00am	Buckley Family (Mary Buckley)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Patrick Gooderson RIP (Family)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Win & Bill Harris & Jim Boyd RIP (Mary Boyd)
Sat 26th	St Richard's	10.00am	NO MASS

The Feast of the Holy Family

Sat 26th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	The Glynn & Vidler Families (Pauline Vidler)
Sun 27th	St Richards	8.30am	Charles & Josephine Hay RIP (Kate Jackson & Family)
	St Peters	9.00am	Bluey & Ivy (Joan Cooper)
	St Richard's	10.00am	The Davenport Family
	Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass
Mon 28th	St Richard's	10.00am	Mary McLean of Annaghassan RIP
Tues 29th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	Our Lady	10.00am	Pat Griffin RIP (The Griffin Family)
Wed 30th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
		12.15pm	For the Intentions of John Hutchings (Caroline Bullen)
Thurs 31st	St Richard's	12.15pm	NO MASS
Fri 1st Jan	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peter's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 2nd	St Richard's	10.00am	NO MASS

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sat 2nd	St Richard's	Vigil 6pm	The Wellbeing of Phyllis Casey
Sun 3rd	St Richard's	8.30am	Christina Marmont RIP (J & M Timlick)
	St Peter's	9.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	10.00am	Ralph Coleman RIP (Taylor Family)
	Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass

Please Pray for the Sick Patricia Hodnett, Mavis O'Brien, 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, Teresa Willcocks, Doris White, Nigel Hogben & James & Julian Smith.