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The Epiphany of the Lord

Psalter Week 2

3rd January 2010

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
(N.B No Confessions on Saturday 9th January 2010)

St Peter's

First Friday of the month 9.30am

By arrangement at all other times

Readings for the week

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Responsorial Psalm

No 71

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6

This mystery has now been revealed: it means that pagans now share the same inheritance.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

We came from the east to do the King homage.



Thought for the week

The Feast of Epiphany challenges our assumptions. We think there are three wise men, or magi, but we only *know* there were three gifts. We think this draws the Christmas season to a close, but in fact it marks the beginning of Christ for the Nations and in any case the season continues until the Baptism of the Lord. We might think that the visitors from the east were wise men or kings, but in fact their real identity is shrouded in mystery. Clinging-on to old assumptions does us no harm provided that they do not lead us away from the essential truth: the child in the manger brings a universal message of salvation, the magi are ambassadors for all peoples. We too should present our gifts for the building up of his Kingdom and the spread of his Gospel.

St Richard's

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bridie Neal RIP who died this week. Her Requiem will be on Monday 11th January at 12.15pm. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Church Cleaning

A BIG thank you to all who helped clean the church before Christmas. Your help we greatly appreciated.

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 during term time 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.

Christmas Thank you

Many, many thanks to all the parishioners who brought foliage for the flower team to decorate St Richard's, made contributions to the collection and of course to the wonderful ladies and gentlemen who arranged the flowers. Pat.

St Peter's

Christian Unity Week

On Sunday 17th January at 3pm in St Anne's Church there will be an ecumenical service to mark the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



Our Lady of the Assumption

Help Needed

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

Lost Coat

A blue coat belonging to Ben Tyler was lost after the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. Although the coat itself is not important, his mobile phone and braces for his teeth were in the pockets. If anyone has accidentally picked up the coat could they please call either the Parish Office or Jane Tyler on 572208.



Parish News

Thank you Fr Kieron wishes to thank everyone for their generosity over Christmas. The cards, gifts and Christmas collection are very much appreciated.

Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd December until Tuesday 5th January.

Diocesan Directory 2010 is available in the Church Porch. Monies in the "Papers Box" please.

Draft Admissions Policy for St Richard's Catholic Primary School—2011/2012

It is now a requirement that all "interested parties" have the opportunity to see and comment on draft Admissions Policies for schools. To comply with this regulation the draft policy for 2011/2012 will be available from the school office from 5th January 2010. The draft policy is also available from the school website on www.st-richards.w-sussex.sch.uk. If you wish to see a copy or to comment please do so by the end of the consultation period which is on 28th February 2010.

Catholic Bible School

Saturday Study Days 10am—3.30pm payment by donation—bring a packed lunch—prior booking is helpful: 9th January "**Mary, the Mother of Jesus**" led by Rev David Matthews, 23rd January "**Look for the Table**" (Psalm 23) Led by Charles Whitehead.**** 21st January 7.45pm HEALING AND MIRACLE SERVICE led by Rev Carl Anderson Jnr Founder of Born to Blaze Ministries in the USA.**** 26th January WALKING BACK TO HAPPINESS (7.45—10pm) A six session course on the Beatitudes and their relevance for today. Prior booking essential please. 6th January Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Hour) 7.45pm.

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 Christmas double-money draw; 1st £200, Mr & Mrs T Wilcock, 2nd £60, Mr & Mrs N Dawtrey and 3rd £20, Mr & Mrs Downy. 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 (6th form & older) Will meet again on 8th January in the Upper Parish Rooms at St Richard's Church at 6pm. For more information; higheverybody02@hotmail.co.uk.

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.

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.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Second Wednesday of the month.

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 2nd Jan	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	The wellbeing of Phyllis Casey
Sun 3rd	St Richards	8.30am	Christina Marmont RIP (J & M Timlick)
	St Peters	9.00am	Tomkins Family Thanksgiving (Nara Haugh)
	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
Mon 4th	St Richard's	12.15pm	NO MASS
Tues 5th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 6th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Richard's	12.15pm	Arnold Bear-Smith RIP
Thurs 7th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Patrick & David Murray (Kate & Maureen Murray)
Fri 8th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peters	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 9th	St Richard's	10.00am	NO MASS

The Baptism of the Lord

Sat 9th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 10th	St Richards	8.30am	Deceased members of the Cullinane & Watson Families RIP (Elizabeth Watson & Family)
	St Peters	9.00am	Christine Bingham RIP (Margaret Bingham)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Pat Cooper RIP (Margaret McEwan)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Pat Griffin RIP (Griffin Family)
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

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.

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
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

The Baptism of the Lord

Second Reading
Acts 10:34-38

Gospel
Luke 3:15-16.21-22



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays