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The Baptism of the Lord

Psalter Week 1

10th 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 42:1-4,6-7

Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.

Responsorial Psalm

No 28

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading

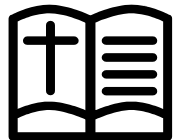
Acts 10:34-38

The Lord had anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16.21-22

While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.



Thought for the week

This week we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Unlike us, because Jesus is God and therefore without sin, his Baptism was not about repentance and cleansing of sin, but about his solidarity with man, that God had come down to be with us, not above us. As the second reading reminds us, he came down not just to be with his people but all peoples. The purpose for this is spelt out in the first reading—to bring true justice to the world. Do we look down on others? Do we seek tolerance and understanding or opt for conflict and division? Do we share or shut our minds and hearts to the needs of others? We are told, through Jesus' words to John the Baptist, to do all that righteousness demands. Christ came to be the light of the nations. How Christ-like are we?

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.

Novena

Resumes 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.

REMINDER

The Liturgy Group meets on Tuesday 24th January at 7pm in the Parish Rooms.

KSC Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to all who took part in the competition and thank you to the staff at St Richard's Primary School.

St Peter's

Christian Unity Week

Next Sunday 17th January at 3pm in St Anne's Church there will be a service of prayers and readings to mark the start of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is a service shared between St Peter's, St Anne's and the URC church. Please do come along and represent our parish.



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.

Mivumoni Library Project

Thank you all so much for your generosity last Sunday. The collection for the Mivumoni Library Project raised an incredible £1738.35 which goes a very long way towards making this project a reality in the near future. We would like to thank everyone who donated. We were absolutely staggered by your kindness. Some people were asking for details of how to donate so if you are interested, cheques are gratefully received and should be made payable to "Mivumoni Library Project" and posted to 34 Brandy Hole Lane, Chichester, PO19 5RY. If you would like to contact us to discuss the project in any way, give us a ring on 01243 527409 (Charlie) or 01243 787502 (Luke) or email hloafrica@hotmail.co.uk. Either one of us would be glad to talk about any aspect with you. Alternatively, you can find us online at <http://mivumonilibraryproject.webs.com>.



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.

Diocesan Directory 2010

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: 23rd January "**Look for the Table**" (Psalm 23) Led by Charles Whitehead. 6th February "**God Heals Today**" Led by Rev Jim Graham. **** 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. 3rd Feb **Midweek Bible Study** "The Psalms" (4 sessions) 9.30am—11.30am.

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.

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

St Olave's 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 again on Tuesday 12th January, 9.45am for Morning Prayer or 10am in the Parish Rooms.

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 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
Mon 11th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Requiem for Bridie Neal RIP
Tues 12th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	Our Lady	10.00am	Luke (John H)
Wed 13th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Richard's	12.15pm	Marion & Stan Burton (R & M Flaxbeard)
Thurs 14th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Sr Mary Elizabeth RIP
Fri 15th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peters	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 16t	St Richard's	10.00am	NO MASS

2nd Sunday of Year C

Sat 16th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 17th	St Richards	8.30am	The Wellbeing of Michael Scobie (Andy Oliver)
	St Peters	9.00am	Celebrants Intention
	St Richard's	10.00am	The Wellbeing of Fr Royston
	Our Lady	11.00am	Nancy Weigall RIP (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 62:1-5

2nd Sunday of Year C

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel
John 2:1-12



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays