



Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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3rd Sunday of Year C

Psalter Week 3

24th 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

St Peter's

First Friday of the month 9.30am

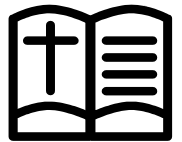
By arrangement at all other times

Readings for the week

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

Ezra read from the law of God and the people understood what was read.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

This text is being fulfilled today.

Thought for the week As we return to the Gospel of St Luke, we are reminded that the Lord is the anointed one and he is in our midst. The Lord is with us in a very particular way when we enter the church and celebrate mass together. There are two physical focal points in the church which demand our respect and reverence precisely because of the way the Lord is present: the tabernacle and the altar. The tabernacle provides the abiding sacramental presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, it is customary to show our reverence for this presence by a genuflection (a brief kneel on one knee) whenever we pass the direct sight line of the tabernacle. Similarly, the altar has a special place of honour in the church as this is the place where the sacred meal and sacrifice is offered. When passing the altar, it is therefore customary to pause and make a bow to show our awe and respect for the table of the Eucharist. These simple but significant gestures help us to create an atmosphere of prayerfulness and serve to remind us that respect for the presence of the Lord should lead us into respect and reverence for each other. We have all received the Lord's anointing at our baptism.

St Richard's

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please collect a "Welcome Pack" from the church porch. It provides useful information about the Parish and who to contact about particular aspects of Parish life.

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 28th January at 6.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

REMINDER

The Liturgy Group meets on Monday 8th February at 7pm in the Parish Rooms..

Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

Today at the 10am Mass we will welcome Karolina Hanzeuacki into the Order of Catechumens. Karolina is seeking to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We pray for her as she continues in her journey of faith.

Stations of the Cross

If any group or individual is interested in leading a Stations of the Cross during Lent, please contact the Parish Office.

St Peter's

Haiti Relief Appeal

Thank you for your generous support. £477.32 was raised.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th January at 7.30pm. If you have any items for the agenda, please pass them to Geoff Breeze as soon as possible.

Mass Intention

If you would like to request a Mass Intention there are envelopes available for Mass Stipends in the church porch and Sacristy. Please fill in the details on the envelope and also on the list in the Sacristy. You can either place the envelope with the list or give it to Geoff Breeze who will then pass the details on to the Parish Priest.



Our Lady of the Assumption

Bosham Bounce

The winner of the January draw is Mr Nick Shrubbs with number 30. CONGRATULATIONS!

A BIG Thank You to all who helped at the Angels and Shepherds Mass in Bosham on the 24th December.



Parish News

Welcome Next weekend we welcome Fr Alexander Lucie-Smith to the Parish. Fr Alexander will be staying with us for the foreseeable future to help in our two parishes, once he has settled in, we will review the weekday mass provision. Many thanks to Frs. Tony, Richard & Malcolm for their generous help over the last few months.

Next Sunday is Education Sunday There will be a second collection for St Richard's Primary School to raise funds to improve the accessibility of the school for children and adults.

Haiti Collection last weekend raised £1637.58.

Friday Project raised £130.17.

A & B Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 29th July—6th August. Application forms are available from the Parish Office or can be downloaded from the website www.ablourdes.org. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01903 745180.

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: 6th February **"God Heals Today"** Led by Rev Jim Graham. 27th February **"What Colour is Worship"** Led by Christian artist & speaker Helen Hiles (limited places—booking necessary) **** 3rd February ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Holy Hour) 7.45pm. 3rd Feb **Midweek Bible Study** "The Psalms" (4 sessions) 9.30am—11.30am. **Wednesday evenings** at 7.45pm - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***** **The Beatitudes** are a core part of Jesus' teaching but what are their relevance for us today. "Walking Back to Happiness" is a six evening programme designed to explore this. Commences 26th January then fortnightly. (7.45pm—10pm) 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.

Stars of Mary Mass Today, Sunday 17th January, 3pm at Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel. Masses for people with learning difficulties, their families, friends and the frail and elderly.

Northumberland Information Afternoon Sunday 31 January 4pm

Lower Parish Room, St Richard's. Presentation about the Northern Saints and the parish pilgrimage from 28 Aug to 1 Sept 2010. Please see the Parish Website for more information. Leaflet and booking form now available—phone Maria on 782837. All welcome at the Information Afternoon.

Invitation to Christ Church Sunday 31st January at 6.30pm. Following the recent tradition of united 5th Sunday evening services, Christ Church invites all who do not belong to a church with its own evening service to join with us in worship that evening. Preacher Rev George Gibson.

Knights of St Columba will be selling their Grand National Draw tickets after all Masses on the weekend of 6/7th February. All proceeds are going to their designated charity, which this year is Glasses for the Third World.

The Friends of St Philip Howard Quiz Night Friday 26th February at 6.30pm. Tickets are £3 per person or £8 per family. There will be a bar and nibbles available. The Friends are raising funds for a much needed Sports Hall at a cost of £1.8 million. Contact Melanie on 01243 261140 or 07970106902.

Prayer Groups

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

Emmanuel Prayer Group Mondays at "Shalom", 28 Grosvenor Road at 8pm (Roasry at 7.45pm).

All welcome. Any queries contact Mary 785337.

Tuesday Morning Group 9.45am for Morning Prayer or 10am in the Parish Rooms.

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.

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 23rd	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Bill & Audrey Ritchie RIP (Wiliam Ritchie)
Sun 24th	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	10.00am	The deceased relatives & friends of McEwan & Toner Family (Margaret McEwan)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Francis Higgins RIP (Buckley Family)
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass
Mon 25th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Mike Matchan RIP (Maggie Child)
Tues 26th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	Our Lady	10.00am	Bridie Neill RIP (Eileen Wood)
Wed 27th	St Richard's	8.00am	Dan Casey RIP
	St Richard's	12.15pm	NO MASS
Thurs 28th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Bridie McGreal RIP (McGreal Family)
Fri 29th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peters	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 30th	St Richard's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention

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Sat 30th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 31st	St Richards	8.30am	Kathleen & Thomas Richardson (Sue & Pat)
	St Peters	9.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	10.00am	Mark Hayes RIP (The Elliott Family)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Monday—The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Tuesday— St Timothy & St Titus, Bishops

Thursday—St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Please Pray for the Sick

Freda Gatling, Ann Donaldson, Odette Haves, Josephine Taylor, Audrey Graveley, Rita Rooke, 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, 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
Micah 5:1-4

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Second Reading
Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel
Luke 1:39-44



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays