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6th Sunday of Year C

Psalter Week 2

14th February 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

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 1

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Second Reading

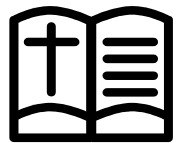
1 Corinthians 15:12.16-20

If Christ has not been raised, your believing is useless.

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.



Thought for the week

At first sight, this week's readings are about curses and blessings; about who shall be happy and warnings for those who are not. If we look a little deeper into what we read in Jeremiah and in Luke's version of the beatitudes we see that we are presented not with ancient superstition, but with sound advice for our age. Both the words of the prophet and the words of Jesus warn against putting our trust in short-term happiness and seeking the instant gratification we so often seem to crave—or at least that which the advertisers would like us to. To be Christian is to live the paradox of the poor in spirit and to place our trust in a future we cannot totally control. As we prepare to start the Season of Lent, we will be reminded on Wednesday of our mortality and therefore how futile our fleeting material ambitions can be in the greater scheme of God's plan for us.

St Richard's

EXPLORE A SIMPLE WAY OF PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE

Monday 15th February at 7.30pm in the Lower Parish Rooms at St Richard's. LECTIO DIVINA is a powerful way of becoming aware of God's presence in our lives and only needs 10 minutes a day. Try something new for Lent which may have a more lasting effect than just giving up chocolate! All welcome for this introductory talk.

Youth Group Meets again Thursday 25th February at 6.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

YOGA There will be no Yoga during half term (Monday 15th/Friday 19th February). The Monday evening class will resume on 22nd February. There will be NO Friday morning class on 26th February and classes will resume Friday 5th March.

Women's World Day of Prayer will be held in St Richard's Church on Friday 5th March 2010 at 2pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome men, women and young people.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Handel's "Messiah" and The Bible—Bosham "Meeting Point" LENT Group

Beginning on Tuesday 23rd February for 5 consecutive weeks at 2.30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham. Please contact Eric Hinkley on 574333.



MAD Meeting Tuesday 16th February at 7.30pm.

Bosham Bounce The winner of the February draw is Jon Aldred with number 5. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Women's World Day of Prayer "Let everything that has breath praise God". Friday 5th March 2.15pm following the soup lunch. All are welcome, men as well!

St Peter's

St Peter's Mother & Toddler Group

Meets every Wednesday, for fun times, at 9.30am –11.30am in the Church Hall. For details please contact Joanne Wright 01243 670830 or 07840297086.



New Parishioners

Welcome. There is a lot of useful information in the Welcome Pack, which can be found in our church porch. Also please do come and join many of our parishioners for a special cup of coffee, or tea after a Sunday Mass.

LENT—WHAT WILL YOU DO?

A Year for Priest's

Every Monday at 7.30pm in St Richard's Lower Parish Rooms "An Evening With...", beginning on 22nd February with Fr Malcolm King. These evenings will take the form of a "Chat Show" where the priests will talk about their vocation and life as a priest.

Stations of the Cross

Every **Friday** evening at 7.30pm in St Richard's Church beginning on 19th February.
Every **Wednesday** afternoon at 3.30pm in St Richard's Church beginning on 24th February.
Every **Friday** morning after 10am Mass in St Peter's Church beginning on 19th February.

Small Groups

Our Lady of the Assumption Tuesday's after 10am Mass using a DVD "Life to the Full"
St Richard's Tuesday morning group 10am in the Upper Parish Room using Diocesan Lent Book.

Adoration

Every **Wednesday** evening at 7.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Reconciliation Service

Sunday 28th March at 4pm in St Richard's Church

Parish News

Second Collection The Annual Collection for Cabrini Children's Society will take place after all masses this weekend. The Society provides support and care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community. Money collected in Parishes does not contribute to adoption work.

St Richard's School Governors would like to thank parish members for their kind donations on "Education Sunday", £924 was raised towards the project of making the school accessible to all. However, further funds are needed and anyone wishing to donate should make cheques payable to "St Richard's Governors Fund" and send them to either the school or the Parish Office. Thank you once again.

The Season of Lent commences this week on Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Time for fulfilling Easter Duties begins. Lenten Alms may be made in the boxes in the porches.

"Walk with Me" A Daily Prayer for Lent booklet is available in the porches priced £1.

Lenten Evening Prayer in Singleton Church During Lent ecumenical Evening Prayer will be held in Singleton Parish Church each Tuesday (23rd February to 30th March) at 6pm. Everyone welcome. Further information from Ged Lavery 811270.

The Parish Office will be closed from **Monday 15th - Friday 19th February**. Newsletter items as usual.

Friday Project raised £42.99

Deanery Catechists Course The first session of the second module, led by David Fetteroll, begins on Monday 22nd February in the Learning Resource Centre at St Philip Howard Catholic High School

St Richard's School 400 Club Congratulations to the prize winners of the January draw; 1st £100, A R Hurst (149), 2nd £30, Mrs K Thorne (306) and 3rd £10, Mr D Hutchings (127). We are seeking new members to help us fund our project to make the school accessible to all, so if you would like to support us please contact either the school or Lesley Brownlee on 01243 771558.

Coffee Morning & Film Show Thursday 25th February in the Lower Parish Room at St Richard's. Coffee served from 10.30am. DVD of the recent exhibition "The Scared made Real" shown at 11am. For transport please call Maria on 782837. All welcome.

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: 27th February "**What Colour is Worship**" Led by Christian artist & speaker Helen Hiles (limited places—booking necessary) 13th March "**Revelation Revealed**" Fr Laurence O'Keefe OSB. 5th March **NEW LENTEN COURSE "Approaching the Cross"** using a variety of media. 4 consecutive Fridays 10.00—11.30am. 24th Feb **Midweek Bible Study** "The Psalms" (continues) 9.30am—11.30am. 3rd March **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 371766.

Stars of Mary Mass Today, Sunday 14th February at St Richard's Church at 3pm. Mass for people with learning difficulties, their families, friends and the frail and elderly.

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 (Rosary at 7.45pm).

All welcome. Any queries contact Mary 785337.

Tuesday Morning Group 9.45am for Morning Prayer or 10am in the Parish Rooms using the Diocesan Lenten Booklet.

Bosham Tuesday Group Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church using DVD "Life to the Full" during Lent.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm & **EVERY** Wednesday during Lent.

Open Door Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 7.45 pm at Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne.

Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting Saturday's 1—5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Private Intention (Jiju &Bineetha)
Sun 14th	St Richards	8.30am	John & Bridie Neill RIP (Kate Jackson & Family)
	St Peters	9.00am	Thanksgiving (Geoff & Gill Breeze)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Private Intention (Jiju &Bineetha)
	Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass
Mon 15th	St Richard's	8.00am	Private Intention (Jiju &Bineetha)
		12.15pm	In Thanksgiving for Mathews Birthday (Mathew & Family)
Tues 16th	St Richard's	8.00am	Private Intention (Jiju &Bineetha)
	Our Lady	10.00am	Alan Johnson RIP (D & M Brannan)
Wed 17th	St Richard's	8.00am	Private Intention (Jiju &Bineetha)
Ash	St Peter's	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (Marie O'Grady)
Wednesday	St Richard's	12.15pm	In Thanksgiving to St Richard (E & P Robson)
	Our Lady	7.30pm	Michael, Gerald & Peter Pratley (Philip Pratley)
Thurs 18th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Private Intention (Jiju &Bineetha)
Fri 19th	St Richard's	8.00am	Private Intention (Jiju &Bineetha)
	St Peters	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 20th	St Richard's	10.00am	Private Intention (Jiju &Bineetha)

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Sat 20th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	George & Kathleen McDermott RIP (Jean Darby)
Sun 21st	St Richards	8.30am	Private Intention (Jiju &Bineetha)
	St Peters	9.00am	Manche Taylor RIP (Susie Locke)
	St Richard's	10.00am	The Good Estate of Moya Frew
	Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Wednesday—Ash Wednesday

Please Pray for the Sick

Keith Cartey, Pam Boyd, Dot Leaver, Mary Noble, Stanley Vidler, 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 parishioners, under the guidance of Fr Alexander, 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 Alexander.

Next week's Readings

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

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Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays