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3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A Readings

Psalter Week 3

7th March 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

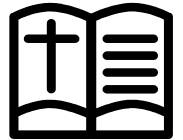
By arrangement at all other times

Readings for the week

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.



Responsorial Psalm 94

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2.5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Gospel

John 4:5-42

A spring welling up to eternal life.

Thought for the week

Today our RCIA candidates are being "scrutinised" at some of our Masses. This reminds us of our own baptism; we shall all be renewing our baptismal promises at Easter, when our candidates will be baptised. Our baptism marks our incorporation into Christ. Many baptised people forget their baptism later in life—but God never forgets them. Our baptism is undoable, for how can we forget, except superficially, the truth that the Samaritan woman, in today's gospel, knows so well? There are questions arising in our hearts that only God can answer; there are desires too that can only be answered by God himself. However, the scrutinies mention, and the first reading reminds us, that on our life and faith journey there are times when we ask "Is the Lord with us? Or not?" Lent is a time of honest acknowledgement and repentance of our sins. We repent so God can give us all the good things he wants to give us. The Samaritan woman was open to the grace of God, humble, prepared to acknowledge her past life. Her past life must have been interesting. And her future? Very interesting too, because, as we see from the gospel, she became an evangelist within minutes of meeting Jesus. Her conversion to Christ opened up infinite vistas for her. She went out to get water, something she must have done every day of her life, but this day, of all days, she came back not just with water, but with the message of eternal life. So may it be with all of us: may we long for eternal life, and may we find it in the Church and her sacraments, and may we communicate this news to others.

St Richard's

Youth Group Meets again Thursday 11th March at 6.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

Easter Lilies If you would like to donate a lily at Easter for the altar flowers in memory of a loved one, please write your own name and the name of the deceased on an envelope, enclosing a £3 donation, and deliver to the Parish Office or put it in the collection basket.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Handel's "Messiah" and The Bible—Bosham "Meeting Point" Lent Group. Continues Tuesday's at 2.30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham. Please contact Eric Hinkley on 574333.

Meeting Point Lent Lunches Every Friday during Lent, 12—1.30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, £3 to be donated to St Joseph's Refuge. All welcome.

Produce Sale in aid of Fr Joe after 11am Mass on Sunday 21st March. Please support this event by bringing goods to sell or money to spend!

Raffle Prizes If you have any unused/unwanted Christmas gifts which need a home and would be suitable as raffle prizes please donate them for the forthcoming Barn Dance. Contact Jenny on 374648.

Bosham Bounce The next draw is today, Sunday 7th March. Balls can be purchased on the day for £1.

St Peter's

Lent Talks Wittering Churches Together are repeating last year's successful talks on "Journey to Faith". The talks will be held in the United Reformed Church, Oakfield Avenue at 7.30 pm on each Thursday evening throughout Lent. The remaining programme is: 4th March—Debbie Thrower, 11th March—Brian Pointer, 18th March—Bishop Kieran Conry and 25th March—Fr Harold Webb. Everyone welcome.

St Patrick's Day Come and enjoy a wonderful evening to celebrate St Patrick's Day. St Peter's Church Hall on Friday 19th March at 7.30pm. **A change to the arrangements**—Food will now be provided and tickets cost £3. All proceeds to options. There will be some light entertainment from St Peter's very own Irish Folk Group!!!, a quiz to test your knowledge and lots more. All welcome.

May Fete & Spring Sale A date for your diary. Saturday 29th May St Peter's will be holding a Cream Tea and Spring Sale from 3pm to 5pm. All parishioners are invited to come and support this important fundraising event which will be followed by a grand BBQ of which details will follow later.

APF Boxes It is now time for the collection of APF red boxes. Will all box holders please bring their boxes and hand to Gill Breeze who will collect, empty and return them. Boxes can be left in the Church porch and will be collected after Mass.

Student looking for accommodation A German student is looking for accommodation with an English family for four weeks from 5th July. He is not fluent in English but French/German bilingual. He is catholic and willing to help out in any way he can. For further information or offers of help, contact Geoff Breeze 671082.

LENT—WHAT WILL YOU DO?

A Year for Priests

Every Monday at 7.30pm in St Richard's Lower Parish Rooms "An Evening With...", continuing on 8th March with Fr Peter Newsam. 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.
Every **Wednesday** afternoon at 3.30pm in St Richard's Church
Every **Friday** morning after 10am Mass in St Peter's Church

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

Please Pray for two priests of the Diocese who died during the week; Fr David Sutcliffe and Fr Ken Freeman; may they rest in peace. Also remember in your prayers, Fr Andre Lecoeur, who is unwell and is being cared for in a nursing home in his home town of Brive in France.

Notice for all Readers The readings for the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent (7th, 14th, 21st March) will be the optional readings of **Year A** which are required for the “scrutinies”.

Are you Baptised but not Confirmed? After Easter there will be a course at St Richard’s for those adults who have been Baptised but have missed out on Confirmation in their teenage years. For details phone Marie on 673346 or Pat 672334 or speak to one of the priests after Mass.

The Season of Lent A time for fulfilling Easter Duties begins. Lenten Alms may be made in the boxes in the porches.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Collection raised £337.81

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.

Deanery Catechists Course The third session of the second module, led by David Fetteroll, is on Monday 8th March, 7.30pm 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 February draw; 1st £100, Mrs Pat Boulton (207), 2nd £30, Mr & Mrs Dawtrey (154) and 3rd £10, Mrs J Ackerman (86). Double prize money in March for Easter. New members are always welcome to boost our school funds, please contact either the school or Lesley Brownlee on 01243 771558.

Catholic Bible School Saturday Study Days 10am—3.30pm payment by donation—bring a packed lunch—prior booking is helpful: 13th March **“Revelation Revealed”** Fr Laurence O’Keefe OSB. 27th March **“You mean all my heart, mind and strength”** led by Steve Murray International Christian Mime Artist and Speaker—guaranteed to be a “day with a difference” and not to be missed. 12th March **NEW LENTEN COURSE “Approaching the Cross”** using a variety of media. Continues 3 consecutive Fridays 10.00—11.30am. 17th March **Service of Healing and Wholeness** 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.

AMBLE The Amble will be on Wednesday 10th March (weather permitting!) along the Canal to Hunston. Lunch at the Spotted Cow. Return on foot or by Bus. Meet at the Canal Basin at 11.30am. Any queries contact Susan 776792.

Stars of Mary Mass Sunday 14th March at Our Lady of England Priory, Storrington at 3pm. Mass for People with learning difficulties, their families, friends and the frail and elderly.

St Philip Howard Parish Parent Group Meeting Wednesday 17th March at 7.30pm in the Lower Parish Rooms at St Richard’s Church.

Recycling for Chestnut Tree House The collecting of plastic milk bottle tops is going well, but another reminder—for those new to the scheme— that only bottle tops with the recycling triangle and number 2, 4 or 5 are accepted by the scrap dealer. These tops (in bags) should be placed in the bin near the back door to the Parish Rooms. Alternatively, you could take your bags of bottle tops to St Paul’s Church, which has several collecting bins alongside its community rooms. Money from the sale of these tops to the scrap dealer is regularly donated

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 6th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	David & Theresa Owgan 45th Wedding Anniversary
Sun 7th	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	Stan Grabowski RIP (Mark Grabowski)
	St Richard's	10.00am	George Briggs & Donna Rose RIP (Briggs & Bucholtz Family)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Martin Buckley RIP (Buckley Family)
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass
Mon 8th	St Richard's	8.00am	Percy Edward Henry Lewis RIP
		12.15pm	Kieran Rice RIP (U Dorrian)
Tues 9th	St Richard's	8.00am	Agnes Heather RIP
	Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 10th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Richard's	12.15pm	Peter Weston RIP (Family)
Thurs 11th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Deceased members of the Dwyer Family
Fri 12th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peters	10.00am	
Sat 13th	St Richard's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A Readings

Sat 13th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Shilpa Jackson RIP (Manoj Davis)
Sun 14th	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	
	St Richard's	10.00am	Nora Tuohy Rip (M & A Clark)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Fr Ken Freeman RIP (Frances Messenger)
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

The Parish Bereavement Support Group is a team of parishioners who aim to support people who have been bereaved and organise a Memorial Mass in November. If you are interested in joining the group or know of anyone who would benefit from a visit, please contact the Parish Office 01243 782343 or speak to one of the Priests.

Please Pray for the Sick

Maureen Ottridge, Prudence Dwyer, 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, 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

1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A Readings

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel

John 9:1-41



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays