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4th Sunday of Lent, Year A Readings

Psalter Week 4

14th 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

1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

David is anointed king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

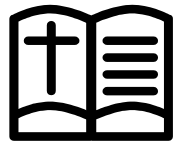
Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel

John 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.



Thought for the week

It might seem cruel to suggest that the man who was blind from birth was only born that way so that people might come to faith through the miracle of his sight. There may be purpose in misfortune but that does not mean that God wills personal suffering to happen. In fact, this Gospel story claims the opposite. It was nobody's "fault" that this person was born with a disability, yet God is able to use this to his and our advantage. However gifted, talented or apparently disabled we are when we come into this world; we share the common privilege of allowing the works of God to be displayed in us. There is no one for whom this cannot be true, if we are open to the transforming power of God's Spirit. Just as we are all born with great potential, so we all have a certain blindness. During this Lent we can take steps to remove the blindness as St Paul says : *You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord.*

St Richard's

Youth Group Meets again Thursday 25th 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.

Church Cleaning We need your help to clean the Church ready for Easter. If you can spare a few hours on Tuesday 30th March from 9.30am please contact the Parish Office. Tea, Coffee and Cakes provided!

Rite of Welcome In preparation for their forthcoming Baptism we welcome today Viviel Barnes, Oliver Alves & Molly Mitchell to our community. Please pray for them and their families and friends.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Kay Pryke RIP who died last week. Please remember her and her family and friends in your prayers.

Our Lady of the Assumption

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 winner of the March draw is Jill Serna. Congratulations! The next draw is Sunday 4th April. Balls can be purchased on the day for £1.

St Peter's

Lent Talks Wittering Churches Together Lent Talks on "Journey to Faith" continues at the United Reformed Church, Oakfield Avenue at 7.30 pm every Thursday evening throughout Lent. The remaining programme is: 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.

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.

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 15th March with Fr Alexander Lucie-Smith 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

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 Lenten Alms may be made in the boxes in the porches.

Friday Project raised £82.62

CREDO The latest issue of Credo “The Disposal of a life—as man thinks fit?”, is available in the church porches.

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 fourth session of the second module, led by David Fetteroll, is on Monday 15th March, 7.30pm in the Learning Resource Centre at St Philip Howard Catholic High School.

Catholic Bible School Saturday Study Days 10am—3.30pm payment by donation—bring a packed lunch—prior booking is helpful: 27 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. 19 March **NEW LENTEN COURSE “Approaching the Cross”** using a variety of media. Continues 2 consecutive Fridays 10.00—11.30am. 17 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.

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.

THE EVENT Thursday 18th March 1—3pm in the Lower Parish Room. This month children from St Richard’s Primary School will recite some poetry at 1pm and there will be some musical entertainment from Sheila and Mary. This is a parish social at which all are welcome and a light lunch is provided. No need to book, just come along. For transport phone Maria on 782837 or Phyll on 778041.

Concert in Aid of Mivumoni Library Project Chichester Voices will perform a Lenten Meditation in aid of the Mivumoni Library Project on Wednesday 24th March at 7.30pm at St Thomas a’ Becket Church, Pagham. Music to include The Crucifixion by John Stainer & Miserere by Gregorio Allegri. Tickets £10 from Box Office 07900098197 and in Church.

Outing to the “Sistine Chapel” at Goring Wednesday 7th April at 2.30pm. Benediction, guided tour and tea at Highdown Gardens. Transport from the Witterings, Bosham and Chichester area, approx £3 plus cost of tea. To book phone Maria on 782837 or Phyll on 778041 by 31st March.

St Richard’s Primary School Job Vacancy CLEANER required. 7.5 hours per week during term time after school. Hourly rate £6.38 to £6.63. This position is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. Please come in to the school office or call 01243 784549 for more information and an application form.

Free to Collector A television, about 7 or 8 years old, good working condition. Contact 536573

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

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| 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 | Robert Clarke RIP (Maureen Savage) |
| | 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 |
| Mon 15th | St Richard's | 8.00am | Roger Nicholas Cluff (Barbara Cluff) |
| | | 12.15pm | For the wellbeing of Fr Andre |
| Tues 16th | St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| | Our Lady | 10.00am | The Wellbeing of Fr Andre (Peter & Jean Thorpe) |
| Wed 17th | St Richard's | 8.00am | NO MASS |
| | St Richard's | 12.15pm | Deceased relatives of Eileen Butler |
| Thurs 18th | St Richard's | 12.15pm | Requiem for Kay Pryke RIP |
| Fri 19th | St Richard's | 8.00am | NO MASS |
| | St Peters | 10.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| Sat 20th | St Richard's | 10.00am | Celebrant's Intention |

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A Readings

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| Sat 20th | St Richards | Vigil 6.00pm | Mary Devassy RIP (Manoj Davis) |
| Sun 21st | St Richards | 8.30am | People of the Parish |
| | St Peters | 9.00am | Veronica Brown RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze) |
| | St Richard's | 10.00am | Nora Tuohy Rip (M & A Clark) |
| | Our Lady | 11.00am | Ann & Arthur Murphy RIP (Noreen Theobald) |
| | St Richard's | 12.00pm | Polish Mass |

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Wednesday—St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland.

Friday— St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church.

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

Fr Andre LeCoeur, 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 Hogen & 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
Ezekiel 37:12-14

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A Readings

Second Reading
Romans 8:8-11

Gospel
John 11:1-45



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays