



Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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Easter Day

Psalter Week 1

4th April 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

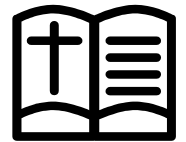
By arrangement at all other times

Readings for the week

First Reading

Acts 10:34.37-43

*We had eaten and drunk with him
after his resurrection.*



Responsorial Psalm 117

**This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice
and are glad.**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

*You must look for the things that are in heaven,
where Christ is.*

Gospel

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

Thought for the week

During the Mass of Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Last Supper, we find two contrasting examples in the gospel, one of brotherly love, in the washing of the feet, and the other in the behaviour of Judas as Saint John interprets it, which is the opposite of fraternal charity. Judas is perhaps one of the most fascinating figures in the New Testament in that he presents us with a mystery as to his motivation. Why did he betray Jesus? Why do people turn against God? We do not really know, and at least in the case of Judas, none of the attempts at an answer are wholly convincing. It is an eternal question, incapable of resolution, like "Why did Hamlet delay?" But the fact that Judas is such an iconic figure tells us something about our fundamental fears. Never mind our failure to understand Judas, often we do not understand ourselves. We are haunted by fear: our fear of disintegration, our fear of not being loved, our fear of being rejected and destroyed by others, the sense that "things fall apart, the centre cannot hold". At the other end of the spectrum lies the Holy Grail of fraternal charity – a charity, a truth and a wholeness that has never been truly realised on this earth. Even at the Last Supper, Judas has already left the brotherhood of the disciples, and soon Peter will deny the Saviour three times; and all the others will run away, bar one. How fragile is the bond of charity! Which means that we must be all the more careful to protect and cherish and foster this delicate plant. For without fraternal charity what would life be? A terrifying and desolate wilderness. But, and but is one of the most important words for us Christians, charity is possible, community is real, if we give it a chance: for Christ is risen, and he has overcome the world.

St Richard's

A BIG Thank You to all those who so kindly gave up their time to clean the church. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Papal Visit Dates for the Papal Visit are now confirmed as 16 - 19 September. You can keep up to date with information via the Papal Visit website www.thepapalvisit.org.uk. There is now a link from the parish website.

Yoga Classes resume after Easter week beginning 19th April. There will be a new class on Wednesday evenings 6—7pm in the Lower Parish Rooms.

Divine Mercy Feast Day at West Grinstead

We are thinking of taking the mini bus to Wrest Grinstead for the feast of Divine Mercy on 11th April. This will include Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy devotions. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Linda Jolly on 670398. We will be leaving Wittering at 12.00, returning at approx 6pm and the cost will be £10.

Altar Servers The football afternoon will take place at St Richard's at 5pm on Sunday 18th April.

APF Promoters Would all APF Promoters like to collect their APF Magazines from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel porch for Distribution. Thank you.

Pascal Candle Our Pascal Candle has again been painted by a very talented parishioner. She has prepared a leaflet to accompany the candle which is available in the church porches.

Walk with Me A daily prayer book for Eastertide is available in the church porches priced £1. Money in the Papers Box please.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Bosham Bounce The next draw is Sunday 4th April. Balls can be purchased on the day for £1.

Lent Lunches A HUGE thank you to all those who made such delicious soups, those who helped serve it and those who bought cheese and rolls. Thank you once again.

Barn Dance Saturday 22nd May at Bosham. More details to follows.

Thank you to all who supported the Produce Sale in aid of Fr Joe in any way. We raised a total of £46.60.

St Peter's

St Peter's Church May Fete and Spring Sale Saturday 29th May St Peter's Church will be holding a Cream Tea and Spring Sale from 3 - 5 pm. All parishioners are invited to come and support this important fund-raising event. From 5 pm the evening will continue with a Grand BBQ Hog Roast and Barn Dance. Tickets for this cost £7.00 which will include the first glass of wine. Licensed bar available for the evening. Tickets are available from Gill Breeze on 671082, Claire Walton on 672485 or Georgina in Pastiche on the Parade.

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Online again The St Peter's office computer is now working properly again so you can email any newsletter items or messages to us on stpeterswittering@tiscali.co.uk.

Easter Lilies If you would like to give a lily this Easter in memory of a loved one, please put your name in the book in the porch and the money in the box, £3 each.

EXPLORE THE WAY OF THE THREE CHURCHES

This summer there will be a series of three walks to celebrate the links between our three churches.

Sunday 6th June	St Richard's to our Lady of the Assumption
Sunday 4th July	Our Lady of the Assumption to St Peter's
Sunday 12th September	St Peter's to St Richard's



Each walk will take about 3 hours and end with Evening Prayer at 6pm in the church, followed by refreshments. There will be other starting points for those who prefer a shorter walk or you can just come for Evening Prayer & refreshments. All parishioners, family & friends welcome.

Parish News

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Keith Carthey RIP who died last week. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers.

Election Forum On the 19th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms everyone is invited to an evening of discussion about the coming General Election. Fr Alexander will be giving his views on the recent document "Choosing the Common Good" produced by our Bishops. This will be followed by a general discussion of the issues. A flyer giving full details of this "forum" will be distributed next week. Any queries to Brian Pointer (776020)

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.

St Richard's 400 Club Thank you to all who supported the St Richard's 400 Club by purchasing numbers after last weekend's masses. All the numbers have been entered into the Easter Double Draw and notification of the winners will appear in next week's bulletin. Thank you once again.

Amble, Thursday 15th April

Bosham to Fishbourne or Chichester if you wish! Take the 700 bus leaving the Bus Station at 11.24 am and alight at the White Swan, Bosham. Parts of the walk may be muddy. Any queries contact Susan on 776792.

Catholic Bible School Saturday Study Days 10am—3.30pm payment by donation—bring a packed lunch—prior booking is helpful: 24th April "**The Nurturing Heart of God**" Led by Jenny Baker Conference Speaker and café Presenter. Friday 30th April for 9 Fridays 10.00am—12 noon "**OPEN DOOR RETREAT**" Prior booking necessary. 21st April **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.

Outing to the "Sistine Chapel" at Goring Wednesday 7th April at 2.30pm. Benediction, guided tour and tea at Highdown Gardens. Minibus leaves St Peter's at 1pm and St Richard's at 1.30pm. Meet at St Richard's at 1.15pm unless you are being collected from home. Cost approx £3 plus cost of tea. .

Memorial Mass—Saturday 10th April

This Mass is offered for the repose of the souls of all who have died recently. Anyone who is mourning the dead is invited to attend, so that they may pray for the consolation of the Risen Christ in whom all the dead will rise. If you wish the name of a deceased person to be mentioned in the Eucharistic prayer, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Alexander or the Parish Office with the details. There will be refreshments after the Mass, provided by the Bereavement Group. If there is anyone you know about who might benefit from coming to this Mass, why not invite them to come along with you? This Mass is one initiative organised by the parish to show our solidarity with mourners and to live out the words of Our Lord: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:5).

Pentecost Praise in the Nave at Chichester Cathedral. Saturday 22nd May 3 - 4 pm, an all age celebration with Ishmael. For booking details contact Irene Smale Irene.smale@diochi.org.uk.

Accommodation Wanted A priest and deacon from the Syrian Orthodox Church studying at Chichester university are each looking for accommodation to rent in Chichester (possibly a room with a family). If you can help please contact Fr Tony Churchill on 823619.

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 are taking a break and will meet again on Tuesday 20th April.

Bosham Tuesday Group Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church. From 12th April we will be using DVD "10 Reasons to Believe in a God who Allows Suffering". All welcome.

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 3rd	St Richards	Vigil 8.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 4th	St Richards	8.30am	Joe & Bertha Silver RIP (Family)
	St Peters	9.00am	Clare Clarke RIP (Maureen Savage)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Maura Sands RIP
	Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrants Intention
	St Richard's	12.00 pm	Polish Mass
Mon 5th	St Richard's	10.00am	Paul Palengat RIP
Tues 6th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	Our Lady	10.00am	Mary Alice Palengat RIP
Wed 7th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Richard's	12.15pm	NO MASS
Thurs 8th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Fr Andre RIP
Fri 9th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peter's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 10th	St Richard's	10.00am	Memorial Mass

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sat 10th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 11th	St Richards	8.30am	Trixie Ahern RIP (Sean Ahern)
	St Peters	9.00am	Mary Kilcoyne RIP (Mary Noble)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	Our Lady	11.00am	Keith Cartey RIP (Frances Messenger)
	St Richard's	12.00 pm	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, 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 2nd Sunday of Easter

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Psalm</i>
Acts: 5:12-16	Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19	John 20:19-31	117



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays