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3rd Sunday of Easter

Psalter Week 3

18th 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

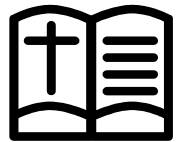
By arrangement at all other times

Readings for the week

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32.40-41

*We are witnesses of all this, we
and the Holy Spirit.*



Responsorial Psalm 29

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 5:11-14

*The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be
given riches and power.*

Gospel

John 21:1-19

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave
it to them, and the same with the fish.*

Thought for the week

Just a couple of weeks ago, in the darkness of Good Friday we heard of Peter's threefold denial of even knowing Christ. Now, in the light of Easter, Jesus has appeared to his disciples and he gives Peter the opportunity to affirm his love for him, three times. There is more than poetic symmetry here. Peter is given another chance, the three questions were necessary, as were the three answers. This was not simply the rehabilitation of a disciple who failed under pressure; this was the Lord tasking Peter with his role of shepherd—and it came with a health warning! Peter's profession of faith did not merely atone for his previous denials; it set him up for a life of future fidelity. The Gospel often challenges and encourages almost at the same time. Here we see that the Lord is the God of the second chance and the new beginning. We also realise that, along with Peter, following the Lord may lead us along paths we might rather not travel. The Risen Lord offers us costly love, not cheap grace; a life of service, not easy glory. The last phrase of the Gospel is addressed to all the baptised: "Follow me!"

St Richard's

Rota's for All Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Welcomers are now available in the Sacristy.

Christian Aid Christian Aid week takes place from May 9th to 15th. The May Market will be on Friday May 7th, 10am - 3pm in the assembly rooms, and the Ecumenical Service will be at St Paul's Church at 6.30pm on Sunday May 9th. All are welcome to this service. More volunteers for the house to house collection are needed so if you can spare a couple of hours you will be helping to raise money for some of the poorest people in the world. Donations are also needed for the market stalls, such as books, bric a brac, gifts, plants, cakes and produce. If you can help in any way please phone Gill, 784965.

Yoga Classes resume this week. **New Class** on Wednesday evenings 6—7pm in the Lower Parish Rooms.

Repository Wanted, someone to open and run the Repository on Saturday evenings after Mass. Please contact Ray Webb 788803.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Bosham Bounce The winner of the April draw was Brian Campbell (no 22).

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

Lenten Lunches The total collected at the Lenten Lunches was £513.20 to be sent to St Joseph's Refuge.

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 fundraising 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.

APF Boxes many thanks to Erna Shaw & Joe O'Sullivan for their help with the collection of boxes. Without their help it would have been very difficult to keep up with the work involved and the assistance given is very much appreciated. We also thank the parish for their generosity in raising a total of £932 for the year 2009.

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 Joanna Wright on 01243 670830 or 07840297086.

New Parishioners Welcome. There is some useful information in the Welcome Pack, which can be found in our church porch. Please do come and join many of our parishioners for a cup of coffee after a Sunday Mass.

Mini Bus Produce Sale The Mini Bus committee are running a produce table once a month to raise funds to pay for one of our mothers to take a driving test & medical to add a D1 to her licence. This D1 will enable her to become one of our drivers for the mini bus (of which we are in dire need of). The first produce table will be held on Sunday 25th April after Mass. If the weather is fine the table will be outside the church doors, if not it will be in the Church Hall. Please support this worthwhile venture by either buying or supplying, as without the mini bus it is very hard for some mothers to get their catholic children to our catholic schools.

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 4 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.

If you can help in any way with the planning and preparation for this please contact the Parish Office.

Parish News

Memorial Mass for Fr André The 6.00pm Mass at St Richard's next Saturday 24th April will be celebrated as a Memorial Mass for Fr André Lecoeur.

Parish Coordinating Group meets again on Tuesday 20th April at St Richard's Church at 7.30pm.

Second Collection

Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday with a collection for the Education of Future Priests for the Diocese.

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. Any queries to Brian Pointer 776020.

Friday Project raised £97.77 this week.

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.

THE EVENT Thursday 22nd April 1—3 pm in the Lower Parish Rooms. All welcome for a light lunch. Our speaker this month is Sarah Badel on the work of "Angels International" in Malawi. No need to book, just come along. Transport available phone Maria on 782837.

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION Friday 30th April at 7.30pm and Wednesday 5th May at 3.30pm. The Via Lucis or Stations of the Resurrection, inspired by the Stations of the Cross, marks 14 events that happened between the Resurrection and Pentecost.

Cabrini Children's Society Family Charity Day In conjunction with Surrey Gliding School. Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May at Kenley Airfield, Surrey. A flight lasting a maximum of 15 minutes will cost £45. The School will donate £25 for each flight booked. For more information contact Ann Hoggan 020 8668 2181.

Options Pregnancy Crisis Centre is hosting a day on Saturday 15th May, 9.30am—3pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Churchside, Chichester. Speakers include Jonathan Jeffes who has experience of working with post-abortion groups at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton and Annette Lawrance-Owen, a Bereavement Specialist with West Sussex Primary Care Trust. The cost is £7 to include lunch and refreshments. Contact Mary Downy 779687. For more information about our work please visit www.careconfidential.com.

Pentecost Praise in the Nave

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

The Life of Christ

An Open Air Play in Three Acts at Wintershall, Surrey. Tuesday 29th June to Sunday 4th July. To book contact 01483 892167 or boxoffice@hutleygroup.com.

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 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel or 10am in the Parish Rooms.

Bosham Tuesday Group Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church using the 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 Every FIRST Friday of the month from 7—8pm commencing Friday 7th May.

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 17th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Richard Longlands RIP
Sun 18th	St Richards	8.30am	Joe & Bertha Silver RIP (Family)
	St Peters	9.00am	John Noble RIP (Mary Noble)
	St Richard's	10.00am	People of the Parish
	Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	12.00 pm	Polish Mass
Mon 19th	St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intention
		12.15pm	Tommy Corr RIP
Tues 20th	St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intention
		Our Lady	10.00am
Wed 21st	St Richard's	12.15pm	John Dodd & Family RIP
Thurs 22nd	St Richard's	12.15pm	Fr Andre RIP (Sheila Brown)
Fri 23rd	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
		St Peter's	10.00am
Sat 24th	St Richard's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention

4th Sunday of Easter

Sat 24th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Memorial Mass for Fr André
Sun 25th	St Richards	8.30am	Gordan Murray RIP (M & B Buck)
	St Peters	9.00am	Roy Clayton RIP (Lucy Clayton)
	St Richard's	10.00am	People of the Parish
	Our Lady	11.00am	Fr Andre RIP (Kevin Jamieson)
	St Richard's	12.00 pm	Polish Mass

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Wednesday—St Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury and Doctor of the Church

Friday—St George, Martyr, Patron of England

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 Mary & Tony Flanagan, James Bailey, Jacqueline Wetter, 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, 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 4th Sunday of Easter

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Psalm</i>
Acts: 13:14.43-52	Apocalypse 7:9.14-17	John 10:27-30	99



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays

"THE FORUM"

The most important dimension of any Christian Formation activity is *communication*. Everything that we Christians have received, whether it be our first glimmerings of belief in our relationship with Our Lord, the word of God in the Scriptures and in the Tradition of the Church, the real presence of Our Lord in the sacramental life of the Church, and the numerous ways in which God's Spirit is at work in our lives, all can be seen in the reality of *communication*.

When there is little two-way communication in any organisation or community, the resulting lack of *communion* between members causes the organisation or community to be less effective or even ineffective in carrying out its purpose. Parishes that do not make strenuous efforts to be a *communicating* body of Christians cease to be an effective community. Not being completely open, it becomes a body closed-in on itself. Where there is little opportunity to communicate with one another, lack of knowledge of what is going on or what is needed or desired leads to indifference and/or erroneous beliefs.

In our parish we have several examples of good communication, in the newsletter and through various groupings and personal contacts. However, the majority of our parishioners do not have a suitable means of expressing *their* ideas and questions, of listening to others in a forum where they can feel comfortable and at ease and not inhibited by formal structures.

This idea of a **forum** where, several times a year, parishioners can meet in a combination of a social/learning/informing context, listening to and exchanging views and ideas about Catholic parish life, was put to the Parish Co-ordinating Group earlier this year who supported the initiative.

It is not envisaged that the range of subjects discussed will be too narrowly defined but should encompass the whole spectrum of the life of our parish.

Monday 19th April 7.30 pm, Parish Rooms

It is timely that the first session of "The Forum" is to take place before the General Election. This means that we have the opportunity to discuss those issues which as Catholic Christians ought to be at the forefront of any decision making. Fr. Alexander has agreed to give his views on the recent document of our bishops "**Choosing the Common Good**" (available at the meeting), followed by our own general discussion and questions.

If this new initiative is to bear fruit it will require good support from our community. Come along and either listen or give your views. (Contact Brian Pointer to give any ideas for future sessions)