



## Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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5th Sunday of Easter

Psalter Week 1

2nd May 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 14:21-27

*They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.*

#### *Responsorial Psalm 144*

**I will bless your name forever, O God my King.**

#### *Second Reading*

Apocalypse 21:1-5

*God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

#### *Gospel*

John 15:1-5

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*



### Thought for the week

The first reading today speaks of how Paul and Barnabas, as part of their apostolic labours, "put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.'" Courage is one of the cardinal virtues, along with prudence, temperance and justice. Without courage, which enables us to stick at what we have begun, there would never be any justice, and there would be no effective witness to truth, let alone martyrdom. Courage is not a physical gift, but a spiritual one, a grace given by the Holy Spirit. It was the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost who gave the apostles courage to come out of the upper room in which they had been cowering, and proclaim the Good News. Nowadays the Church is on the back foot in public discourse, faced with an often hostile press, and, what is worse, much ignorance about what she teaches. We all need courage, just as Paul and Barnabas needed it, just as the early Christians did. Then as now courage will bear great fruit. At St Richard's this weekend we are hearing an appeal from Aid to the Church in Need, and we should remember all those Christians who courageously resisted persecution in the former Eastern Bloc. Where is the Iron Curtain now?

## **St Richard's**

**Mass to honour Our Lady** Friday 7th May beginning at 2pm at St Richard's School with a procession to the Church for Mass. All welcome.

**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. 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.

**Rosary** The Rosary will be prayed in church on Saturdays in May after the 10 am Mass. All welcome.

**St Richard's School May Fete** Sunday 16th May from 2pm. We would love you to join us for "Day at the Seaside". There will be many wonderful attractions including Pony Rides, a Surf Simulator and a Punch and Judy Show as well as many stalls, sideshows and refreshments. We hope to see you there.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday during May** As a response to the Bishop's request to set a time of prayer aside each Friday in May—for all those affected by abuse scandals—there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday from 7—8pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Richard's.

## **Our Lady of the Assumption**

**Bosham Bounce** The next draw is today. Balls can be bought on the day for £1.

**Art & Craft Group** Meets again on Thursday 6th May in the Church from 1.30pm. Refreshments available. All welcome.

**Alive by David Payne** The book that accompanies the "Life to the Full" CaFE programme used recently during Lent is available to borrow from the Parish Office.

## **St Peter's**

**Mass on Sunday 9th May** Children and young people will be taking part in the Mass on Sunday 9th May. For further information please contact Christine Barton on 670196.

### **St Peter's Church May Fete and Spring Sale—29th May 3-5pm**

There is a list of stalls in the church porch, please put your name on it if you would like to help. Also look out for the Fete Donations Box in the porch, all donations will be gratefully received. Erna can also collect donations if necessary.

There will be a Children's Art Competition on the day. Children are invited to bring their Artwork, using recycled materials, to the Fete to be entered into the competition. For more details phone Erna on 672374. After the Fete, from 5pm the evening will continue with a Grand BBQ Hog Roast and Barn Dance. Tickets cost £7.00, which includes the first glass of wine. Licensed bar available for the evening. Tickets are available from Gill Breeze 671082, Claire Walton 672485 or Georgina in Pastiche on the Parade.

**Parish Pastoral Council** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th May at 7.30pm in St Peter's Hall. Any items for the agenda should be handed to Geoff Breeze by 11th May.

### **THE WAY OF THE THREE CHURCHES**



**Sunday 6th June  
Chichester to Bosham**



Celebrate the links between our three churches by coming to Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham, For Evening Prayer at 6pm followed by refreshments. Either drive to Bosham or join the walk which starts at St Richard's at 3pm. The walk is about 4 miles long and is very suitable for families, passing through beautiful countryside around Chichester Harbour. See leaflet for full details.

All parishioners, family and friends welcome.

## **Parish News**

**Second Collection** last weekend for the Education of Future Priests for the Diocese raised £388.26.

**Friday Project** raised £52.24.

### **Healing Mass Sunday 23 May at 11am at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham**

On the occasion of the feast of Pentecost, the feast on which we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit, the 11am Mass at Bosham will be our annual parish healing Mass. All the sick are invited to take part, and receive, if they wish, the sacrament of the sick. This sacrament has been given to us by God so that all who are sick may experience his grace: either the grace of healing, physical or spiritual, or the grace to live with their condition. This Mass is also a sign that we as a parish wish to give a high priority to the care of the sick, some of whom may not be known to us, or may be scarcely visible to us. After all, the ministry of Jesus himself was largely devoted to the sick and the afflicted, and the Church throughout the ages has always wanted to care for the sick, and many saints have been exemplary in doing so. If you yourself are sick or suffering in any way, please come; if there is anyone you know about who might like to come, please invite them. Transport can be arranged; if you would like to help with that, or need any other information, please contact Maria on 782837.

**URGENT** Volunteer readers and scribes required to help with exams at St Philip Howard Catholic High School from 10th May—23rd June 2010. Previous experience not required; relevant training will be given. Ability to read and write clearly and possess good verbal communications skills is required. Any time that can be contributed would be appreciated. The school will pay reasonable travel expenses. Please contact SEN department on 01243 552055.

**Catholic Bible School Saturday Study Days** 10am—3.30pm payment by donation—bring a packed lunch—prior booking is helpful: 8th May **“My Spirit Exalts in my Lord & Saviour”** led by Sr Maria Natella OP. 29th May **“Priesthood in the Bible”** Fr Adrian Graffy. **PENTECOST VIGIL** to await Pentecost and pray for Britain, our families, communities, church and government. 8.30pm until Mass at 6.30am followed by breakfast. All welcome, come and join us for a night of prayer, music and reflection. **Saturday 22 May** (come to part if necessary) 5 May 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](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org) for info & weekly reflections on the Sunday Readings, Tel 371766.

**STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION** 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.

**AMBLE** Bishop Otter Campus Tree Walk. Thursday 6th May meet either at top of North Street by underpass at 10.15am or 10.25am at the entrance to Bishop Otter College. Lunch available in the college cafeteria. Any queries contact Susan 776792.

**Stars of Mary Mass** Sunday 16th May, 3pm at St Gabriel, 18 East Street, Billingshurst. Mass for people with learning difficulties, their families, friends and the frail and elderly.

### **Pilgrimage to Northumberland 28 Aug to 1 Sept 2010**

Visiting Holy Island, Durham, Bede's World, Hexham and Hadrian's Wall staying at Minsteracres (see [www.minsteracres.co.uk](http://www.minsteracres.co.uk)). Fantastic opportunities for walking, sight seeing & spiritual refreshment. Over 40 people have booked so far but places are still available. Cost £245 per adult (£120 per child) to include full board & coach transport from Chichester. All deposits to be paid by 28 May. Enquiries please phone Maria 782837.

## **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 1st	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Fr Peter's Intentions (Marysia Dembinski)
Sun 2nd	St Richards	8.30am	Josephine Hay & Bridie Neill RIP (Kate Jackson & Family)
	St Peters	9.00am	For the Parish (Dot Leaver)
	St Richard's	10.00am	People of the Parish
	Our Lady	11.00am	Peter & Jean Thorpe 50th Anniversary
	St Richard's	12.00 pm	Polish Mass
Mon 3rd	St Richard's	<b>10.00am</b>	Celebrant's Intention
Tues 4th	St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	Our Lady	10.00am	Roland & Brendan Lynch RIP (M & B Buck)
Wed 5th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intention
Thurs 6th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Eileen Waltham RIP
Fri 7th	St Richard's	8.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
	St Peter's	10.00am	Wellbeing (Doris White)
	St Richard's	2.00pm	School Mass for Our Lady
	St Richard's	<b>7—8pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	St Richard's	10.00am	Freda Gatling RIP (Jean French)

### 6th Sunday of Easter

Sat 8th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Andrew McLeman RIP (Monica McLeman)
Sun 9th	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	Kathryn Strutt RIP (Marie Groves)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Fr Kieron's Intentions
	Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	12.00 pm	Polish Mass

#### This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Monday—St Philip & St James, Apostles

Tuesday—The English Martyrs

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, 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      6th Sunday of Easter

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Psalm</i>
Acts: 15:1-2.22-29	Apocalypse 21:10-14.22-23	John 14:23-29	66



**Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays**