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6th Sunday of Easter

Psalter Week 2

9th 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

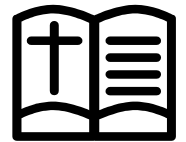
By arrangement at all other times

Readings for the week

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2.22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.



Responsorial Psalm 66

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 21:10-14.22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Gospel

John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

Thought for the week

In the Gospel, Jesus promises his followers the gift of peace. In the first reading, the Apostles are seeking a peaceful solution to a question which has become divisive: under what conditions should non-Jewish converts be welcomed into the fellowship? The answer is not to saddle them with any burden beyond the essentials. It seems an equitable solution but it came at a cost and some would have thought it a compromise and a sell-out. Disputes of one kind or another have been with us in the Church ever since but through these experiences beliefs are refined and consolidated. Our Christian Life is on constant need of renewal. There is no need to be afraid of differences and a certain amount of diversity is good. However, the peace which the world cannot give should prevail. This is not peace at any price, but peace through the power of prayer and the discernment of the Holy Spirit. The apostles did not act unilaterally; they consulted each other and were guided by the Spirit. These are good principles for our decision making.

St Richard's

Fr Andre Fr Andre's sister, Mme. Jeanette Casanova, has written to say how grateful she is for the thoughts and prayers of St Richard's parishioners for her late brother. She says he was very attached to Chichester and she likes to think that when he arrived in heaven the Lord welcomed him in English.

The Catholic Bible School will be selling tickets for their annual Grand Draw after all Masses next week. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Christian Aid Christian Aid week, beginning with a Service at St Paul's Church at 6.30pm on Sunday May 9th to which all are invited. There are envelopes in the pews (St Richard's and Bosham) if there is no collection in your road and you would like to support the poorest people in the world. You may give in these envelopes with the normal collection, or to the Parish Office. Please sign the Gift Aid Declaration if you are a tax payer.

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. Raffle Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

Car Park behind the Church There will be no parking next Sunday due to the School Fete.

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.

Thursday 20th May After the 12.15pm Mass two visiting nuns will give a short speech about their work. They will also be selling religious artefacts to raise funds for their work for people with addictions.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Bosham Bounce The winner of the May Bounce is Tom Aldred (no 25). Congratulations!!

Barn Dance Saturday 22nd May 7.30—11.00pm. Tickets £7 Adult, £5 Child, Family Ticket £20, to include Ploughman's. Bring your own drink and glasses. Caller Helen Floyd. Tickets on sale after Masses or call Jenny 374648 or Angela 374390.

St Peter's

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.

Children's Mass The young people in the Parish will be involved in the Mass this week. This means that the readings will be taken from the Children's Lectionary and so slightly different from the readings in our missals. As we celebrate Our Lady in the month of May we will be processing to the Marian Garden at the end of Mass.

Christian Aid Week Wendy Gray from St Anne's is the local coordinator and she would love more people to be involved. If you can help by delivering and collecting the envelopes in your road do contact her (670196). If you don't feel able to commit to that do, please, give generously as this week is the charity's main fundraising for the year.

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

Sincere Thanks from Fr Kieron and Fr Alexander for a superb celebration on Saturday evening. Congratulations to everyone who contributed in anyway. People are already asking: can we do this every year?!!

A Word from Fr Tony Dear Parishioners, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all the good people of St Richard's, Our Lady and St Peter's, not only for the celebration concert last weekend, but for all the friendship and kindness I have received since I came into your midst three years ago. God bless you all.

Second Collection Next weekend is World Communications Day and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

Friday Project raised £62.65.

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. 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.

St Richard's 400 Club Congratulations to the April winners; 1st £100 Mrs A Andrew (423), 2nd £30 Mrs S McCormack (173) and 3rd £10 Mr C Dwyer (109). If you would like to become a member of the 400 Club please contact Lesley Brownlee 771558 or the School Office.

Catholic Bible School Saturday Study Days 10am—3.30pm payment by donation—bring a packed lunch, prior booking is helpful: 29 May “**Priesthood in the Bible**” Fr Adrian Graffy. **PENTECOST VIGIL** to await Pentecost & pray for Britain, our families, communities, church & government. 8.30pm until Mass at 6.30am followed by breakfast. All welcome, come & join us for a night of prayer, music & reflection. **Saturday 22 May** (come to part if necessary) 19 May Service of Healing & 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 Sunday Readings, Tel 371766.

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). 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.

Walsingham 2011 The dates are Wed 1st June to Fri 3rd June 2011. This falls in the school half term holiday so families and those who work in schools can come. Bookings and further details in September.

Soup Lunches at Christ Church have now finished and will begin again in October.

Springtime Cookery Demonstration by Rosemary Moon on Thursday 27th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre of Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis. Special Guest Commis Chef—Fr Dominic O'Hara. Tickets £8 in advance or £10 on the door. All monies raised go towards costs for four Parish Youth to go to World Youth Day in Madrid in August. Contact the Parish Centre on 823619.

Chichester Singers Mass in B Minor—Bach. Saturday 19th June at 7.30pm in Chichester Cathedral conducted by Jonathan Willcocks. Tickets from the Cathedral shop 813599 (credit cards accepted).

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 “Jesus: Man, Messiah or More?”. 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 starting 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 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
Mon 10th	St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intention
		12.15pm	Celebrant's Intention
Tues 11th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	Our Lady	10.00am	Fr Andre RIP (Sheila Brown)
	St Richard's	12.15pm	Requiem for Kenneth Bone RIP
Wed 12th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Carmelite Sisters (T & M Hodgekiss)
Thurs 13th	St Richard's	12.15pm	John Clark RIP (Josephine Clark)
Fri 14th	St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Peter's	10.00am	Paddy's well-being (Pat Jenkinson)
	St Richard's	7—8pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 15th	St Richard's	10.00am	C M Jose RIP (Mrs Rejo)

The Ascension of the Lord

Sat 15th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Liam & Marguerite Gribbin RIP (The Gribbin Family)
Sun 16th	St Richards	8.30am	Dr Peter Burton RIP (Violet Burton)
	St Peters	9.00am	Parish Intention (Fr Gerald Thornton RIP)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Arnold Bear-Smith RIP
	Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Friday—St Matthias, Apostle

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 **The Ascension of the Lord**

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Psalm</i>
Acts: 1:1-11	Hebrews 9:24-28;10:19-23	Luke 24:46-53	46



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays