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The Ascension of the Lord

Psalter Week 3

16th 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

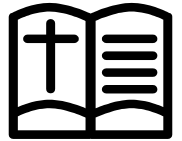
By arrangement at all other times

Readings for the week

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

He was lifted up while they looked on.



Responsorial Psalm 46

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Christ entered into heaven itself.

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

As he blessed them he was carried up to heaven.

Thought for the week

The feast of the Ascension marks the point when Jesus, having spent forty days with his disciples after his Resurrection, returns to His Father's side. The account in the Acts of the Apostles is also the beginning of a story as well as the end of Jesus' earthly ministry; for after the Ascension the disciples went out from Jerusalem, as Jesus instructed them, to proclaim the good news of salvation to all nations. We live in the time of that proclamation, and as the angels promise us, we are also waiting for Jesus to return. His return will be as judge of the world when all things will be recapitulated in Christ. Thus the feast of the Ascension reminds us of where our destiny lies – with God, in heaven; and not just our destiny, but the destiny of all living things and of the whole planet. One day all things will be concluded in Christ. Until then we look to heaven, our true homeland, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of the Father.

St Richard's

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Larry Clery who died last week. His funeral has taken place. Also Maria Scutt RIP. Please remember them and their families and friends in your prayers.

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

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 TODAY 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.

Confirmation Next weekend, at Pentecost, Laura Hester, Xiu Hua Zhao (Lisa) and Hannah Joubert will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. We also welcome Hannah into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Please pray for them and their families as they continue their journey of faith.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Bosham Bounce The next draw is on Sunday 6th June. Balls can be bought on the day for £1.

Barn Dance — POSTPONED The Barn Dance scheduled for next weekend, Saturday 22nd May, has been postponed. All those who purchased tickets will receive a full refund.

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.

May Fete Meeting There will be a Fete Meeting on Monday 17th May at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church Hall for all stall-holders and helpers. If you would like to help at the May Fete please come along.

New Community Centre in Bracklesham A new £1.2 million Community Centre ("Brackle Barn") is due to open in Bracklesham in spring 2011. One of the partners in the project is Bracklesham Bay Community Association and they have asked us to complete a questionnaire to indicate what activities we would like the centre to provide. Copies of the questionnaire are available at the back of the Church. Please complete and return to one of the local shops etc listed therein by the end of May.



Parish Day — 27th June 2010 Keep the date free!!!

We hope this will be as successful as last year's event but we need your HELP! If you can help set up or clear away on the day we would love to hear from you. We also need donations of Raffle Prizes and ticket sellers on the day. If you would like to help in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!

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 This Weekend Today is World Communications Day and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

Second Collection Next Weekend - Papal Visit There will be a second collection next weekend to help fund a small part of the cost of the visit.

Aid to the Church in Need Appeal raised £1,175.92.

Friday Project raised £62.65.

The Way of the Three Churches Walk There will be a meeting at 91 Stockbridge Road, Chichester on Wednesday 19th May for those interested in helping to plan the walks between our three churches. Please contact Simon Davenport on 776494 / 07850766340 or simonn.davenport@btopenworld.com.

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.

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.

The EVENT Thursday 20th May 1—3pm in the Lower Parish Room at St Richard’s Church. All parishioners and friends are welcome for a light lunch and to hear this month’s speaker who will be Fran Chapman talking about “Childhood”. For transport please contact Maria 782837.

AMBLE Thursday 27th May from the Bible School round the coast to Boaters for Lunch. 10.54am 700 Bus from the Bus Station or meet outside the Bible School at 11.15am. Any queries contact Susan 776792.

Arundel Cathedral— Carpet of Flowers A visit to view the Corpus Christi carpet of flowers at Arundel Cathedral has been arranged for Wednesday 2nd June. The minibus will be used leaving St Richard’s at 1.30pm and returning by 5pm. The transport cost is £5 and tea will be available in St Mary’s Hall. Please contact Liz McCombe 378892.

Pilgrimage to Northumberland 28 Aug to 1 Sept 2010 All bookings and deposits to be paid by 28 May please. Enquiries please phone Maria 782837.

Parish Show FOUND in Oving Village Hall after the show, a black T-shirt, a giraffe earring and a large Tupperware box. Please contact the Parish Office to claim any of these items. For those who want to re-live the experience, the Parish Website has photographs and a DVD is being made. There will be a showing of the DVD in the Parish Room and copies will be available for purchase. Further details to follow.

Evangelium A weekend for young catholic adults (ages 18-35). August 6th—8th at The Oratory School in Reading. For more information contact 07526908741 or visit www.evangelium.co.uk.

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 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	Fr Gerald Thornton RIP (Parish Intention)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Arnold Bear-Smith RIP
	Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
	St Richard's	12.00 pm	Polish Mass
Mon 17th	St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intention
		12.15pm	Celebrant's Intention
Tues 18th	St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 19th	St Richard's	12.15pm	John Clark RIP (Josephine Clark)
Thurs 20th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 21st	St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Peter's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	7—8pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 22nd	St Richard's	10.00am	The Late Mathew Rip (Mathew Thomas)

Pentecost

Sat 22nd	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	Fr Jonathan's Intentions
Sun 23rd	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	Antonio Salini RIP (Denisa Robbins)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Daniel Fogarty RIP (Martin Family)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	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 Mary & Tony Flanagan, James Bailey, Jacqueline Wetter, Maureen Ottridge, Prudence Dwyer, Pam Boyd, Dot Leaver, Stanley Vidler, Ann Donaldson, Odette Haves, Josephine Taylor, Audrey Gravely, 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 **Pentecost**

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Psalm</i>
Gensis 11:1-9	Romans 8:22-27	John 7:37-39	103



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays