



Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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Psalter Week 3

8th August 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

Wisdom 18:6-9

By the same act with which you took vengeance on your foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

Responsorial Psalm 32

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19

Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

You too must stand ready.



Thought for the week

Something that surfaced in our Monday night discussion, when it turned to liturgy and the way it shapes our moral lives, is that the question of prayer is an important one for most of us. Do we know how to pray? Are we teaching our children how to pray? Have we ourselves ever been taught how to pray? Given that the Mass is the point of contact most Catholics have with the Church, are we praying in the Mass as we are meant to pray? How do we enter into the spirit of the Liturgy? Is understanding of the Liturgy declining in Catholics, and in the general population as well? How much do we understand and take to heart the importance of what Jesus said at the Last Supper? The Catholic Church is the people of God gathered around the Eucharist, gathered in adoration, and the moment we have to adore at the Elevation of the Host is a precious moment indeed. But it is also a fleeting moment, that needs to be caught by the soul and treasured. Perhaps we need to develop these themes!

St Richard's

Rite of Welcome

In preparation for their forthcoming Baptism we welcome today Demi Pope and Alfie—James Murphy to our community. Please pray for them and their family and friends.

Christian Aid

Many thanks to all who supported Christian Aid in May. Our church collection raised £120, while a team of only 10 volunteers collected £903.06 in the house to house appeal, making a total for St Richard's of £1023.06. The grand total for all churches in Chichester was £14,193.26. The May Market raised a further £1,008.61.

The Music Group will be taking a break for most of August (1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd), returning on 29th August.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Bosham Bounce

The winner of this month's Bounce is Sandra Penney (No 14). Next month's draw will take place on Sunday 12th September.



The Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham

The Patronal Feast of the Church will be celebrated after Mass on **Sunday 15th August** with a shared picnic lunch. Everyone from the Parish is very welcome to join us.

Bosham Ecumenical Prayer Group

Monday 9th August at 3pm in Our Lady of the Assumption. All welcome.

Sussex Historic Ride and Stride

Saturday 11th September. We would like to be able to open the Church to visitors participating in this event. If you are able to offer an hour or two of your time between 9am and 6pm to "man" the church please contact Ann Granger 572232.

St Peter's

Children's Mass

We are planning to have four Masses a year when the children take an active role. Our next Children's Mass will be on Sunday 15th August. If your child/children are able to be at Mass that week and would like to be involved in the Readings, Bidding Prayers, taking the collection, greeting before Mass and the music, please let Christine Barton know on 670196 or Christine@beammicrosystems.com. She will also be at the back of the church after Mass.



Garden Party

Due to the success of our last Garden Party a couple of years ago, we are now holding another one on Saturday 28th August between 6-8 pm. This will be held in a marquee next to the Church Hall at St Peter's, (we are determined not to be caught out by the weather). Tickets will be £6 per head to include Canapés and 2 glasses of wine. A raffle will be held and any contributions to this will be most welcome. To buy your tickets, in advance, please contact Susie Locke 672997, Linda Jolly 670398 or Geoff Breeze 671082. Please do try to come along, apart from raising money for a very worthy cause and for ladies to wear their "best frocks", it is a golden opportunity for us parishioners to relax together and have a good chat.

Witterings 150 Club

The half-yearly draw will take place at the St Peter's Garden Party on Saturday 28th August. Mick and Pat Thompson will be collecting any monies owed after mass each Sunday between now and then. New members are welcome to join, £12 annual subscription.

Consulting and listening in the Parish

This year the Parish Coordinating Group has come up with an alternative to the "Parish Open Meeting".

On the evening of **Tuesday 7th September** at 7.30pm there will be a "**Parish Open Evening**" in the hall of St Richard's School. All parish organisations have been invited to send representatives to this gathering, so after a brief introduction, parishioners will be able to mix and mingle and find out more about the activities and opportunities in the parish, in a convivial atmosphere over a glass of wine. Have you ever wondered about what the Knights of St Columba do or how to become involved in music or Children's Liturgy? This could be your opportunity to find out!

This meeting will be followed up on **Tuesday 12th October** with a Forum on "Parish Matters". During this time a panel consisting of clergy, members of the Parish Coordinating Group and Finance Committee will be available to answer questions and discuss matters of concern in the Parish. Details will follow, but it is envisaged that questions will have to be submitted in advance. Watch this space!

Parish News

Fr Tony Churchill has prepared the following clarification for the Bognor Newsletter that we are happy to share here: *Many people were deeply shocked and distressed by reports in the media claiming that the Pope had made a statement comparing the ordination of women to the serious crime of the sexual abuse of children by clergy and religious. This is a very serious distortion of the truth. In fact the Pope had said nothing on the subject. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had published a document whose main purpose was to tighten the existing rules for the punishment of clergy and religious who are guilty of these appalling crimes, which are also very grave sins and which can justify dismissal from the priesthood and religious life. The same document also had a section on offences against the Catholic Faith. This concerns the proper celebration of the Sacraments. It was in this context that it was stated that any attempt to ordain women within the Catholic Church, contrary to the Church's discipline, would be a serious matter from the point of view of Church order and our understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It was made explicitly clear at the Press Conference in Rome that no comparison was being made between these two distinctly separate subjects, but this fact was ignored in the statements in the press. Neither was this document, prepared over many months, in any way related to the recent General Synod of the Church of England*

Adult Education in the parish

Last week we discussed the way liturgy and morality are intertwined, and the implications of the Second Vatican Council's teaching on conscience. This week we aim to tackle the subject of the moral law, and in particular to try to understand what we mean by natural law. This will be our last session for the moment; if you have not been to the first three you are welcome to come to this final session. If people so desire, we could have some further sessions on morality in the autumn. We are planning, for Advent, to have four sessions of reflection and discussion on the Infancy Gospel of Luke (the first two chapters of Luke); in addition, a course of six sessions on prayer for Lent next year is in the planning stages.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic but don't know where to start.....? For details of a short introductory course to the Catholic faith please contact Lena 782343 or speak to a priest after Mass.

Catholic Bible School

Two Year Course in Spiritual Direction commences in September with only a few places still available. Please contact us for an application form and information. **Open Door Prayer Meeting** on Wednesdays is now in recess for the summer period and will recommence on Wednesday 1st September with Holy Hour commencing at 7.45. Visit the CBS website www.catholic-bible-school.org for weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings and our online shop or 01243 371766.

AMBLE Thursday 12th August. From The Bible School to Emsworth. 10.53am 700 bus from the Bus Station to Nutbourne (Beijing Palace). New amblers always welcome. Any enquiries contact Susan 776792.

Our Lady of Guadalupe—Arundel Cathedral

The relic of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be at Arundel Cathedral for the weekend of the Assumption. Saturday 14th August 11am Solemn Entry of the Relic Image and Mass. Confessions after Mass. 12 noon Rosary and Litany. Sunday 15th August 9.30am Mass, 11.15am Mass and Exposition, 3pm Benediction and Solemn Withdrawal of the Relic Image.

St Roches Day Open Air Ecumenical Service on the Trundle

Monday 16th August 6pm for 6.30pm. Address by Father Keith Hyde-Dunn. After the Blessing and Dismissal, for those who wish, there will be an opportunity for the laying on of hands as part of the Ministry of Healing.

West Dean Gardens Tuesday 24th August 2.45pm

Enjoy a Cream Tea (or tea/coffee & cake) in the beautiful surroundings of West Dean. Cost approx £5. Meet at West Dean at 2.45pm or transport available from Chichester, The Witterings and Bosham. Phone Maria 782837 to book by 22 August.

Mass for Health Care Workers

Saturday 4th September, 2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Kieran. Refreshments in St Mary's Hall.

Volunteers needed

Parishioner Glenn Hitchman, a psychology PhD student, needs some volunteers to help with his research project concerning extra-sensory perception (ESP). If you would like to help and have a spare half an hour, please phone 01243 776983 or email glenn.hitchman@northampton.ac.uk for more information.

Prayer Groups

S.O.S Prayer Line 01243 377331 Every evening 7.30 pm—Midnight

Emmanuel Prayer Group Monday's at "Shalom", 28 Grosvenor Road at 8pm (Rosary at 7.45pm)

All welcome. Any queries contact Mary 785337.

Tuesday Morning Group The group is having a summer break and will meet again on 14th September 2010.

Bosham Tuesday Group Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church. 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 Every 4th Sunday 4—7pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	For the Vidler Family (Pauline Vidler)
Sun 8th	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	Sybil and Stephen Mann RIP (Stephen Mann)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Phyll Deere RIP (The Visiting Group)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass
Mon 9th	St Richard's	8.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	12.15 am	Mary Timlick RIP (Ted Baverstock)
Tues 10th	St Richard's	8.00am	Kathleen Bernadette Baron RIP (Linda Halford & John Dolan)
	Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 11th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Arnold Bear-Smith RIP
Thurs 12th	St Richard's	12.15pm	Mary Treasure RIP
Fri 13th	St Richard's	8.00am	NO MASS
	St Peter's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	12.15pm	Requiem for Kate Randall RIP
Sat 14th	St Richard's	10.00am	Jeannie Shields RIP (Linda Halford)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 14th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 15th	St Richards	8.30am	Miss G Boulters
	St Peters	9.00am	Leonardo D'Anna RIP
	St Richard's	10.00am	Deceased members of the Timlick Family (M & J Timlick)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Mary Hill RIP & Jane Bedford RIP (Patrick Hill)
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass

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.

This weeks Feasts/Solemnities:

Monday—St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr, a patron of Europe
 Tuesday—St Laurence, Deacon and Martyr
 Wednesday—St Clare, Virgin
 Saturday—St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Please Pray for the Sick Deacon Hilary Parsons, Christopher Brown, Hugh Robinson, Peter Edwards, Mary & Tony Flanagan, Maureen Ottridge, Prudence Dwyer, Dot Leaver, Stanley Vidler, Ann Donaldson, Odette Haves, Josephine Taylor, Audrey Graveley, 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, Teresa Willcocks, 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 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Psalm</i>
Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6.10	1 Corinthians 15:20-26	Luke 1:39-56	44



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays