



Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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21st Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 1

22nd 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

Isaiah 66:18-21

They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm 116

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13

The Lord trains the one that he loves.

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Men from the east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.



Thought for the week

In the gospel Jesus is asked a question: 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' The answer is clear: "Men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God." There can really be no doubt that God wants all people to be saved, and as many people as possible to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. In fact this is spelled out for us in the first letter to Timothy (2:4) where it plainly states that God wants all people to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth. This in turn implies that we who are already in the Church need to proclaim the message of Jesus loud and clear. This is something that we all know, but we constantly need to review whether we are carrying out this task, and how effectively we are doing so. One way of spreading Christian teaching is through our adult education programme, details of which appear elsewhere in this newsletter; but there are other ways of spreading the word. If you are interested in joining any parish activity, perhaps now is the time to come forward.

St Richard's

Gift Aid Statements Gift Aid Statements for the financial year ending 5th April 2010 are now available for collection from the Parish Office.

Yoga Classes resume on Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th September from 6—7pm. Payment for 1/2 term in advance. Please call Jane on 07779075444 if you would like to join. No previous experience needed!

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

Baptism Today we welcome through Baptism Alfie-James Murphy, Demi Pope and Betty Gainsborough and Anna Wilson. Please remember them and their families in your prayers on this special day.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Bosham Bounce Next month's draw will take place on Sunday 12th September. Balls can be bought on the day for £1.

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.



Fundraising for St Wilfrid's Hospice Yvonne Bishop will be driving 5 laps of the Goodwood Motor Circuit in a 1955 racing Jaguar on Thursday 26th August at 11am in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice. If you would like to sponsor Yvonne please complete the sponsorship form in the church porch.

St Peter's

Bring and Buy Produce Table Our produce sale will be held again today August 22nd after Mass. Come and buy delicious cakes, jams etc. If anyone has produce from their gardens that they would like to donate we would be most grateful.



Garden Party Saturday 28th August between 6-8 pm This will be held in a marquee next to the Church Hall at St Peter's, 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.

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.

First Holy Communion We will be starting our First Holy Communion classes on October, anyone with a child of seven (Year 3) or over who would like to make their First Communion in 2011 at St Peter's, please contact Pat Jenkinson 672334 or Sylvie Harwood 672886.

Spin Dryer Surplus to requirements, less than 12 months old needs a new home. It is in good condition and full working order and is available free of charge from Tony Mornement on 513376.

If you have ever thought about becoming a Catholic.....For anyone who has ever considered taking this step, there will be an informal social gathering in St Richards presbytery on Wednesday 8th September at 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity to meet with other Catholics from the parish and also to explore what might be involved. For further details please phone the parish office or speak to either Fr Kieron or Fr Alexander after Mass.

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

Calling all altar servers..... It is proposed to enrol all our altar servers in the Guild of Saint Stephen, and present them with the Guild Medal, at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 4th September. Afterwards we plan to have a barbeque (weather permitting) and drinks in the Lower Parish Room and garden. All altar servers past and present are warmly invited to this event, and all parents of altar servers as well. We will need to know numbers, so please tell Fr Alexander if you are coming, so that your name can go on the list. Please take this announcement as your invitation.

Adult education in the parish

The following events are in the pipeline for the next few months.

1. Thursday, 21st October: following the Papal visit and the beatification of Cardinal Newman, an evening of celebration of the newly Blessed John Henry Newman. This will consist of Mass, followed by a buffet, and a talk from Father Jerome Bertram of the Oxford Oratory. This will be an opportunity to mark the Papal Visit and to learn about the figure of the Blessed John Henry.
2. On Tuesdays 26th October, 2nd, 16th and 23rd November: four more sessions on Moral Theology, following on the four already held this summer. These will look at various questions of what we mean exactly when we talk of moral laws; whether there can be exceptions to moral laws; and how we make up our minds in difficult situations. We shall also look at the question of sin, virtue and the structures of sin. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion, as well as examining particular questions that the participants may find of interest.
3. On Mondays leading up to Christmas, starting on the 29th November, four sessions of Bible study concentrating on the first two chapters of St Luke's gospel, the so called "Infancy Narrative".
4. For Lent 2011, on Mondays, starting on 14th March, a series of six meetings on Prayer, covering some of the following: Liturgical Prayer; Para liturgical prayer (Rosary, Stations of the Cross, benediction); meditation; praying with the psalms; contemplation; prayer in the tradition of the Eastern Churches; praying ecumenically; and how to pray with children.

Friday Project The Friday Project raised £78.43 this week.

Catholic Bible School Saturday Study Day 10 am—3.30pm (bring packed lunch) 11th September "Isaiah 40-55 The Consolation and Restoration of Israel" Led by Fr John Hemer from Allen Hall Seminary. 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 26th August. 10.40am 55 bus from the Bus Station to Boxgrove Priory. Any queries contact Susan 776792.

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

Annual Mass & Torchlight Procession for the Birthday of Our Lady Wednesday 8th September at 7.30pm at The Shrine of Our Lady of England, Storrington.

The DIVA Opera at the Cathedral in aid of Stonepillow Thursday 9th September. The auction and buffet will commence at 6.15pm followed by DIVA Opera's performance at 7.30pm. For tickets and further information please visit www.chichestertickets.co.uk/venue/chichester-cathedral.

Big Screen Showing of Papal Prayer Vigil at Hyde Park Saturday 18th September at St Philip Howard School. Teas and soft drinks will be provided—bring your own picnic and enjoy the event with family and friends! As there will be a limited number of places for Health and Safety reasons—please sign the list in the Church Porch to indicate the number of people (including children) attending.

Student Seeking Odd Jobs

If there are any gardening, decorating, manual labour or any other jobs that need doing, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Downy on jdowny@hotmail.co.uk or 07965398182. He is freely available until September 15th and would greatly appreciate any offers of work however large or small.

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

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| Sat 21st | St Richards | Vigil 6.00pm | In Memory of Angela Kent RIP & in Celebration of Angela and Peter's 40th Wedding Anniversary (Adrienne Denyer) |
| Sun 22nd | St Richards | 8.30am | People of the Parish |
| | St Peters | 9.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| | St Richard's | 10.00am | For the Wellbeing of Gisela Gatford (Sylvia Haines & Family) |
| | Our Lady | 11.00am | For the Brannan and Constable Families (Monica Brannan) |
| | St Richard's | 12.00pm | Polish Mass |
| Mon 23rd | St Richard's | 8.00 am | Maude Marty Welch-Bostock RIP |
| | St Richard's | 12.15 am | In thanksgiving for Chakkappan's Birthday |
| Tues 24th | St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| | Our Lady | 10.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| Wed 25th | St Richard's | 12.15pm | The O'Brien Family (Pauline Vidler) |
| Thurs 26th | St Richard's | 12.15pm | The Wellbeing of Mr & Mrs Congdon (Pauline Vidler) |
| Fri 27th | St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| | St Peter's | 10.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| Sat 28th | St Richard's | 10.00am | Celebrant's Intention |

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| Sat 28th | St Richards | Vigil 6.00pm | Phyll Deere RIP (Jean Darby & Family) |
| Sun 29th | St Richards | 8.30am | People of the Parish |
| | St Peters | 9.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| | St Richard's | 10.00am | Binoy & Gili's Intention's |
| | Our Lady | 11.00am | Celebrant's Intention |
| | 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:

Tuesday—St Bartholomew, Apostle
 Friday—St Monica, Married Woman, Mother of St Augustine
 Saturday— St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Please Pray for the Sick Deacon Hilary Parsons, Christopher Brown, Hugh Robinson, 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.

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 22nd Sunday of Year C

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| <i>First Reading</i> | <i>Second Reading</i> | <i>Gospel</i> | <i>Psalm</i> |
| Ecclesiastes 3:17-20.28-29 | Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24 | Luke 14:1.7-14 | 67 |



Items for the newsletter not later than 12pm on Wednesdays