



## Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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### With Our Lady of the Assumption

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222nd Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 2

29th 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*

Ecclesiastes 3:17-20.28-29

*Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord.*

#### *Responsorial Psalm 67*

**In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.**

#### *Second Reading*

Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24

*You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

#### *Gospel*

Luke 14:1.7-14

*Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.*



### Thought for the week

The parable that Jesus tells to his fellow guests about taking up places of honour is good news as well as good advice. It may be good advice on the level of saving potential embarrassment but more profoundly it is good news because the gift of humility allows us to be comfortable with whom we really are. The word has the same root as *humus*, meaning soil or ground. So the humble person is the one who is truly *grounded* in his or her identity. The humble person is not a doormat or a pushover but somebody who strives to make honest relationships in the sure knowledge that ultimately all we have and are depends on God. To lack humility is not only to think that we have nothing left to learn but to act as though we can go it alone without the help of God or anyone else for that matter. Occupying the place of honour can be a very lonely place but a true relationship with Christ means that we are never alone.

## **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!

### **Parish Office**

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 30th August to Wednesday 8th September. Newsletter items as usual.

## **Our Lady of the Assumption**

**Aid to the Church in Need** There will be an appeal on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need on Sunday 5th September

**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.



## **St Peter's**

**Congratulations** to Elspeth Gormley who celebrates her 100th birthday this week.

**Aid to the Church in Need** There will be an appeal on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need on Sunday 5th September.

**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.

### **St Peter's Office—Open 10—12noon Tuesday and Wednesday**

WE are now fully up to date with a computer broadband connection in the office. Therefore the office number 01243 673194 will be in full use and we will no longer need to use the alternative mobile phone number.



**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**

**Papal Visit - Additional Tickets Available** A limited number of tickets are available for Hyde Park on Saturday 18th and the Mass of Beatification in Birmingham on Sunday 19th. Anybody still interested should pass their names and address and contact details to Sarah Ross at [papalvisit@dabnet.org](mailto:papalvisit@dabnet.org) no later than **5th September**. For those unable to attend either event the events will be broadcast on BBC, Sky, EWTN and streamed live over the internet on [www.papalvisit.org.uk](http://www.papalvisit.org.uk).

**CAFOD** We have received thanks for our recent donation of £2,000 to the Pakistan Flood Appeal from the Friday Project. We are asked to continue to pray for all whose lives are touched by crisis around the world. ([cafod.org.uk/emergencies](http://cafod.org.uk/emergencies))

**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.

### **St Philip Howard Catholic High School—Exam Success 2010**

2010 “A” level performance maintained the high achievements gained last year with an overall pass rate of 98%, 3/4 of which were grade C or above. The GCSE results were the best ever performance for the school with over 80% of students achieving five or more GCSEs at grade A\* - C. Nearly 30% of all results came in as A or A\* grades.

**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.

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.

**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](http://www.catholic-bible-school.org) for weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings and our online shop or 01243 371766.

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

**PICNIC IN THE PARK in aid of the medical charity “Angels International”** Sunday 5th September 1pm—7pm at Bignor Park, near Pulborough. Bring your own picnic. Entertainment includes Willie Austin, Junkyard Band, Rich Sutton Jazz Trio, Children’s Sports Day, Kids Rides, Bouncy Castle, Hog Roast Bar and Cake Stall. Admission Cars £10 or individuals £5. [www.picnicintheparkbignor.co.uk](http://www.picnicintheparkbignor.co.uk).

**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.

**SPUC—Nurses Opposed to Euthanasia** Tuesday 21st September, 7.30pm, 24 Smith Terrace, London, SW3. Teresa Lynch, chair and founder of NoE will speak about the group and the current situation. Contact 020 7341 9086 or [theresalynch@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:theresalynch@tiscali.co.uk).

## **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.

**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 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	Thanksgiving for Sarah Haugh (Nora Haugh)
	St Richard's	10.00am	Binoy & Gili's Intention's
	Our Lady	11.00am	Peter Edwards RIP (Susan Line)
	St Richard's	12.00pm	Polish Mass
Mon 30th	St Richard's	<b>10.00am</b>	Maura Carrigher RIP
	St Richard's	12.15 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues 31st	St Richard's	8.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
	Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 1st Sept	St Richard's	<b>10.00am</b>	The O'Brien Family (Pauline Vidler)
Thurs 2nd	St Richard's	12.15pm	The Intentions of Cindy Ronchetti
Fri 3rd	St Richard's	8.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>
	St Peter's	10.00am	Ted Bailey RIP (Marie Haines)
	<b>St Richard's</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Exposition</b>
Sat 4th	St Richard's	10.00am	Family Intentions (Turner & French Families)

### 23rd Sunday of Year C

Sat 4th	St Richards	Vigil 6.00pm	In Thanksgiving
Sun 5th	St Richards	8.30am	People of the Parish
	St Peters	9.00am	Celebrant's Intention
	St Richard's	10.00am	Joyce Briggs RIP (Briggs & Bucholtz Families)
	Our Lady	11.00am	Pat Griffin RIP (Griffin Family)
	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:

Friday—St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church, Apostle of the English

**Please Pray for the Sick** Joan Smith, 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      23rd Sunday of Year C

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Psalm</i>
Wisdom 9:13-18	Philemon 9-10.12-17	Luke 14:25-33	89



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