

Parish of St Richard of Chichester

with Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham and St Peter's Parish, Wittering.

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6th Sunday of Easter

21st May

Psalter week 2

Thought for the Day

We welcome Stephen O'Brien, a student for the priesthood at John's Seminary, Womersley, for a three-week pastoral placement. Stephen will be with us from the 27th May to 20th June. St John's has been forming men for the priesthood since 1891. The seminary owned jointly by the Diocese of Southwark and Arundel and Brighton, but has also included seminarians from the other Dioceses. The students receive a spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation over a six-year period. In a sense their aim of the whole formation programme is pastoral. The seminary exists to form good pastors committed to mission and a life of service of God's people. Pastoral formation is therefore not only concentrated on the challenges to mission presented by the contemporary society, but also on the personal conversion of the one who will continue the mission of the Christ. The three-week placement is an important part of a seminarian's formation so it is a honour for our parish to be asked to host a student. It offers a student an insight into the life of a priest, the work of pastoral care and mission of a parish, and encouragement for their vocation. It provides a parish a wonderful opportunity to support the pastoral formation of our seminarians.

We offer this prayer of Pope Francis for Stephen O'Brien and all young people discerning their call to offer their lives in service of the Lord; *"Loving Father, touch and transform us by the joy of your love. Make us missionary disciples, empowered to carry the love of Christ to our neighbour. May young people be inspired by our example to take up the path of Christian discipleship and dedicate their lives to the service of the Gospel. Raise up new vocations by the power of your Holy Spirit to the priesthood and the consecrated life: send us men and women, inspired to be living signs of your mercy. Grant us all an openness of heart, that we might readily respond to your call, and proclaim with joy the Good News to the whole world. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."*

Remember the sick of our parishes in your prayers. John Eveleigh, Gail Cote, Terry Carlisle, Valerie Davies-White, Agnes Martin, Frank Gallagher, Majella Taylor, Hilary Huffell, David White, Eileen Wood, Helena Denis, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Bevis Peers, Dot Leaver, Gerald McGregor, Patsy Cox, Phillipa & Paul Sorrell, Frank O'Donnell, Jill Serna, Sister Maria Goretti, John Kirby, Robin Bowker, Gerry Farrell.

Please contact the parish office if you would like someone to be added (or taken off) the prayer list

Today's Readings Sixth Week of Easter

First Reading:	Apostles 8:5-8.14-17	They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
	Responsorial Psalm	Cry out with joy to God all the earth.
Second Reading:	Peter 3:15-18	In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.
Gospel:	John 14:15-21	I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Next Week's Reading The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading:	Apostles 1:1-11	He was lifted up whilst they all looked on.
	Responsorial Psalm	God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Second Reading:	Ephesians 1:17-23	He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.
Gospel:	Matthew 28:16-20	All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Liturgy and Education

Frances Messenger RIP Frances' Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 23rd May at 11.30am at Our Lady of the Assumption with the Reception of the Body at 6pm on Monday 22nd May. All welcome.

Terry O'Hara RIP please pray for the repose of the soul of Terry, who sadly passed away on Wednesday. Funeral details to follow.

A Mass of Remembrance for babies who died before birth or in infancy will be celebrated at 12.15pm on 17 June at St Richard's Church. This Mass will be an opportunity for healing for the families and a chance to remember and celebrate children lost in infancy or before birth through miscarriage, still birth, or abortion. All are welcome including parents, grandparents, siblings and all who care. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the parish rooms.

Readers' Formation There will be formation sessions for readers led by Fr Paul on the following dates: Wed 31 May 7.30pm at St Richard's; Mon 5 June 7.30pm at St Peter's; Wed 7 June 10am at St Richard's; Tues 20 June 7.30pm at Our Lady; Sat 24 Jun 10am St Richard's; Fri 30 June at St Richard's (for under 18's). Please contact the Parish Office to register for one of the sessions.

Eucharistic Ministers' Formation There will be a formation morning for eucharistic ministers on Sat 10 June at St Richard's (9.30am until 12.15 for Mass). The main input will be given by Fr Stephen Dingley who teaches at St John's Seminary.

Confirmation 2018 Programme The 2017-18 Confirmation programme begins on Tuesday 12 September with a meeting for parents and candidates in the lower parish room (7pm start). The preparation will begin with a weekend retreat from Friday 15 Sept—17 Sept at Lodge Hill near Pulborough. The minimum age for confirmation preparation is School Year 10. Please contact the parish office for an application form and a timetable.

Film Night - 'Miracles from Heaven' (based on a true story). Age 12 upwards. Monday May 22nd 7 pm in the Upper Parish Room. Tea/coffee/biscuits before 7.15 start. Finish - 9 pm.

Neighbourhood Group Meeting May 25th, 7.30 p.m. at 12 Pears Grove, Prinsted. A chance to get together with other local Catholic parishioners for prayers and a chat. Please let Pat & Roger know if you are able to attend. email pattibanni@sky.com phone 01243 389779

Service of Praise and Worship –Friday 26 May at 7.30pm. An opportunity for a joyful encounter with Jesus. Come and sing praise! This service takes place on the 4th Friday of each month. *'Still my soul will sing your praise unending, 10,000 Years and then forever more!'*

5 First Saturdays At the 12.15pm Mass on the first Saturdays of the coming five months we will be holding a devotion to Our Lady at St Richard's. **The next will be 3rd June.** Our Lady of Fatima promises all the graces necessary for heaven if a Catholic finishes the Five First Saturdays devotions.

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Confirmation 2017 Dates

Tues 13 June 7pm Preparation for Confirmation Mass (Parents and sponsors of candidates if possible)

Sun 18 June 3pm—Deanery Confirmation Mass—Arundel Cathedral

Sun 2 July noon—BBQ for confirmation candidates and their families—St Richard's Presbytery.

Other

Jumble Sale In aid of Marie Curie - 27th May at St Peter's Church Hall at 2pm. Please bring your jumble to the hall on the morning of the sale or call Sylvie to arrange collection on 07948826339.

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers invite parishioners to join their ramble on Saturday 27th May 2017. Meet at Bosham Station at 11.20 or at the Anchor Bleu pub at 1.15pm (departure time). Distance is 7 miles returning by bus to Chichester. Leader Angela Shardlow.

Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper to raise funds for the Knights of St Columba 9th June at St Peter's Church Hall. For tickets please call Ray on 01243 788803.

Concert in Aid of Refugees Sunday 18th June 7.30pm at St John's Chapel, Chichester. The Minerva Ensemble playing Brahms, Shostakovich, & Mozart. Tickets cost £18 (under 16's half price) and are available from The Novium, Chichester. Taking place during Refugee Week the funds raised will go to supporting refugees, and the work of City of Sanctuary, Chichester.

Each autumn for the past ten years we have held a Bring & Buy Sale at Our Lady's to raise funds for Fr. Joe. We have been unable to find volunteers to take on the task of organising the event so there will not be a sale this year. PLEASE DO NOT continue leaving offerings in the Sacristy.

Appeal there will be an appeal at all weekend Masses this weekend on behalf of St Patrick's Missionary Society. Fr John Garry and Fr Francis Ayogu will be making the appeal.

End of Tax Year Letters If you would like your annual certificate please request on from the Parish Office

Christian Aid week is from 14th -20th May, when volunteers from St Richard's will carry out the annual street collection. If you would like to contribute but there is no collection in your street, there are envelopes in the pews which can be put in the offertory basket or handed in to the Parish office.

Foodbank There will be a Chichester Tesco collection on 2nd June—volunteers are needed for the afternoon. If you could help please call Erna on 672374.

The Making A Difference group at Our Lady helps in the organisation of both religious and social activities. We meet formally about five times a year but most of the organisation is conducted on a less formal basis. We would welcome new members to the group. Please contact Roger after Mass or by phone (01243389779)

Short, Slow Amble, to Arundel on Wednesday, May 31st. 10.45 am 85 bus from opposite the Cathedral or 10.48 from Eastgate Square - signal for the bus to stop. Any queries contact Susan 776792

St Philip Howard Catholic School is seeking to recruit some Teaching Assistants (full or part time considered). Closing date for applications is 9am on Tuesday 6 June. We welcome visits from prospective applicants. Please visit the school's website www.sphcs.co.uk for an application form and further details.

Bridging Generations The Rotary Club run a minibus from the catchment area of Bosham to the west of the city every 2 weeks during term time. The idea is to put older, lonely people in touch with the younger generation via regular coffee and lively chat at Chichester College. If interested, please ring Mike Harvey on 01243 697186.

Prayer Opportunities

- **Adoration at St Richards** Every Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel 8.30am—7.00pm (Term time only).
- **Adoration at St Peters** First Tuesday of the month & after the 10am Friday mass every week 10am-12noon.
- **Bosham Tuesday Group** Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church. All welcome.
- **Donnington Area Catholics** will meet on Monday 12th June at 4pm at 67 Stockbridge Road, Chichester. Any queries phone Mary 01243 779687
- **Holy Family Indian Prayer Meeting** 3rd Sunday of the month 2pm –7pm in St Richards Church.
- **Morning Prayer** 7.45am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Monday & Friday.
- **Novena** prayed each Thursday at 4pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All welcome.
- **Prayer Ministry** is available after most weekend Masses in St Richard's, Our Lady and St Peter's.
- **Rosary Group** Monday 10am: 20 Wessex Avenue, East Wittering PO20 8NP (Tel: 948068). All welcome.
- **Rosary Group** last Tuesday of every month 2 Caedwalla Drive, Tangmere.
- **Rosary Group** Every Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel St Richards at 2pm.
- **Runcton Manor: Quiet day** A day of rest, reflection and restoration. 3rd Wednesday of every month 10.30am to 12.30pm followed by shared lunch. For further details email runctonmanor@gmail.com or Chris Bemrose on 278307 or Kate Taylor 776999. **Christian Meditation (& Lectio Divina)** every Tuesday evening in the upper parish Room 7.30pm.
- **S.O.S Prayer Line 01243 377331** Every weekday evening from 7.30 pm—10.30pm.

Financial Performance

St Peter's

For the month 1st to 31st March 2017

Income	£3,757
Expenditure	£3,292
Surplus	<u>£465</u>

Four Sunday Collections in March 2017.

Cash not Gift-aided	£563
Gift-aided envelopes	£492
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£394
TOTAL DONATIONS	<u>£1,449</u>

March 2017

Offertory Budget	Year To Date Actual	Deficit
£27,900	£27,670	£230

St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption

For the period 1st March - 31st March 2017

Total Income	£46,327 (Budgeted Income	£39,673)
Total expenditure	£34,093 (Budgeted Expenditure	£31,765)
Surplus	£12,234	

Four Sunday Collections in March 2017.

Cash not Gift-aided	£2,600
Gift-aided envelopes	£1,567
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£4,206
An estimated gift aid rebate	£1,443
TOTAL DONATIONS	<u>£9,816</u>

Saturday 20th May		
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	11.30-12noon 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	The Crowning of Mary
St Richard's	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st May		Sixth Sunday of Easter
St Richard's	8.30am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Peter's	9.00am	Wellbeing of Mary South (Janet Rooney)
St Richard's	10.00am	Mr Charles Tribe RIP
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.00am Polish Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 22nd May		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Special Intention
Tuesday 23rd May		
St Richard's	8.00am	For the wellbeing of Joan Collins
Our Lady	11.30am	Requiem Mass Frances Messenger RIP
Wednesday 24th May		
St Richard's	8.00am	Mary Doody RIP
St Richard's	12.15pm	Special Intention (R Baquiran)
Thursday 25th May		
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Fr Jonathan (M Dembinski)
St Richard's	12.15pm	Bogustawa Kijak RIP
Friday 26th May		St Philip Neri
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Peter's	10.00am	Alan Whittaker RIP (Liz Whittaker)
St Richard's	8.45am - 7.00pm	Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (Rosary 2pm & Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3pm)
Saturday 27th May		St Augustine of Canterbury
St Richard's	12.15pm	Mathai Mathews RIP
St Richard's	11.30-12noon 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday 28th May		The Ascension of the Lord
St Richard's	8.30am	People of the Parish
St Peter's	9.00am	Wellbeing of Frank Gallagher (Clare Walton).
St Richard's	10.00am	Mani Thomman RIP (Saji John)
Our Lady	11.00am	Alan Whitaker RIP (Mary Crabb)
St Richard's	12.00am Polish Mass	Celebrant's Intentions