

# Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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

## St Richard's Church

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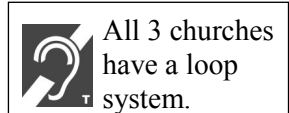
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**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**10th September**

Psalter week 3

**Thought for the Week** With the start of a new academic year this is an appropriate time to pray for all those involved in Catholic education, including, teachers, school staff, parents, governors and volunteers. The Catholic Church is the largest provider of secondary schools, and the second largest provider (after the Church of England) of primary schools in the country. Every day, more than 850,000 students attend a Catholic school.

The theme of this year's Education Sunday is 'Gathered in my Name', taken from today's Gospel. In this reading Jesus teaches us that wherever two or more are gathered in His name, that He is there among them. This passage has a special resonance for Catholic schools, as we know that when children gather to learn and to pray, they are gathered in His name. We give thanks for our teachers, support staff and volunteers, who work hard every day to ensure our schools are excellent centres of learning and communities of faith We give thanks for the contribution of school governors who provide invaluable support to our schools and promote the Catholic ethos of our schools. They provide a further active link between our schools and the parishes they serve, and we are all grateful for all that they do. *Christ, our Teacher, you invite Your faithful people to make disciples in your name and to proclaim the good news of salvation. We thank You for the gift of Catholic schools, where the message of Your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed, Christian community is experienced, service to our brothers and sisters is modelled, and worship of You is cultivated. Increase our zeal for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high quality Catholic education, and that Catholic schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation.*

**Remember the sick of our parishes in your prayers.** Peter Habgood, Paul Carney, Norah Haugh, Gail Cote, Valerie Davies -White, Agnes Martin, Frank Gallagher, Majella Taylor, Hilary Huffell, David White, Bronwen Astor, Eileen Wood, Helena Denis, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Bevis Peers, Dot Leaver, Gerald McGregor, Patsy Cox, Frank O'Donnell, Jill Serna, Sister Maria Goretti, John Kirby, Robin Bowker, Gerry Farrell, Jean Clench, Audrey Graveley, Tony Whiting.

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

## **Today's Readings 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

**Responsorial Psalm O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10 Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

## **Next Week's Reading 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray your sins will be forgiven.

**Responsorial Psalm The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9 Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

**Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy seven times.

## Liturgy and Education

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor** whose Requiem Mass will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday 13 September at 12 noon. He was the third Bishop of Arundel and Brighton from 1977 until 2000, when he was appointed tenth Archbishop of Westminster in succession to Cardinal Basil Hume. He was created a Cardinal Priest on February 2001 on the same day as Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the future Pope Francis.

**Blessing for teachers and catechists** This weekend is Education Sunday and we will be having a blessing for teachers and catechists at all weekend Masses. Just before the end of each Mass all the teachers and catechists in our parishes will be invited up for a blessing.

**Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham** in preparation and celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham on 24th September. A booklet of the 9 day Novena is available from the Parish office.

**Alpha** - the 11 week course is starting in early October and you will have two different times to choose from: Monday evening (7pm) at St Richard's, or Tuesday lunchtime (1pm) at St Peter's. Please get involved. We need teams of parishioners to help out on a rota basis. Can you help prepare the food? or could you help serve the food and drink? or offer lifts? Sign up sheets will be available soon, so please think about offering your help. For more information. [www.strichardschichester.co.uk/alpha](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/alpha) or call the parish office.

**Alpha at St Peter's** If you would like to be involved in any way with helping out on the Alpha Course there will be a meeting for team members on Tuesday 12th September at 2 pm in the church hall. so do come along.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October Ministries Mass with Bishop Richard at St Richard's Church.** Bishop Richard will be celebrating Mass and conferring the Ministry of Acolyte on Jon Harman as a further step in Jon's formation as a Permanent Deacon. Friday 6th October, 7pm. **All parishioners are very welcome** to attend and celebrate with Jon. There will be refreshments afterwards in the lower parish room.

**Service of Praise and Worship** – Friday 22 September at 7.30pm. An opportunity for a joyful encounter with Jesus. *Come and sing praise!* Followed by fish & chips for those who wish - place your orders before the service begins so food can be pre-ordered.

**Confirmation MEETING THIS TUESDAY** The 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 –17 Sept at Lodge Hill near Pulborough. Forms and the meeting dates can be downloaded from: [www.strichardschichester.co.uk/confirmation-registration](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/confirmation-registration)

**First Holy Communion MEETING THIS MONDAY** The forms for registering for the 2017/18 First Holy Communion are available. Please sign up at [www.strichardschichester.co.uk/communion](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/communion) or via paper copy (forms are at the back of the churches). The initial parents' meeting is at 7pm on Monday 11 September in St Richard's parish rooms where you can find out about the programme.

**St Peter's First Holy Communion** We will be starting the 2017/2018 First Holy Communion classes at St Peter's Church, Wittering in September. Anyone with a child in Year 3 or above who would like to join us please contact Pat Jenkinson 07876316326 or Sylvie Harwood 07948826339

**'Abortion in the UK Today'**, Wednesday, 4 October, 7.30pm, St Richard's parish room, Cawley Road, Chichester PO19 1XB. After 50 years of legalized abortion, expert speakers will talk about what is happening today, about the effects on women and families, and how we can help protect unborn babies and their mothers. This talk by SPUC will also be held on Friday 29th September at St Philip Howard Catholic School Barnham at 7.30pm. Please attend either venue.

**The Event** this month will be held on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Our Lady's in Bosham, with Mass at 12.15 followed by lunch at about 1pm. After lunch PCSO Jason Lemm, an officer with the Sussex Police, will give a presentation relating to scams and fraud, including computer fraud, investment fraud and door to door rogue traders – things we should all be aware of. PCSO Jason Lemm will give us good advice on how to deal with all these issues, and he will provide handouts afterwards. All are welcome to attend. If you require transport please call Tony, 781040.

**Neighbourhood meeting—West side of the city** will be held at the home of Peter and Ann Greenwood, 7 Fishbourne Road East, (opposite the pedestrian railway bridge), on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.30pm Parishioners living in Fishbourne Road East, Westgate, Parklands, Sherbourne Road, Cedar Drive and roads leading off these, are invited. Please phone Ann and Peter if you are able to attend. (01243 783554).

**St Richard's Community Group** will meet on Monday 11th September at 8pm in the upper parish room. They will be planning the Parish Quiz Night on 13th October and other social events. New members are very welcome.

**Could prayer ministry be for you?** The parish is seeking additional volunteers for this ministry: especially for the 8.30am and 10am Masses at St Richard's, 11am at Bosham and 9am at St Peter's. There will be a meeting on Saturday September 16 from 10am–4pm in the upper parish room. During this meeting all will be explained, training offered and questions answered. Please contact Theresa 01243 527328.

## Administration

**St Richard's Rotas** The new Sunday 8.30am and Saturday 6pm rotas are now out - **they run from next week**. You should have received yours via email already, or it will be ready for you to collect from the sacristy. The 10am rotas will be ready and sent out next week.

**Fr Paul is raising money** for children to go to Lourdes with HCPT117 in Easter Week 2018. He is running in the Beachy Head marathon on 28th October. It will be his 19th (and last) marathon. You can help by hand in a donation to the presbytery. Please write Fr Paul Marathon on the envelope or pay through the justgiving website [www.justgiving/fundraising/lourdes2018.com](http://www.justgiving/fundraising/lourdes2018.com)

**Second Collection next Weekend: Home Mission Sunday** helping Catholics to engage with the mission of the Church, whilst supporting the work of the Home Mission Office.

**St Peter's Fete** The total amount raised by the Fete after all expenses were deducted was £2,299.59. We are sending 25% to Chestnut Tree House - £574.90. Thank you very much indeed to everyone who helped to raise this money.

**Mercy House** This week we will transfer the parish gift direct to Diana Beamish of Mercy House. In addition to the £430 you have already heard about we have received generous donations from groups and individuals from all three churches. A top-up was also made from Fr Paul's Parish fund making a grand total of £2200. A big thank you to all concerned.

**APF Red Boxes at St Peter's** It's that time of year again. Will all Red APF Red Box (Missio) holders please bring their boxes so that the money can be counted. Please leave them in the porch at the back of the church. Many thanks.

**A Dialogue and Unity Day 2017** is being held on Saturday 23 September 2017, 10-4pm at DABCEC Crawley. The theme is 'Exploring how the Holy Spirit is opening new ways to work for unity.' There are two Roman Catholic Communities who have a charism for unity taking part in the day. Bring a packed lunch and a friend from another church. Book online at [www.dabnet.org/Courses/DialogueandUnity](http://www.dabnet.org/Courses/DialogueandUnity) or by phone 01293 651164.'

## Prayer Opportunities

- **Adoration** Friday term-time St Richard's Blessed Sacrament Chapel 8.40am-7pm
- **Adoration** Tuesday term-time St Peter's 10am-12noon
- **Bosham Tuesday Group** Tuesdays after Mass in Bosham Church. All welcome.
- **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.
- **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](mailto: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.
- Eucharistic Adoration - every 2nd Wednesday 8:00 pm at the Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne

July 2017		
Offertory Budget	YTD Actual	Surplus
£65,100	£66,919	£1,819

## Financial Performance

St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption		
For the period 1st January - 31st July 2017		
Total Income	£101,768 (Budgeted Income	£92,357)
Total Expenditure	£70,836 (Budgeted Expenditure	£87,225)
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£30,932</b>	
Five Sunday Collections in July 2017		
Cash not Gift-aided	£3,005	
Gift-aided envelopes	£1,455	
Gift-aided Standing orders	£4,548	
An estimated gift aid rebate	£1,501	
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>£10,509</b>	

St Peter's	
For the month 1st to 31st July 2017	
Income	£2,448
Expenditure	£1,995
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£453</b>
Five Sunday Collections in July 2017	
Cash not Gift-aided	£809
Gift-aided envelopes	£474
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£724
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>£2,007</b>

<b>Saturday 9th September</b>		
St Richard's	11.30-12 noon & 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	12.15	Healing and comfort of Brenda Libiran
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Peg and Tim Sullivan RIP
<b>Sunday 10th September</b>		<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
St Richard's	8.30am	People of the Parish
St Peter's	9.00am	Deceased members of the Neal Family (Linda Jolly)
St Richard's	10.00am	John Ormonde RIP (Family)
Our Lady	11.00am	Continued health and wellbeing of Sheila Lyons (M.Hadden)
St Richard's	12.00 noon	POLISH MASS
<b>Monday 11th September</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Margaret Garner RIP
St Richard's	12.15pm	Dr Priscilla Noble-Mathews RIP (Molly)
<b>Tuesday 12th September</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Simon Nichols RIP
St Peter's	10am-12noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady	10.00am	Hugh Jamieson RIP (Mary & John)
<b>Wednesday 13th September</b>		<b>St John Chrysostom</b>
St Richard's	8.00am	Simon Nichols RIP
St Richard's	12.15pm	James and Mary-Kate Sharkey RIP
<b>Thursday 14th September</b>		<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady of Sorrows (Madonna and Rachel)
<b>Friday 15th September</b>		<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>
St Richard's	8.00am	Marion Felicity-Welch Bostock RIP
St Richard's	8.40am –7.30pm	Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
St Peter's	10.00am	Deceased family & friends the Brooke Family ( R.Brooke)
Our Lady	11.30am	Requiem Mass for Hugh Jamieson RIP
<b>Saturday 16th September</b>		<b>SS Cornelius and Cyprian</b>
St Richard's	11.30-12 noon & 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	12.15	Thomas Thomas RIP (Ginu & Mathew)
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Maria Dembinski RIP (Marysia Dembinski)
<b>Sunday 17th September</b>		<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
St Richard's	8.30am	People of the Parish
St Peter's	9.00am	Canon Peter Giffin RIP (Parish Mass).
St Richard's	10.00am	Bridget Crowley RIP (Family)
Our Lady	11.00am	Maureen Buck RIP (Sylvia & Allan Hitchman)
St Richard's	12.00 noon	POLISH MASS