

Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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

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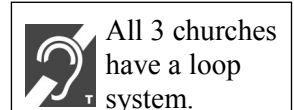
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

8th October

Psalter week 3

Thought for the Week

The parable we hear today is well-known to us all. We understand the vineyard represents the Kingdom of God (although some theologians say the Church) and the story is about the history of the Son of God. We are astonished at how Jesus could be killed, when they had seen his deeds and heard his teaching full of love and forgiveness. We know that we would never do the same thing. Really? Though it is unbelievable, the Jews killed Jesus as they thought he might be a danger to them. He brought the news to the world about God who forgives, but his love for us is wise and demanding. That's the problem. Every love must be wise but also demanding. We can't love God and accept evil at the same time. We refuse God from our lives very often when he is demanding. We think: I must place him beyond my life as his teaching is impossible to fulfil. How convenient. We want God in our lives when he is a comfort, but not when he demands true love in return. How to fulfil that love? Respecting the commandments, we can love not just Jesus but also our brothers and sisters in Christ. If we truly invite God into our lives, we would be as happy as a child with a lollipop.

The year is coming slowly to its end... With almost 10 months behind us, let's ask ourselves: what's happened to our dreams and promises to be closer to God this year? Have you ever put these promises in your life? Jesus' message today is, as usual, very clear: God's kingdom will be taken away from you and given to people who will produce its fruit... That's not a threat... that's an encouragement to foster faith, hope and love.

Remember the sick of our parishes in your prayers. Margaret Beazley, Roger Johnson, Hugh Hayward, Peter Habgood, Norah Haugh, Gail Cote, Valerie Davies-White, Agnes Martin, Frank Gallagher, Majella Taylor, Hilary Huffell, David White, Bronwen Astor, 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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 The God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43 He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

Next Week's Reading 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14.19-20 There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

Fr Paul writes:

“I would like to thank you all for your support and kindness over the past six years. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your parish priest and there have been many blessings. I am sad to leave but I must now turn my attention to the Parish of Camberley and Bagshot. I know that you will support Canon Tom Treherne as he starts his appointment as your new Parish Priest. May God bless you all.”

Liturgy and Education

October, Month of the Rosary: during October a decade of the Rosary will be prayed before the Sunday Mass at St Peter's, Our Lady and the 6pm and 10am Masses at St Richard's; members of the 8.30am congregation who would like to pray a decade together are invited to meet in the Chapel at 8.20am.

Fr Sebastian will also lead the Rosary at 6pm each Thursday of October at St Richard's

St Peter's Mass With Anointing of the Sick will take place next Friday, 13th October at 11 am. *This will replace the usual Mass at 10 am.* It will be followed with refreshments in the hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass.

40 Days For Life Your help is needed to save lives in Portsmouth by prayer, fasting and peaceful street witness outside St Mary's Community Hospital Portsmouth from 8am to 8pm until 5 Nov. Procession to the hospital 28 Oct 9am. For transport to the vigil phone Maria on 01903 413606. See www.40daysforlife.com/portsmouth.

Service of Praise and Worship – Friday 27 October 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. The November service will be on 24/11.

HOPE 2017 - FESTIVAL DAY FOR 11-14s, WITH RISE THEATRE On Sunday November 19th (2pm to 5.30pm) the diocese is running a festival day for young people aged 11-14 at Arundel Cathedral. The day coincides with the first World Day for the Poor, and will challenge us to think about how we are living Christ's call to serve those in need. The day will include Mass with Bishop Richard, as well as drama from RISE Theatre, and input from CAFOD and others. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org for more information, or to book. We are expecting those attending to be part of organised groups. Young people wanting to attend without accompanying adults must contact Jack Regan for a consent form.

We Care about Women is a campaign of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children to oppose decriminalising abortion. SPUC is organising a mass constituency-based lobby and is asking people to make an appointment with their MP to ask him/her to vote against any moves in Parliament to decriminalise abortion. The mass-constituency based lobby is taking place on 27/28 October 2017. Information on the campaign can be found in the church entrances.

ALPHA CONTINUES THIS WEEK - The Alpha sessions continue this week—if you missed the first Alpha sessions last week please still come along for this week's session. **The next sessions are on Monday 9th October at St Richards starting with the meal at 7pm and Tuesday 17th October at St Peter's starting with the meal at 1pm.**

Social Activities

Earnley Church Quiz Saturday October 28th at 7pm in the Village Hall It's time to test the grey matter again and help raise some funds for Earnley Church. For the past 20 years St Peter's has supported Earnley Church by entering a quiz team and we have rarely disgraced ourselves. It would be good to enter a team again this year. If you would to be a member of the team please contact Gill or Geoff Breeze. Please join us on Saturday October 28th at 7pm in the Village Hall for another fun quiz! Maximum 6 per team. **The ticket price of £8 includes a sausage supper.** Bring your own wine, beer or soft drinks.

Administration

This weekend is Fr Paul's last weekend in our parishes This Sunday (8th October) in St Richard's School Hall there will be a leaving do for him. Everyone is very welcome to come along for a drink and light refreshments, to say goodbye to Fr Paul as he leaves to move on to his new parish in Camberley. All welcome from 12.30 onwards. Please bring along a plate of food to share if you can.

Our Lady - No Refreshments after Mass this Sunday as many of us want to come over to St. Richard's School for lunch with Fr. Paul.

St Richard's School Open Day Monday 16 OCT Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018? St Richard's Catholic Primary School is the only Catholic School in the Chichester area and serves families in Chichester, Selsey, The Witterings, Bosham, Tangmere, and the area north of Chichester as far as Midhurst. If you would like to meet our Headteacher, Mrs Catherine Hunn, and have a tour of our school, please contact the school office on 01243 784549. Tours will be at 9.15 am and again at 1.15 pm.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is Friday 6th October. CAFOD will be using the funds to support farmers and their families around the world. Please take a Fast Day envelope and return the money to the retiring collection on 7/8th October.

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.com/fundraising/lourdes2018

Jumble Sale St Peter's 28th October 2pm St Peter's Hall, in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice. Any jumble can be left on the morning of the sale or collected beforehand if you ring Sylvie on 07948826339 or 01243 671747.

The works planned for St. Peter's garden of remembrance will take place as scheduled in October to be completed by October 31st in readiness for the month of November. The consultation phase commenced on 2nd April 2017 with a presentation and an open invitation for anyone with an interest to lodge comments. This was backed up by notice boards located at the site with the contact details. This phase has now been completed and all queries have been answered. Surveying of the site and ordering of materials will take place during the first week of October, and work will proceed subject to weather.

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 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

August 2017		
Offerory Budget	Year To Date Actual	Surplus
£74,400	£75,382	£982

Financial Performance

St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption		
For the period 1st January - 31st August 2017		
Total Income	£115,665 (Budgeted Income	£105,368)
Total expenditure	£78,083 (Budgeted Expenditure	£94,520)
Surplus	£37,582	
Four Sunday Collections in August 2017.		
Cash not Gift-aided		£2,920
Gift-aided envelopes		£1,192
Gift-aided Standing Orders		£3,707
An estimated gift aid rebate		£1,225
TOTAL DONATIONS		£9,044

St Peter's	
For the month 1st to 31st August 2017	
Income	£5,286
Expenditure	£2,022
Surplus	£3,264
Four Sunday Collections in August 2017.	
Cash not Gift-aided	£783
Gift-aided envelopes	£451
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£370
TOTAL DONATIONS	£1,604

Saturday 7th October		Our Lady of the Rosary
St Richard's	11.30-12 & 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Kieran Tracey RIP
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Reg and Molly Harris RIP
Sunday 8th October		27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Richard's	8.30am	Gunam Kanagarathna RIP
St Peter's	9.00am	Sister Agatha Mary RIP (Mary Noble).
St Richard's	10.00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.00 noon	Jolanta Niedzwiecka 60th Birthday (Agi Gniba)
Monday 9th October		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Tuesday 10th October		
St Richard's	8.00am	Yvonne Bishop RIP (Friends of Yvonne)
Our Lady	10.00am	Gratitude for the support of Fr Paul (Visiting Group)
Wednesday 11th October		
St Richard's	8.00am	Kieran Tracey RIP
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday 12th October		St Wilfrid
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Baby Joseph RIP
Friday 13th October		
St Richard's	8.00am	Martin Tracey RIP
St Richard's	8.40am –7pm	Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
St Peter's	11.00am	MASS with anointing of the sick
Saturday 14th October		
St Richard's	11.30-12 & 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Wellbeing of Patsy Cox (Judy McGregor & Jane Burch)
Sunday 15th October		28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Richard's	8.30am	Joe and Bertha Silver (Family)
St Peter's	9.00am	Fr. Pat Leddy RIP (Marie Haines)
St Richard's	10.00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady	11.00am	Canon Fogarty
St Richard's	12.00 noon	Celebrant's Intentions