

Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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

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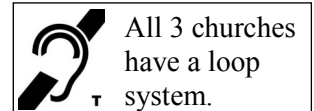
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

12 November 2017

Psalter week 4

Thought for the Week

How many times were you told as a child to get ready for an outing or for the arrival of some visitors, or for dinner when you simply wanted to stay as you were? Sometimes it matters little whether we are ready or not but sometimes it really matters, and today's Gospel parable shows us one of those situations when it is of crucial importance to be prepared. Wisdom is the subject of today's Gospel. Is it easy to be wise in this world? The world respects somebody who shows cunning but not those who are just. The world respects those that rush about but not those who are slow. The world likes those who are modern but not those who don't adapt themselves to the modern world. And perhaps that is why some are distrustful of the Catholic Church. But we must learn from today's Gospel. We might miss something very important if we are always in a rush. We live out our busy daily lives but don't take time to consider life's true meaning or aims. We are like those who didn't remember to fill the lamps of their lives with the oil. At the end of our lives nothing will matter but our hands of faith and good deeds. We leave everything to the last minute, but if the end came today, would we be prepared to face God?

We ourselves can identify with both the wise and the foolish. We need the wisdom to ensure that the produce of God's Earth, represented by the lamp oil in the Gospel reading, is received as a gift and is used in the right measure or in the right relationship. The Church year is now coming to the end, so let's try to end it wisely!

Remember the sick of our parishes in your prayers Eleanor Walter, Ed Melancon, Brian Campbell, Paul Carney, Margaret Beazley, Roger Johnson, Hugh Hayward, Peter Habgood, Gail Cote, Agnes Martin, Frank Gallagher, Majella Taylor, Hilary Huffell, David White, Bronwen Astor, Helena Denis, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Gerald McGregor, Patsy Cox, Frank O'Donnell, Jill Serna, Sister Maria Goretti, John Kirby, Robin Bowker, Gerry Farrell, Tony Whiting. *Please contact the parish office if you would like someone to be added (or taken off) the prayer list*

Today's Readings 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom is found by those who look for her.
Responsorial Psalm For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.
Second Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18 God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus
Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Next Week's Reading 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13 A perfect wife—who can find her?
Responsorial Psalm O blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Second Reading: Thessalonians 5:1-6 Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief
Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

Liturgy and Education

Dot Leaver RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dot Leaver, a much loved Witterings parishioner. Her funeral will be held on 17th November at 12noon (and this will take the place of the 10am Mass on that day). Her body will be received into the church at 5pm on Thursday 16th November.

Friday Adoration at St Richard's Why not take some time out of your busy day to spend some quiet time in the presence of Jesus. We are looking for more adorers on Friday's particularly between 3-4pm and 4-5pm. If you think you might be able to spare an hour each Friday please leave a message for Sally at the parish office.

Roraty Candlelight Masses For children and all parishioners this is an opportunity to attend this simple candlelight service preparing us all for Advent. Held on the 7 & 21 December at 6pm in St Richard's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please bring along a lantern and candle.

Alpha Continues this week - The Alpha sessions continue if you missed the first Alpha sessions please still come along. Mondays at St Richards with the meal at 7pm and Tuesdays at St Peter's with the meal at 1pm. **The 25th November will be the weekend session held at St Peter's East Wittering. All join at 9.30 for 10am start.**

Service of Praise and Worship – Friday 24 November 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 next service will be on 27 January.

Advent 2017 The weekly prayer and reflection programme for advent 2017 is now available from the A&B Diocese website www.abdiocese.org.uk/ContentDocuments/757.PDF or it can be printed off for you at the parish office for a donation.

Prayer Ministry is available after most weekend Masses. If you would like to experience the benefits of praying with others then please make yourself known to one of the prayer ministers after the Mass.

HOPE 2017 - Festival Day for 11-14's On Sunday November 19th (2pm to 5.30pm) the diocese is running a festival day at Arundel Cathedral. 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 info

Abortion in the UK Moves are being made in parliament to decriminalise abortion, effectively allowing unrestricted abortion up to birth, and also to end the right to peaceful pro-life witness near abortion centres. Please write to your MP to let her or him know you support the right to life for human life in the womb and oppose restrictions on pro-life witness near abortion centres. For more information see www.spuc.org.uk and www.righttolife.org.uk

'Waiting in Wonder' Retreat

'Waiting in Wonder' is a retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) being held 1st-3rd December at Worth Abbey, near Crawley. It is an opportunity to enter more deeply into the themes of Advent in preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, with space for reflection, participation in the rhythm of prayer with the monastic community (The Divine Office), Lectio Divina, walks in the countryside, and time for building community and friendships (plus mulled wine and minced pies!) The cost is £62 for students/unwaged, £102 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. email Katrina at TOC@worthabbey.net

Parish Youth Group

The parish youth group is starting up again after an extended break over the summer. The next date is 17th November at 7.30pm-8.45pm, St Richard's lower parish room. Please let everyone know who you think might enjoy coming along. For all school year 6, school year 7 and above, with children very welcome from all schools.

Important dates for your diary:

1) Canon Tom's Induction Mass a special Mass to formally present Canon Tom to our parishes via the Liturgy. Bishop Richard will be saying Mass at St Richard's Church at 7pm on Monday 8th January

2) The Diamond Jubilee Mass of St Richard's Church will take place on Monday 19th March 2018, at 7.30pm with Bishop Richard. Please keep the date free, more details to follow.

Social Activities

Knights of St Columba Quiz on Friday 24th November at 7pm for 7.30pm start at St Richard's Church in the upper parish room. £6 per ticket including a fish and chip supper. Names to Ray Webb 788803.

Amble All welcome to the last amble this year which will be from West to East Wittering along the beach/greensward on Wednesday 15th November. Catch the number 53 from the bus station at 10.16am to The Old House at Home in West Wittering. For enquiries please contact Mick or Pat on 01243 674585.

Fr Joe Fundraising On December 3rd immediately after Mass there will be a fund raising event for Fr. Joe. Previously unwanted gifts, preserves, spiced oils, wine and vinegar, craft items. If you are able to help in any way please speak to either Janice, Fran, Kate or Kay after Mass this week or next. Thank You.

Administration

Second Collection next Week There will be a second collection next week for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund - your donation can be gift aided.

St Richard's Primary School Supplementary Forms - If you are applying for a place for your child at St Richard's Primary School and would like Fr Tom to sign the Supplementary Information Form please attend one of the four sessions where you can get the forms signed with Fr Tom: Thursday 16th Nov 3.15pm or 7pm, Thursday 23rd Nov 7pm, Friday 24th Nov 3.15pm.

Visiting Group We are seeking parishioners who would be interested in joining our Parish Visiting Group. If you have good communication, listening and empathy skills and would like to be considered for this important, voluntary ministry; visiting the housebound, elderly and sick, please contact the parish office for further information.

Tel.01243 782343 parishoffice@strichardschichester.co.uk

Bosham Bounce Winner—the winner this month is Finola Brennan with number 44.

Christmas Day 2017 Time: 12 noon - 4.30pm Venue: Newell Centre, Tozer Road, Chichester Organiser: The Rotary Priory, Chichester. All who might find themselves on their own at Christmas are welcome. Just ring Mike or Susan Harvey on [01243-697186](tel:01243697186) to book your place at the table. Transport can be provided. There is no cost.

Do you know anyone who is elderly, living alone or sick, and would welcome a visit or a monthly opportunity to meet for a light lunch chat and to listen to a talk following the 12.15pm Mass at Bosham? St Richard's Visiting Group aims to maintain links with those parishioners who have difficulty getting out of their home or live-in care or nursing home. Wherever possible we would like parishioners to have the opportunity to have as much contact with the parish as they would like either by offering companionship through visits or outside communication where mobility permits. If you know anyone who would benefit, please contact the parish office with details by phone 782343 or by email: parishoffice@strichardschichester.co.uk.

Prayer Opportunities

- **Adoration** Friday term-time St Richard's Blessed Sacrament Chapel 8.40am-7pm
- **Adoration** First Tuesday of the month 10-12 noon St Peter's, East Wittering
- **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 6pm.

Financial Performance

St Peter's

For the month 1st to 30th September 2017

Income	£3,664
Expenditure	£2,492
Surplus	£1,172

Four Sunday Collections in September 2017.

Cash not Gift-aided	£579
Gift-aided envelopes	£387
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£374
TOTAL DONATIONS	£1,340

September 2017

Offertory Budget	Year To Date Actual	Surplus
£83,700	£84,078	£378

St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption

For the period 1st January - 30th September 2017

Total Income	£130,075 (Budgeted Income	£119,019)
Total expenditure	£92,162 (Budgeted Expenditure	£109,125)
Surplus	£37,913	

Four Sunday Collections in September 2017.

Cash not Gift-aided	£2,915
Gift-aided envelopes	£1,257
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£3,940
An estimated gift aid rebate	£1,299
TOTAL DONATIONS	£9,411

Saturday 11th November		
St Richard's	11.30-12 & 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Bereavement Mass
St Richard's	4.00pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Pontifical Mass with Receptions and Confirmation
St Richard's	6.00pm	Wilfrid Loftus RIP
Sunday 12th November		
		32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Richard's	8.30am	People of the Parish
St Peter's	9.00am	Hilda Bailey RIP (Marie Haines)
St Richard's	10.00am	Stanislau Dymon RIP
Our Lady	11.00am	Wellbeing of Rita Ridgewell (Monica McLemon)
St Richard's	12.00 noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 13th November		
St Richard's	8.00am	Julia Shelley RIP (Jean French)
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Tuesday 14th November		
St Richard's	8.00am	John Siveter RIP
Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 15th November		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Michael McHale RIP (Catherine McHale)
Thursday 16th November		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
OUR LADY	12.15pm THE EVENT	Bridgit and Arthur Hutchings RIP
Friday 17th November		
St Richard's	8.00am	Wellbeing of Bineetha
St Richards	8.45am-7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	12noon	REQUIEM MASS Dot Leaver RIP
Saturday 18th November		
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	John Whiting RIP (Tony Whiting)
Sunday 19th November		
		33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Richard's	8.30am	People of the Parish
St Peter's	9.00am	Nonnie Lewis RIP (Sarah Lewis)
St Richard's	10.00am	Deceased members of the Bushell Family
Our Lady	11.00am	Mary Waltham RIP (Griffin family)
St Richard's	12.00 noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions