

Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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

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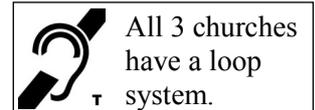
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1st Sunday of Advent

3rd December

Psalter week 1

Thought for the week

“Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn.” God always surprises us. When our life continues quietly, and we expect nothing at all, then surprising things happen. How come? Why? We ask... Most of us don't like surprises as we are not sure what's going to happen... we prefer to know things in advance, and we put our trust in science rather than rely on dreams.

What about our faith? We might say that if God actually said something to me I would believe in Him more. Meanwhile we hear today: you do not know when the master of the house will come, so keep awake. Our generation doesn't like waiting, however... but why, what is the rush? Advent helps us to prepare ourselves for the final coming of Jesus at the end of time. Confessions and some reflections on His coming and our relationships with Him will be very helpful to allow us to say on Christmas Day: I prepared my heart and soul very well to greet my Lord and He's already born in my life, I am not scared of my death! Have an amazing journey to Christmas!

Remember the sick of our parishes in your prayers Mary Eveleigh, Eddie Rooke, 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, 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 1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17 Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.
Responsorial Psalm **God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**
Second Reading: Corinthians 1:3-9 We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.
Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!
Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37 Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

Next Week's Reading 2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5 Prepare a way for the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14 We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.
Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 Make his paths straight.

Liturgy and Education

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.

Christmas Ministries' Rotas If you are available to serve at the Christmas Masses at St Richard's either welcomers, extraordinary ministers, readers or sacristans please sign up either on the paper lists in the Sacristy or online at www.strichardschichester.co.uk/survey. Altar server lists will be available separately.

Confessions during Advent During Advent confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass (For the 11am Mass at Our Lady it will take place 30 minutes after the Mass.)

St Peter's Adoration Beginning next Tuesday 5th December there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday from 10 am - 12 noon. Please add your name to the rota in the church porch.

St Peter's Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith The world today is in the midst of a catastrophic loss of Catholic faith, especially among the young. And so, taking inspiration from the recent *Rosary at the Borders in Poland and Italy*, today, the Feast of Christ the King, the Rosary will be prayed after Mass in St Peter's.

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.

Bosham Carol Service 4.30pm on Sunday December 17th at Our lady of the Assumption, Bosham You are invited to join us at the Meeting Point, ecumenical carol service. Carols and readings will be followed by mulled wine / juice and mince pies. This year members of St Richards choir will be joining with Bosham to lead the singing.

Witterings Carol Service will take place on Sunday 17th December at 4 pm at St Peter's. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards.

Chichester Carol Service 7.30pm at St Richard's Church. Come along and join in a service of traditional Christmas carol singing and Christmas readings.

The Requiem Mass for Josephine Monica Sands will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Hayling Island, on Wednesday December 6th at 11.30 a.m. Please will you remember Monica and her family in your prayers.

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.

Welcomers Formation morning at St Richard's on Saturday 20th January 2018 at 10am. All welcomers and those of you who would like to join this Ministry, from St Richard's, St Peter's and Our Lady of Sorrows, are invited to attend a Formation morning led by Margaret Fraher, Inclusion Adviser for the Diocese. We will have a scripture based reflection session as well as discussions in a relaxed atmosphere and questions. We look forward to seeing you all on the 20th Jan 2018 RSVP to Amy in the office on 01243 782343 or email parishoffice@strichardschichester.co.uk

Wedding Anniversary Mass - To celebrate any recent wedding anniversaries in November or December please come along to the 12.15pm Mass on Saturday 30th December. Cake and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Encounter Evening This Friday (8th Dec) is ENCOUNTER for young adults (18-30) at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall in Bognor (PO21 1LP). It runs from 7.30 to 9.30pm and there will be a guest speaker, Praise & Worship, Adoration, and Hot Chocolate. It's a great way to network with people your own age while deepening your faith. Don't worry if you haven't been before or if you don't have anyone to go with - we'll look after you!' search 'Encounter Bognor Regis' on Facebook.

Advent Rosary for Life - Friday 8th December, 6.30pm St Richard's Church All-day adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will conclude with the joyful mysteries of the Rosary at 6.30 pm, with prayers for the strengthening of families, for the cherishing of all human life, for those facing difficulties in pregnancy, for the healing of those suffering as a result of abortion, and for an end to abortion. Please come and join us in these prayers.

Pro-Life Leafleting: Help spread the pro-life message by leafleting door to door. Please take a bundle of 50 or 100 "We Care About Women" leaflets from the back of church to deliver. It would be helpful if you could contact Carole on 01243 544483 to let her know which streets you will leaflet.

Social Activities

1st Monday Coffee Morning on Monday 4th December at 15 Juxon Close 10.30-12noon. Car parking is not available in Juxon Close but it is very near to St Richard's Church. There is a pathway to the Close to the side of the School. All welcome any queries please contact Jean, 775675.

St Philip Howard Catholic School invites Senior Citizens in the area to join students and staff in a "Carols by Candlelight" performance on Wednesday 13th December 2.30pm - 4.30pm. There will be singing and music in the school hall, and mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee will be served. Please contact Mrs Clare Long, Chaplain, before Wednesday 6th December if you would like to reserve seats (tel no 01243 552055).

Soup lunches will be held again at Christ Church, 12 - 1.30pm, starting next Wednesday, November 29th then the next three Wednesdays in Advent, December 6th, 13th and 20th. There is no charge but donations to support the work of Christian Aid will be welcome. It is the turn of St Richard's to provide the soup on November 29th so please come if you can and enjoy both the lunch and the friendly atmosphere.

Administration

Church Cleaning at St Richard's this Wednesday at 1.30pm. Please do spare some time if you can. Drinks will be served afterwards.

Christmas Flower Collections next weekend:

- There will be second collections for Christmas flowers at St Richard's and Our Lady on 9/10th December
 - There will be a tin in the porch at St Peter's Church for the yearly donations for the purchase of Christmas flowers.
- And a big thank you to our parishioners who work so hard on the floral decorations to make our churches look beautiful over the Christmas period—photos will be available on our Facebook page.

St Richard's Building Work essential work of repointing the brickwork is well underway and should take another 9 weeks. This week, a small team of parishioners have spent many hours building a new ramp for easy disabled and buggy access into the church. The parish are very grateful for their time and for the money they have saved us.

Repository Christmas cards and gifts are now available to buy from the St Richards repository.

My Day by Day Advent booklets are also available from the repository at £1 each booklet.

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](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/ContentDocuments/757.PDF) or it can be printed off for you at the parish office for a donation.

Bishop Richard writes on Catholic Schools: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need to make our voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholocnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search 'Catholic Education' in your search engine and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Christmas Posters The Knights of St Columba have offered us all some beautiful Christmas posters to display in our windows at home. Please take one to put up.

Your responses to the Bishop's questions have now been received - the anonymous responses have been printed out and are displayed at the back of each of the churches for you to see.

In St Richard's we have a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Walsingham which needs to be more appreciated. Devotion to Mary has always been a hallmark of the Catholic Christian faith. The more we honour Mary the more we delight Jesus, who gave his mother to us because he wants to share her.

We have chosen Friday's solemn feast of the Immaculate Conception, when we acknowledge Mary's unique privilege of being without original sin from the moment of her conception, to be the most appropriate day for re-siting her statue where it can be more clearly seen and become a greater focus for our devotion.

At the end of the 8am Mass the Walsingham statue will, therefore, be placed on the pedestal between the tabernacle and the main altar. The statue of the Sacred Heart will replace the statue of Anthony which will then occupy the place where Our Lady's statue currently is.

I'm sure this new arrangement will meet with everyone's approval. We can be quite sure it will delight Our Lord.

God Bless you All.

Fr Tom

Financial Performance

St Peter's

For the month 1st to 31st October 2017

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| Income | £2,349 |
| Expenditure | £2,616 |
| Deficit | £267 |

Five Sunday Collections in October 2017.

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| Cash not Gift-aided | £750 |
| Gift-aided envelopes | £481 |
| Gift-aided Standing Orders | £754 |
| TOTAL DONATIONS | £1,985 |

October 2017

| Offertory Budget | Year To Date Actual | Surplus |
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| £93,000 | £95,389 | £2,389 |

St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption

For the period 1st January - 31st October 2017

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| Total Income | £142,871 (Budgeted Income | £132,031) |
| Total expenditure | £107,896 (Budgeted Expenditure | £117,525) |
| Surplus | £34,975 | |

Five Sunday Collections in October 2017.

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| Cash not Gift-aided | £3,301 |
| Gift-aided envelopes | £1,544 |
| Gift-aided Standing Orders | £5,866 |
| An estimated gift aid rebate | £1,852 |
| TOTAL DONATIONS | £12,563 |

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| Saturday 2nd December | | |
| St Richard's | 11.30-12 & 5.15-5.45pm | Confessions |
| St Richard's | 12.15pm | Patrick Tracey RIP |
| St Richard's | 4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i> | Celebrant's Intentions |
| St Richard's | 6.00pm | Deceased Members of the Knights of St Columba |
| Sunday 3rd December | | |
| 1st Sunday of Advent (Year B) | | |
| St Richard's | 8.30am | Gunam Kanagaratanam RIP (T&M Hodgekiss) |
| St Peter's | 9.00am | Veronica Brown RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze) |
| St Richard's | 10.00am | Deceased Members of the Montanaro Family (Sandra & Tony Bushell) |
| Our Lady | 11.00am | Health and wellbeing of Magda and Pacak (Dascalopoulos family) |
| St Richard's | 12.00 noon POLISH MASS | Celebrant's Intentions |
| St Richard's | 6.00pm <i>Ordinariate</i> | Advent Service (readings & Advent carols) |
| Monday 4th December | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intentions |
| St Richard's | 12.15pm | Mrs Frances Hynes RIP |
| Tuesday 5th December | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Intentions of the McGovern Family (Sr Patricia) |
| Our Lady | 10.00am | Monica RIP (Pat & Roger) |
| Wednesday 6th December | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intentions |
| St Richard's | 12.15pm | Celebrant's Intentions |
| Thursday 7th December | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Daniel O'Callaghan RIP (M&T Hodgekiss) |
| St Richard's | 12.15pm | Birthday blessings for Barry Buck |
| St Richard's | 6.00pm | Roraty Candlelight Mass |
| Friday 8th December | | |
| Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Intentions of Martin Tracey |
| St Richards | 8.45am-7.00pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| St Peter's | 10.00am | George & Maud Jolly RIP (Linda Jolly) |
| Saturday 9th December | | |
| 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 | Celebrant's Intentions |
| Sunday 10th December | | |
| 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B) | | |
| St Richard's | 8.30am | Maureen & Michael Buck RIP (Family) |
| St Peter's | 9.00am | Sr. Stanislaus (Mary Noble) |
| St Richard's | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| Our Lady | 11.00am | Wellbeing of Eva Armstead (Dascalopoulos family) |
| St Richard's | 12.00 noon POLISH MASS | Celebrant's Intentions |