

Parish of St Richard of Chichester

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

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All 3 churches
have a loop
system.

11th March

4th Sunday of Lent

Psalter Week 4

This week's readings 4th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

First Reading: Chronicles 36:14-16 The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

Responsorial Psalm O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

Gospel Accl: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: John 3:14-21 God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

Next week's readings 5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9 He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Accl: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel: John 12:20-30 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Prayer Opportunities

- **Adoration** Friday term-time St Richard's Blessed Sacrament Chapel 8.40am-10pm
- **Adoration** Wednesdays 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: St Peter's Church, East Wittering. 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.

Remember the sick of our parishes in your prayers:

Mark Wardell, David Finn, John Poland, Christopher Emerson, Mary Eveleigh, Eddie Rooke, Eleanor Walter, Ed Melancon, Brian Campbell, Paul Carney, Margaret Beazley, Roger Johnson, Hugh Hayward, Peter Habgood, Gail Cote, Agnes Martin, Majella Taylor, Hilary Huffell, David White, Helena Denis, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Gerald McGregor, Frank O'Donnell, Jill Serna, John Kirby, Robin Bowker, Gerry Farrell, Tony Whiting.

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

Liturgy and Education

Preparing for Baptism and Reception into the Catholic Church As part of his spiritual preparation and ongoing formation for Easter Jamal Chaboune will celebrate the Second Scrutiny next Monday, 12th March at the 12:15 Mass. The third and final Scrutiny will be celebrated at the 10 am Mass on Sunday 18th March. Please pray for him as he continues on his journey of faith.

The Diamond Jubilee Mass of St Richard's Church will be celebrated on Monday 19th March 2018, at 7.30pm with Bishop Richard, and former clergy who have served in our parish. Refreshments will be served in the school hall afterwards.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Please pray for the children from St Richard's and Our Lady who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time over the next four weeks during this Lent season.

St Peter's Adoration The rota for Adoration until Easter is now in the porch. After Easter a new six-weeks rota will be drawn up. If you can sign up to watch with the Lord for an hour a week during the six weeks up till Pentecost could you put your name in the blank form in the porch. You don't have to be on the rota to benefit from the Presence of the Lord during Adoration, just drop in anytime that it's taking place. The door is open and you are welcome.

Prayer Ministry are you worried, anxious, concerned about health, friends, family, situations? Then why not share, in confidence, with the prayer ministers who are usually present both before and after weekend Masses (wearing badges).

Ecumenical Lenten Group (Bosham) 11.15am Friday mornings at Our Lady of the Assumption We will be joining with members of Holy Trinity Church to follow a course which considers how the visual arts provide inspiration and pathways to prayer. All welcome. For further details contact Sally Morley 01243 572855

St Peter's Preparation for Easter Next Thursday we continue the DVD showing of *The Passion* with the third episode at 2 pm in the church hall. Even if you haven't been able to get to the first two episodes you are very welcome to come along.

Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles Sunday 29 April 2018 at 3pm This is a day of Pilgrimage and Prayer for the re-flourishing of our Faith, for the grace to build a culture of Life and for true Peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples & Nations. We will surround the coasts of our Isles with prayer and encircle them with a Living Rosary for Life, Faith and Peace at 3pm. At the same hour those in inland locations will gather at their Cathedrals, Churches and Shrines. <https://facebook.com/rosaryonthecoast/> or www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

Homeless in Chichester A message from Churches Together leaders. There are currently between 12 and 15 people sleeping rough in Chichester most nights. The District Council are having accommodation built to help people off the streets but will not be running a night shelter. We recognise the need for a cold weather shelter next winter especially for the long-term homeless and for those who find themselves homeless suddenly. A steering group has been formed, and the plan is to employ a Christian part-time outreach worker to engage with the street homeless from late spring/summer 2018. We hope to set up a church run winter night shelter to open in November and to run until March 2019. Our vision is not only to provide a roof over people's heads and to give them a hot meal, but to show Christian hospitality and friendship to enable people to take positive steps in their lives. A programme of recruitment and training for volunteers will begin

Stations of the Cross -

Held at St Richard's Church on Friday evenings at 7pm throughout Lent.

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| 9th March | Led by all the candidates from the Confirmation Group |
| 16th March | Led by members of the Men's Group (rescheduled) |
| 23rd March | Led by one of the St Richard's Alpha Small Groups |

Social Events

Christian Aid soup lunches will be held again at Christ Church every Wednesday during Lent, from 12 till 1.30pm, on March 21st. There is no set charge but all donations are for Christian Aid.

Bosham Lent Lunches 12pm - 1.30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption The ecumenical Lent Lunches organised by Meeting Point start Friday 16th February and continue for six weeks. Come along and enjoy a meal of homemade soup, bread, cheese and coffee. All proceeds (£4 per person) will go to support the local homeless charity Stonepillow.

St Peter's Amble All welcome to the first amble of the year, at last the weather seems to have improved. We should meet outside the cafe in the Canal Basin at 10.30 hours Wednesday 28th March and we will walk along the canal to Hunston, where we can have a bite to eat at the Spotted Cow. For enquiries please contact Mick or Pat on 01243 674585 or 0788 142 5302.

St Patrick's Night Shared Supper Come and celebrate St Patrick's Day at St Peter's Church Hall on Saturday 17th March 7pm for 7.30pm. Bring a dish to share and your own drink. Please also bring along a raffle prize if you can.

Evening Concert at Our Lady of the Assumption 21st April 7.30pm An excellent traditional Russian vocal ensemble from St Petersburg called Lyra will be playing a programme of traditional classical, sacred and folk songs at Our Lady of the Assumption. Tickets are £10, and are available at Masses, from the Parish Office, and on the door on the night. Parking is available.

Other

Ministries over the Triduum There are **sign up sheets available in the sacristy** at St Richard's and Our Lady for ministries over the Triduum. If you are available to: welcome, read, be an extraordinary minister, sacristan or altar serve please could you put your name down on the list. Alternatively you can do this online at strichardschichester.co.uk/survey

The Event this month will be on Thursday March 15th at Our Lady's, Bosham, with Mass at 12.15, lunch at about 1pm, followed by a quiz (not too serious!) All are welcome. If you require transport, please phone Tony, 781040.

Life Matters The next meeting of the local branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be on Thursday, 15 March, at 7.30 pm, in the lower parish room at St Richard's church, Cawley Rd, Chichester, PO19 1XB. We aim to support a culture of life in our society, so that all human life, especially the most vulnerable, is respected, cherished and protected. Everyone welcome.

Mercy House Update we have heard from Diana Beamish at Mercy House in Johannesburg which helps orphans and refugees to rebuild their lives. They have just updated their website with news about recent projects and achievements that hopefully you will have time to look at. Diana says "Life at MH is always vibrant, moving forward and it is a privilege to be able to do this work, for God. Thank you for the support and encouragement you give me personally and to the work in general" <http://www.mercy-house.co.za>

Easter Flowers St Richard's and Our Lady There will be a second collection next week at St Richard's and Our Lady for the Easter flowers.

St Peter's Easter Flowers Please note that the usual tin and dedications book will be there for your use in the porch at St Peter's for the collection monies towards purchase of the Easter flowers.

Pilgrimage to Jordan Could you be interested in a pilgrimage to Jordan in October run by the company Pilgrimage People? The dates are October 29th to November 5th 2018 and the pilgrimage includes all meals and is fully guided and the cost is £1690 (with a single supplement). If this is something you might be interested please let the parish office know.

APF Red Boxes – St Peter's It's that time of the year again. Will all APF Red Box holders please bring in their boxes and place them in the church porch so that we can collect and send away the money. Thank you all who help to contribute to this overseas mission which plays a vital role in the life of the church.

Thank you from the KSC for supporting the raffle ticket fundraising initiative for their official charity Missio

Paper Cuts and Canon Dermod Fogarty You may have heard about a new book called 'Paper Cuts' by Dr Stephen Bernard in which allegations of sexual abuse are made by him against Canon Dermod Fogarty who was a priest in this parish. The Diocese first received Dr Bernard's allegation on 6th September 2012 and responded in accordance with the Church's national procedures; a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Office met with Dr Bernard on 10th September 2012. This was shortly before Canon Dermod died in October 2012 when he was already seriously ill and was not able to respond to the allegations. The Diocese was also aware that Dr Bernard reported his complaint to the Police in 2015 and has cooperated with them and all statutory agencies as appropriate.

Please pray for both Dr Bernard and Canon Fogarty to the Lord who knows all.

Financial Performance

St Peter's

For the month 1st to 31st January 2018

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| Income | £2,891 |
| Expenditure | £4,185 |
| Deficit | £1,294 |

Four Sunday Collections in January 2018.

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| Cash not Gift-aided | £481 |
| Gift-aided envelopes | £349 |
| Gift-aided Standing Orders | £779 |
| TOTAL DONATIONS | £1,609 |

January 2018

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| £9,500 | £9,522 | £22 |

St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption

For the period 1st January - 31st January 2018

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| Total Income | £11,081 (Budgeted Income | £13,391) |
| Total expenditure | £24,183 (Budgeted Expenditure | £15,925) |
| Deficit | £13,102 | |

The Deficit is due to the Diocese Levy being deducted late in January 2018 instead of December 2017 as budgeted. Also our Gift Aid tax rebate is later than expected.

Four Sunday Collections in January 2018.

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| Cash not Gift-aided | £2,496 |
| Gift-aided envelopes | £1,254 |
| Gift-aided Standing Orders | £5,173 |
| An estimated gift aid rebate | £1,607 |
| TOTAL DONATIONS | £10,530 |

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| Saturday 10th March | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intentions |
| St Richard's | 4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i> | Celebrant's Intentions |
| St Richard's | 6.00pm | Marion Loftus RIP (H.Loftus) |
| Sunday 11th March | | |
| 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) | | |
| St Richard's | 8.30am | Maureen and Michael Buck RIP (Family) |
| St Peter's | 9.00am | Derek Smith RIP (Joan Smith) |
| St Richard's | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| Our Lady | 11.00am | Margaret Jane Ward RIP (D. Ward) |
| St Richard's | 12.00 noon POLISH MASS | Celebrant's Intentions |
| Monday 12th March | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intentions |
| St Richard's | 12.15pm | The wellbeing of Patrick Busby (The Chapman Family) |
| Tuesday 13th March | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intentions |
| Our Lady | 10.00am | Celebrant's Intentions |
| Wednesday 14th March | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Philip Sleven RIP |
| St Richard's | 12.15pm | Celebrant's Intentions |
| St Peter's | 10-12noon | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thursday 15th March | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Celebrant's Intentions |
| Our Lady THE EVENT | 12.15pm THE EVENT | David Frank Moore RIP |
| Friday 16th March | | |
| St Richard's | 8.00am | Anna McFadden RIP (L.Whitaker) |
| St Richard's | 8.45am – 10.00pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| St Peter's | 10.00am | Robert Clarke RIP (Maureen Savage) |
| St Richard's | 7.00pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday 17th March | | |
| St Patrick | | |
| 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 18th March | | |
| 5th Sunday of Lent | | |
| St Richard's | 8.30am | People of the Parish |
| St Peter's | 9.00am | Veronica Brown RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze) |
| St Richard's | 10.00am | Sue Hehir RIP |
| Our Lady | 11.00am | For the intentions of Kathy and Brian Campbell on their wedding anniversary (Roger & Pat) |
| St Richard's | 12.00 noon POLISH MASS | Celebrant's Intentions |