

**28th October**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Psalter Week 1

**Newsletter for the Parish of St Richard of Chichester,  
Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham & St Peter's Parish, Wittering**

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Priests are available for Confessions:  
St Peter's, Fridays, 9.30am-10am,  
St Richard's (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)  
Saturdays 11.30am-12pm & 5.15-  
5.45pm and other times by request.



All 3 churches  
have a loop  
system.

Over the coming weeks and months changes are being discussed within our Diocesan communities and it is helpful to understand the context in which the Church is operating today.

Bishop Richard in his pastoral plan explains why we all need to think again about what our church is for. He says "The Church in this country finds herself in a very significant moment. Many have described society as 'post-Christian' or 'post-religious.' This presents the Church with both a challenge and a significant opportunity. While the secularist agenda challenges the way of the Gospel, it also provides a place for dialogue – to which Pope Benedict referred in his speech in Westminster Hall in 2010."

Fr James Mallon in his book the Divine Renovation also talks about the context in which we now find ourselves. He says that over the past 50 years our society has witnessed the most accelerated social change. Fifty years ago culture supported faith and church attendance. Fast forward with mass media, changing family patterns to today where we now live in a secular society where religion is not supported by our culture, or respected. So we need to do something different to move away from maintenance of our churches towards a new missionary church.

**Not many of us like change, but continuing to do what we have always done will not sustain our church for future generations.**

"The biggest crisis", says Fr James Mallon "that is affecting the Catholic church today is not the sexual abuse scandals, falling numbers of priests, falling numbers attending Mass, social change, or Mass media rather it is a crisis of identity. We have forgotten what we are called to do as a church. We are all called to be missionary disciples." James Mallon goes on to say "We know that just because someone believes in Jesus or goes to church it does not mean they have a hunger. Something must happen to awaken that hunger and that is evangelisation."

- The Bishop's Pastoral Plan can be found on our website via a button on our the home page.
- Copies of The Divine Renovation book can be borrowed from the parish office.
- Many inspiring Divine Renovation clips and podcasts can be seen on YouTube.

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

First Reading:	Jeremiah 31:7-9	I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.
	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</b>
Second Reading:	Hebrews 5:1-6	You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.
Gospel Accl:	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!</b>	
Gospel:	Mark 10:46-52	Master, let me see again.

## Liturgy and Education

### Prayers at the Memorial to Children

**Lost Before Birth, Arundel, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 3 pm.** At the Blessing of Graves service in Arundel Catholic cemetery, prayers will be said at this Memorial, to remember with love children lost before birth and to pray for the families suffering grief at their loss.

**Rosary before Mass** - During October, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed before the Sunday Masses at St Peter's and St Richard's. At Our Lady's, the Angelus will be prayed at the end of each Sunday Mass.

**Altar Servers Formation Meeting** The next altar servers' formation meeting will be on Tuesday 30th October at 7pm in the lower parish room.

### Sunday Mass 11/11 at Bosham

Armistice Day this year falls on a Sunday. Mass at Bosham will start at the later time of **11.30am** to allow people to attend the Bosham Memorial Service for the WW1 centenary.

**St. Peter's Children's Mass.** The next Mass involving our children will be on Sunday November 25th. Please put the date in your diary. if your children would like to be involved and see Christine Barton after Mass or contact her on 07763337665.

**St Peter's Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Adoration takes place in St Peters on Wednesday mornings from 9am - 12 noon. This is a unique opportunity to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It has been found in many dioceses that where Adoration has been established the number of vocations has increased. There is a blank rota in the church porch for new volunteers please put your put name in one of the time slots. We would like to have more people during the 11 - 12 slot if possible.

**Service of Remembrance St Peter's with a blessing for the new Garden of Remembrance** 31st October Holy Souls 7-7.30pm. We are planning a service of remembrance for our departed loved ones. Could you send via email copies of your departed loved ones to Fr Sebastian (or photos that we can scan and return to you). We will make a display of all the photos for the service.

**Blessing of the Graves, Bosham 12.15pm** After the 11am Bosham Sunday Mass on 4th November there will be a short ecumenical service for the blessing of the graves at the Bosham Burial Ground.

**Bereavement Mass** The yearly Mass to commemorate all those whose funerals have taken place this year and all of our departed friends and family, will be held on Saturday 10th November at 12.15pm at St Richard's Church. During the Mass there will be an opportunity for everyone to light a candle in memory of their loved ones. Following the Mass refreshments will be served in the Lower Parish Room.

**Laying Up of the Boats Mass at Bosham** On 18th November the 11am Sunday Mass at Bosham will be a special 'Laying Up of the Boats' Mass. It will be a normal Sunday Mass but it will be attended by members of Holy Trinity Church, and the Sailing Club to mark the fact that the Commodore of Bosham Sailing Club is one of our parishioners. The Church will be specially decorated on that day. The intercessions will be adapted to mark this special occasion.

**Remember the sick in our parishes in your prayers:** Anthony Canon, Walter Hoppe, Amelia Rowley, Miriam Freeman, Christine Snow, Christopher Emerson, Eddie Rooke, Eleanor Walter, Ed Melancon, 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 know of any changes*

## Financial Performance

### St Peter's

For the month 1st to 30th September 2018

Income	£2,756
Expenditure	£3,227
Deficit	<u><u>-£471</u></u>

Five Sunday Collections in September 2018.

Cash not Gift-aided	£821
Gift-aided envelopes	£563
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£389
TOTAL DONATIONS	<u><u>£1,773</u></u>

### St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption

For the period 1st January - 30th September 2018

Total Income	£132,117 (Budgeted Income	£139,089)
Total expenditure	<u>£145,846 (Budgeted Expenditure</u>	<u>£137,225)</u>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b><u><u>-£13,729</u></u></b>	

Five Sunday Collections in September 2018.

Cash not Gift-aided	£3,181
Gift-aided envelopes	£1,467
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£3,913
An estimated gift aid rebate	<u>£1,345</u>
TOTAL DONATIONS	<u><u>£9,906</u></u>

September 2018 St Richards & Our Lady - Offertory  
**Target £9,500 per month**  
**Budget £85,500**  
**Year to Date Actual £82,091**  
**Deficit £3409**

**You will note the offertory deficit has increased, perhaps now is a good time to review your giving for the year**

## Admin

### Retired Priests' Collection - Sunday

**4th November 2018** Every year at least £200,000 is needed for the support of our retired priests. The amounts incurred are likely to increase in coming years as more priests reach retirement age. This support ensures that priests do not face financial hardship when their parish ministry comes to an end.

While in active parish ministry, priests' accommodation and domestic needs are met by the parish and a modest personal income is usually provided from offerings at Christmas, Easter and from baptisms, weddings and funerals. There is no charge to the parish for pension contributions to fund the future needs for their priest. The Retired Priests' Fund supplies these needs, whether the priest is able to live independently or whether more care is required. In recent years, this collection has contributed only a fraction of the amount needed. Please give generously so that we can express our concern and gratitude towards those who have served us so loyally over the years. *Bishop Richard*

(your donations can be gift aided)

**Can you help?** Due to unforeseen changes to the personal circumstances of members of the Finance Team we have a requirement for three new regular volunteers.

Vacancy 1 Two positions

**Collection counting** Responsibilities: to prepare all income monies for banking. When: Monday mornings usually from 9:00 to 11:30. The job is by rota and will normally require attendance 8 or 9 times per year.

Vacancy 2 One position

**Data Entry to our computer** Responsibilities: to prepare all Gift Aid envelopes for input to Bishops House. When: A minimum of 14 times per year . 1 to 2 hrs per session. Basic computer literacy would be an advantage.

Training will be given. The ability to work as part of a team is essential, as well as (due to nature of the subject) total reliability, integrity and confidentiality.

INTERESTED? Contact the Parish Office to arrange a chat

**10 Bridges Walk** All the sponsorship is in now and the total is £420+. Kathy Campbell is very thankful for your generous support. See [lifecharity.org.uk](http://lifecharity.org.uk)

**Night Shelter - next steps** At the meeting for the Chichester night shelter a form was handed out giving options for people to volunteer. If you would like a copy of this form then please contact the parish office.

## Social Events

**Night of Light - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** We will be marking the vigil of the feast of all saints day with Night of Light celebrations. After school there will be carved pumpkins outside St Richard's church and the chance for the children to light a candle for loved ones that have passed away. Celebrate the victory of light over darkness in the lives of God's holy ones in heaven with your own party celebrations at home suggestions can be found at: [www.nightoflight.org](http://www.nightoflight.org). The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be open until 7.30pm for quiet prayer/ to light a candle or lantern.

**St Peter's Ladies' Christmas Lunch** This has been booked for Friday 14th December at Dom's Italian Restaurant, Bracklesham. If you would like to come please add your name to the list in the church porch.

**St Peter's Minibus** Last Monday Sanctuary in Chichester had an Outing to Slindon. Youngsters from Eritrea and volunteers enjoyed the journey. The minibus was ideal to transport them. Reliable and value for money. Slindon was a good destination in autumn half term, the pumpkin display and behind the Catholic Church refreshments served by ladies of the Parish.

**1st Monday Coffee Morning** on Monday 5th November at 15 Juxon Close 10.30-12 noon. Car Parking is not available but it is very near 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.

**Haven Time** Thursday 15 November 11.30 to 4pm . Give some time to prayer and reflection using a new set of Stations of the Cross made by Kim Dobson and learning of the message of Fatima. Venue Sussex Heritage Centre, Warningcamp, Arundel, BN18 9QY. Cost £10 to include lunch of soup, bread and cake. To book or enquire please phone Maria on 01903 413606 [www.sussexheritage.co.uk](http://www.sussexheritage.co.uk)

### 3 Churches Pre-Advent Dinner with music, 16th November, Chichester Park Hotel

Come along on 16th November for good food, drink, music and good company. Held at the Chichester Park Hotel from 7pm. A three course meal will be served (choices given before the evening), coffee and a glass of wine is all included in the cost of the ticket. Smart dress. Tickets cost £30 and can be bought from the repository after all weekend masses, or the parish office. Fran has tickets at Our Lady, and Geoff at St Peter's. Please try and support this parish initiative if you can.

<b>Saturday 27th October</b>		
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	2pm	Wedding Ordinariate Rite
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving (Caroline and John H)
<b>Sunday 28th October</b>		<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
St Richard's	8.30am	Charles and Josephine Hay RIP (K Jackson)
St Peter's	9.00am	Maria Grabowski RIP (Pat Thompson)
St Richard's	10.00am	Gino Mercone RIP
Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
<b>Monday 29th October</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
<b>Tuesday 30th October</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
<b>Wednesday 31st October</b>		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Wilfrid Loftus RIP
St Peter's	9-12noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursday 1st November</b>		<b>All Saints</b>
St Richard's	9.05am School Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
St Peter's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Roy Preston RIP (Cleofe Preston)
Our Lady	7.30pm	Celebrant's Intentions
<b>Friday 2nd November</b>		<b>All Souls</b>
St Richard's	8.00 am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	8.00am-10pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10.00am	Dot Leaver RIP (Gary Leaver)
<b>Saturday 3rd November</b>		
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Deceased Brothers of the Chichester Catenians
<b>Sunday 4th November</b>		<b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
St Richard's	8.30am	Steven Edwards RIP (Jan and Family)
St Peter's	9.00am	Deceased Members of the Parish
St Richard's	10.00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady	11.00am	Brian Campbell RIP (Fran & Gerry)
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions