

4th November
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

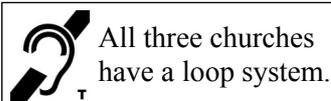
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Priests are available for Confessions:
St Peter's, Fridays, 9.30am-10am, St
Richard's (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Saturdays 11.30am-12pm & 5.15-
5.45pm and other times by request.

Remember the sick in our parishes in your prayers: Anthony Canon, Walter Hoppe, Amelia Rowley, Miriam Freeman, Christopher Emerson, Eddie Rooke, Ed Melancon, Peter Habgood, Gail Cote, Agnes Martin, Majella Taylor, 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*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading:	Deut 6:2-6	Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.
	Responsorial Psalm	I love you, Lord, my strength.
Second Reading:	Hebrews 7:23-28	Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.
Gospel Accl:	Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life Alleluia!	
Gospel:	Mark 12:28-34	This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

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

From the pen of Fr Tom:

As you will have read from our newsletter, we have had a very successful 'awayday' recently for the pastoral teams of our three churches. Our purpose to reflect on where we are going, especially in the light of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, and the insights of a very helpful book *Divine Renovation* by Fr James Mallon.

The call to be more missionary as a parish is something we must all take to heart. We gave much thought to the importance of being a welcoming community.

Small gestures can go a long way, and no better place to start than in the Mass itself. And so, this is what we have proposed and which we all agreed: at the start of each mass at every weekend, the priest will invite the congregation to turn to their neighbour and greet them as they would at the sign of peace (which will continue to happen at the normal time). One person even dared to suggest it would be more effective still, if people were prepared to change where they sit from time to time!

Advent marks the beginning of the church's year and therefore would be an excellent time to introduce this change. It would also give us time to pray for God's blessing on this and on all our future attempts to become a more welcoming parish, so necessary if we are to shift 'from maintenance to mission'

Another suggestion at our awayday was for us to have our own 'parish prayer' expressing our resolve to be a more welcoming parish, and that we should pray this regularly at Mass. And so, watch this space!

Liturgy and Education

**Blessing of the Graves, Chichester Cemetery 3pm THIS Sunday
4th November**

**Blessing of the Graves, Bosham Burial Ground THIS Sunday 12.15pm
4th November**

Prayers at the Memorial to Children Lost Before Birth, Arundel, Sunday 4th 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.

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. *(There will be a Children in Need tombola and cake stall after the children's Mass. Tombola donations to Erna please, and cakes on the day.)*

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday 18th December 7pm at St Richard's with priests available for individual confession and absolution

Advent Day of Recollection 1st December The day will be lead by Fr Michael Winstanley former lecturer in biblical studies at Durham, who contributes to many Catholic journals. It take place at St Richard's School. The day will start with Mass at 10am at St Richard's Church. Please bring your own sandwiches (coffee and tea will be served). The day will end at 3pm.

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.

Aid To the Church in Need have designated Wednesday 28th November as a day of special prayer for those Christians who have been persecuted and died for their faith. On that day **St Peter's church** will be open from 9 am - 4 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament so that people may drop in to pray and light a candle for this cause. Please come in during the day to show solidarity with those who have paid the ultimate price for their belief in Christ.

Laying Up of the Boats Mass at Bosham On 18th November the 11am Sunday Mass 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.

On Sunday November 11th at 6.00pm St Peter's, at East Wittering, will be participating in The Battle's Over, a Nation's tribute, A Hundred Years of Remembrance. We would hope many of you will join us in listening to a short programme of poems and music and then, along with many other communities across the U.K. we will light our bonfire, listen to the Last Post and then ring our bells for peace. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Justice & Peace Assembly 2019: 'Slavery On Our Doorstep', Saturday 26th January, from 10 am at The Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC) in Crawley, learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. Call Rosie Read at 01293 651161 rosie.read@dabnet.org

Financial Performance

St Peter's	
For the month 1st to 30th September 2018	
Income	£2,756
Expenditure	£3,227
Deficit	<u>£-471</u>
Five Sunday Collections in September 2018.	
Cash not Gift-aided	£821
Gift-aided envelopes	£563
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£389
TOTAL DONATIONS	<u>£1,773</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	£145,846 (Budgeted Expenditure	£137,225)
Deficit	-£13,729	
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		£1,345
TOTAL DONATIONS		<u>£9,906</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

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Retired Priests' Collection This Sunday

4th November 2018 Bishop Richard writes:

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. (your donations can be gift aided)

Tesco Extra's foodbank collection

29/30 Nov and 1 Dec We are taking part in the Chichester collection.

The Big Encounter Diocesan Youth and young adult festival, next Saturday, Worth Abbey, at the Performing Arts Centre, starting at 6.30pm and ending at around 9.30pm. It's totally free, and there's no need to book. We're expecting a few hundred people and we've got an amazing line-up for the event. It's open to anyone aged 16-35. For more information, search for 'Catholic ENCOUNTER' on Facebook.

Social Events

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.

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

Statue of St Richard Many thanks to those who have already donated money towards the carved statue of St Richard we now have £2000. The total cost of the statue will be £5,000, so we are making good progress. If you would like to make a donation please place it in an envelope marked St Richard's statue. Thank you.

Our Lady's Organ Fund Appeal After last Sunday's appeal for funds to replace the old organ at Our Lady's we would welcome your donations either before or after Mass over the next two weeks. The total cost of replacement will be about £15,000 and we have already raised just over £9,000. Please make cheques payable to St Richard's Parish and mark on the envelope that it is for the organ fund. All donations can be gift aided.

St Richard's Primary School Open Day Do you have a child due to start school in September 2019 and are keen to see our Catholic School setting? **Monday 5th November 9.15 and 13.15** Come along to the Open Day to find out more about St. Richard's School. If you would like to meet the Headteacher, and have a tour of the school, please contact the school office on 01243 784549. Tours will be at 9.15am and at 1.15 pm.

Prayer Ministry If you have worries or concerns about health, friends or family perhaps our prayer ministers can help. Available before and after weekend Masses (wearing badges)

1st Monday Coffee Morning on Monday 5th November at 15 Juxon Close 10.30-12 noon. It is very near to St Richard's for parking. 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 based on 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

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.

Saturday 3rd November		
St Richard's	12.15pm	Marguerite Affleck RIP 25 th anniversary
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Deceased Brothers of the Chichester Catenians
Sunday 4th November		31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
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
Monday 5th November		
St Richard's	8.00am	The intentions of Ivan and Claire (Caroline and Jon H)
St Richard's	12.15pm	Deceased members of the Doocey & Sharkey Families
Tuesday 6th November		
St Richard's	8.00am	In Thanksgiving (Ginu and Mathew)
Our Lady	10.00am	Hugh Hayward (Fran and Gerry)
Wednesday 7th November		
St Richard's	8.00am	Frank du Moulin RIP
St Richard's	12.15pm	Helen Mary Fuller RIP
St Peter's	9-12noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 8th November		
St Richard's	8.00am	In Thanksgiving (Ginu and Mathew)
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Friday 9th November		Consecration of the Lateran Basilica
St Richard's	8.00 am	Jessica and Richard Pinder RIP
St Richard's	8.00am-10pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10.00am	Deceased family relatives (Gill & Geoff Breeze)
Saturday 10th November		Leo the Great
St Richard's	12.15pm Bereavement Mass	For the departed loved ones of our parish
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Christians in the Holy Land (E & J O'Hea)
Sunday 11th November	Remembrance Sunday	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Richard's	8.30am	People of the Parish
St Peter's	9.00am	Mary & Bill South RIP (Janet Rooney).
St Richard's	10.00am	T K George RIP
Our Lady	11.30am (PLEASE NOTE)	Roger Johnson RIP (Fran and Gerry)
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions