

9th December
2nd Sunday of Advent (Yr C)
Psalter Week 2

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

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Rorate Masses (Mass by Candlelight)


Our Rorate Masses are held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Richard's for all parishioners, especially children, and are an opportunity to attend a simple candlelight service preparing us all for Advent.

There are 2 more Rorate Masses to be held this Advent: 20 Dec at 6pm and at 8am on Christmas Eve followed by breakfast in the lower parish room. Please come along and bring a lantern and candle with you if you can. All very welcome.

The name '*Rorate Mass*' comes from opening words of the Latin text:
'Rorate coeli desuper et nubes pluant justum,'
which comes from the Book of Isaiah (Isaiah 45:8) and means:
*'Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One.'*

Rorate Masses are special ('votive') Masses in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated during Advent, and their origins can be traced back as far as the Middle Ages. They are traditionally celebrated before sunrise (or after sunset) by candlelight in a dark church and in Poland many children attend them, walking to church in the dark with their families. We are grateful that Father Sebastian has brought this beautiful Polish tradition to our parishes.



 All three churches have a
loop system.

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: Jenny Edwards, 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*

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First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 God means to show your splendour to every nation.
Responsorial Psalm What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.
Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11 Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.
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: Luke 3:1-6 All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Liturgy and Education

Please pray for the repose of the soul

of Chichester parishioner Sheila MacDonald who passed away last week. She will have a memorial Mass said for her at St Richard's and The Blessed Virgin Mary Anglican Church in Singleton in the New Year. Date yet to be decided.

Confessions During Advent can be heard before each of the weekend Masses (after the Bosham 11am Mass)

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 18th December 7pm at St Richard's with priests available for individual confession and absolution. We are expecting six priests so please make every effort to join us.

Witterings Carol Service will be on Sunday 16th December at 4 pm. This is a service of readings and carols for Christmas followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Bosham Carol Service 4.00pm on Sunday December 23rd at Holy Trinity, 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. All welcome.

Chichester Carol Service 16th December at 4.00pm at St Richard's Church. Come along and join in a service of traditional Christmas carol singing and Christmas readings.

Recommissioning of all Readers Please note this will take place on Bible Sunday, this weekend, (8-9 Dec) at all our Masses.

Advent at St Peters During Advent there will be an opportunity to come closer to Mary through reflecting on her 'Yes' to God. There will be a series of DVD presentations with discussion at 29 The Crescent, East Wittering. Everyone is very welcome so do come along. Tea and Coffee will be available.

Welcomer Formation Day 9th Feb for all welcomers across our 3 churches. There will be a speaker. To be held at St Richard's. Please put the date in your diary – more details to follow in the New Year.

SPUC Youth Conference 15 – 17 March 2019, Milton Keynes. Distinguished pro-life speakers, discussion groups and workshops, social events. All-inclusive cost £115. Sponsored places often available. For more information, see www.spuc.org.uk

Singers: St Richard's Carol Service, 16 December. Singers are warmly invited to join the choir for the Carol Service on 16 December. All welcome; men/tenors/basses particularly sought. Rehearsal: 10 December at 7pm. Please email strichardsparishmusic@gmail.com to let the choir know if you will come.

Flame the biggest Catholic youth event is taking place again next year at Wembley Stadium on 2nd March. Our young people that have attended Flame in the past have enjoyed the day, and got a lot out of it personally. Tickets cost £23 and we will be making a block booking directly after Christmas for all those that would like to go from our parish. Please let the parish office know.

Advance Notice: Our next Parish Day of Recollection will be in Lent on Saturday 30th March led by Fr Adrian Graffy who taught scripture for many years at Womersley.

Financial Performance

St Peter's	St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption
For the month 1st to 31st October 2018	For the period 1st January - 31st October 2018
Income £2,412	Total Income £145,599 (Budgeted Income £152,481)
Expenditure £1,216	Total expenditure £153,409 (Budgeted Expenditure £145,680)
Surplus £1,196	Deficit -£7,810
Four Sunday Collections in October 2018.	Four Sunday Collections in October 2018.
Cash not Gift-aided £567	Cash not Gift-aided £2,610
Gift-aided envelopes £423	Gift-aided envelopes £1,156
Gift-aided Standing Orders £519	Gift-aided Standing Orders £5,073
TOTAL DONATIONS £1,509	An estimated gift aid rebate £1,557
	TOTAL DONATIONS £10,396

Statement of Financial accounts
www.strichardschichester.co.uk/reports

October 2018 St Richards & Our Lady - Offertory
Target £9,500 per month
Budget £95,500
Year to Date Actual £91,529
Deficit £3,471

The offertory deficit has increased, perhaps now is a good time to review your giving for the year

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Christmas Flower Collections **THIS**

WEEKEND 8/9th December There will be second collections for Christmas flowers at St Richard's, St Peter's and Our Lady on 8/9th December. At St Peter's there is also a book in the porch to write the names of loved ones to whom you would like to dedicate the Christmas flowers to.

Sign Up for Ministries at Christmas

Readers, Welcomers, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans and Servers please sign up **by 16 December** for ministries at the St Richard's Christmas Masses and services, either on the sheets in the sacristy or online at www.strichardschichester.co.uk/survey. Masses include: the Chichester Carol Service, Christmas Night (10.30pm) Mass, 8.30am and 10am Masses on Christmas Day. Many thanks.

St Richard's School form signing

For those of you who are applying for a place at St Richard's School the dates for school form signing. **Dec 5th 3.15-4.15, Dec 11th 6-7pm, Jan 9th 3.15-4.15pm**

The Knitted Nativity

at St Peter's is available to go in family homes from this weekend. Please add your name to the list in the porch if you would like it to visit.

Christmas Posters are now available from the back of each church

Please take a poster and display it in a front window of your home for others to see as they are passing. The posters have been donated by the Knights of St Columba in our parish.



Chaplain for St Philip Howard School Are you passionate about developing the Catholic faith amongst young people? Do you have the ability to inspire young people and develop their faith? If so, read on as this could be the opportunity you've been waiting for! St Philip Howard Catholic School is currently looking to appoint a Chaplain (or member of a Chaplaincy team) to support the liturgical and wider Catholic life of the school. Full details of the vacancy can be found on the SPH website: www.sphcs.co.uk. Visits from prospective applicants are always very welcome. Closing date for applications is 9am on Friday 11 January 2019.

Food bank collection at Tesco's collected over 3 tonnes of food and Tesco's increase that by 20%.

Thank you to all those that attended the Afternoon Tea on 2 Nov in Memory of Dot Leaver, it raised £1450.00 in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Social Events

Soup lunches will be held at Christ Church each Wednesday in Advent, 12 - 1.30. There is no charge for the lunch but donations for Christian Aid will be welcome. Please try to support this ecumenical initiative, especially on December 5th when it is the turn of St Richard's to provide the lunch. See poster in porch for more details.

Prayer Opportunities

- **Adoration** Friday at St Richard's Blessed Sacrament Chapel 8.00am-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.
- **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.
- **Runcton Manor: Quiet day** A day of rest & reflection. 3rd Wednesday of every month 10.30am to 12.30pm followed by shared lunch. 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. For all enquiries please call Kate on 07808 761696.

Saturday 8th December		The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St Richard's	12.15pm	Arackal Family Intentions
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Louise Walton RIP (Furnell Family)
Sunday 9th December		Second Sunday in Advent
St Richard's	8.30am	Kathleen and Thomas Richardson RIP (Sue & Pat)
St Peter's	9.00am	Veronica Brown RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze)
St Richard's	10.00am	Wellbeing of Pauline & David White (M&B Southward)
Our Lady	11.00am	Tina McNally RIP (McCormack Family)
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 10th December		
St Richard's	8.00am	Brenda Hanauer RIP
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Tuesday 11th December		
St Richard's	8.00am	Julia Outram Bull RIP
Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 12th December		
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Katharine Shrubbs (Annie Kelly)
St Richard's	12.15pm	Intentions of Julia Janiec (Jean French)
St Peter's	9-12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 13th December		St Lucy
St Richard's	8.00am	Private Intention (Lena Finn)
St Richard's	12.15pm	Rebecca Cookson RIP
Friday 14th December		St John of the Cross
St Richard's	8.00 am	Deceased relatives (T&M Hodgekiss)
St Richard's	8.00am-10pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	12.00am	Betty Kibble RIP Requiem (Mgr John Hull to preside)
Saturday 15th December		
St Richard's	12.15pm	The Intentions of the Sunny Family
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Marie Marguerite RIP
Sunday 16th December		Third Sunday in Advent
St Richard's	8.30am	Hay, Watson, and Neil Family (K. Jackson)
St Peter's	9.00am	Beryl O'Dowd RIP (Christine Bingham)
St Richard's	10.00am	Patrick Doocey RIP
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions