

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

23rd December - 4th Sunday of Advent

30th December - The Holy Family

6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

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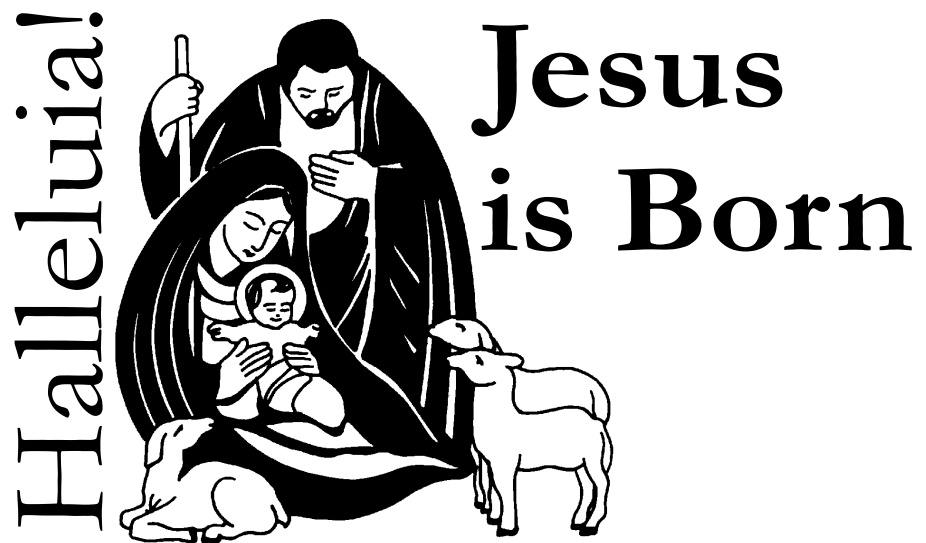
4th Sunday of Advent (Year C) 23rd December 2018

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4 Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Resp Psalm God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44 Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?



The Holy Family (Readings YrA, Gospel YrC) 30th December 2018

1st Reading: Eccles 3:2-6 He who fears the Lord respects his parents.

Resp Psalm O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

2nd Reading: Col 3:12-21 Family life in the Lord

Gospel Yr C Luke 1:41-52 Jesus is found by his parents sitting among doctors.

The Epiphany of the Lord 6th January 2019

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Resp Psalm All nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord.

2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3 It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12 We saw his star and have come to do the kind homage

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

Remember the sick in our parishes in your prayers: Jean Cooper, 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*

Liturgy and Education

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.

Carols for the Christmas Services at Our Lady of the Assumption Carols for Shepherds and Angels start at 4.40pm, (Mass starts at 5pm), and at 10.45am (Mass at 11am) on Christmas Day.

The Statement on Settlement Scheme in the UK by Conference of Bishops in England and Wales starts *“The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all EU citizens who have made their home here. As the majority are themselves Catholic this is a special pastoral concern for us. The Church has experienced first-hand the extensive contribution that people from across Europe have made to our society. They are an integral and valued part of our parishes, schools and communities. We also recognise the evidence that immigration from Europe has not undermined opportunities for UK citizens, but rather brought considerable economic and social benefits. It is clear that since the 2016 referendum many people living here have faced profound uncertainty and insecurity about their future.”*

For the Bishops’ full statement please go to www.dabnet.org/News/View/262 or enquire at the parish office for a paper copy.

Advance Notice: Our next Parish Day of Recollection will be in Lent on Saturday 30th March led by Fr Adrian Graffy former scripture professor at Womersley and the author of several bible commentaries.

Rorate Mass (by candlelight) the last Rorate Mass this year will be held at St Richard’s at 8am on Christmas Eve. Please come along with your lanterns if you can. Breakfast will be served afterwards in the lower parish room. Everyone welcome.

St Stephen’s Day on Boxing Day We will be holding a Mass at St Richard’s on 26th Dec at 10am for the altar servers of each of our churches for them to renew their promises and to collect their medals. There will be snacks and games afterwards in the parish rooms. Please let the parish office know if your child can make it.

St Peter’s Adoration As Boxing Day falls on Wednesday there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on 26th December.

Welcomer Formation Day 9th Feb for all welcomers across our 3 churches. Margaret Fraher who is the Inclusion Advisor for our Diocese, will lead the day (she is a highly motivated speaker). To be held at St Richard’s. Please put the date in your diary – more details to follow in the New Year.

Flame This big national event for young Catholics is taking place 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.

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

As a parish we plan to run a course called **Consoling the Heart of Jesus**, a follow-up to 33 Days retreat by Fr Michael Gaitley. This retreat is inspired by the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius. In preparation for this you may like to buy the book, or research the course online at Fr Michael Gaitley MIC Consoling the Heart of Jesus do it yourself retreat. Look out for details of the course in the early New Year. If you would like to know more or would like to sign up please speak to Sally, Niki or contact the Parish office.

Financial Performance

St Peter's		St Richard's and Our Lady of the Assumption	
For the month 1st to 30th November 2018		For the period 1st January - 30th November 2018	
Income	£15,869	Total Income	£159,449 (Budgeted Income £165,873)
Expenditure	£4,275	Total expenditure	£167,931 (Budgeted Expenditure £162,085)
Surplus	£11,594	Deficit	-£8,482
Our increase in income this month is due to a legacy.			
Four Sunday Collections in November 2018.		Four Sunday Collections in November 2018.	
Cash not Gift-aided	£464	Cash not Gift-aided	£2,821
Gift-aided envelopes	£376	Gift-aided envelopes	£1,160
Gift-aided Standing Orders	£359	Gift-aided Standing Orders	£3,858
TOTAL DONATIONS	£1,199	An estimated gift aid rebate	£1,254
		TOTAL DONATIONS	£9,093

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

November 2018 St Richards & Our Lady - Offertory Target £9,500 per month Budget £104,500 Year to Date Actual £99,967 Deficit £4,533

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

Admin

All money from collections on Christmas Eve, Night & Christmas Day

goes towards the annual income of Fr Tom and Fr Sebastian. All your donations can be gift aided using your usual envelopes or the bright yellow ones found at the back of the church. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

LATE REQUEST FOLIAGE FOR FLOWERS

- if you have Holly, Ivy or other evergreens to spare for the Church Christmas flowers please could you bring some THIS Sunday afternoon or Monday morning and leave in the Church porch at St Richard's. Thank you.

Gifts for Hospital Visitors - The Chaplains at the hospital have given gifts to all our hospital visitors as a thank you for your valuable work over the past year. They can be collected from the sacristy in each church.

Church Minibus For details on how you can use the church minibus please go to the website goo.gl/WS87AZ or call Amy at the parish office on 01243 782343, or email David Field on kibblecards1@gmail.com

Bosham Organ Fund We have raised an impressive £9,676 towards the full cost of £15K to replace the organ at Our Lady of the Assumption. All donations very gratefully received in an envelope marked Bosham Organ Fun. All donations can be gift aided.

A&B News: Your attention is drawn to the excellent, very informative article on St John's Seminary (pg2-3). We have a special parish commitment to pray for more vocations through our membership of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration. We also have the privilege of often having seminarians with us on pastoral placements

Social Events

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine will be served in the lower parish room at St Richard's after the Mass of Christmas Night and the 10am Mass on Christmas Day

Party for the newly baptised and their families All families with a child baptised in 2018 are invited to the 10am Mass on 6th January 2019 and to meet in the parish rooms afterwards for refreshments.

We will be welcoming Gary Carter into our Parish for a month from 3rd January. He is spending his first year of formation at the English speaking seminary in Valladolid, Spain. He will be here to learn about life in a busy parish and will shadow Fr Tom and Fr Sebastian throughout their parish work during his time here.

The Parish office at St Richard's and at St Peter's will be closed after Christmas until 7th January.

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. **Jan 9th 3.15-4.15pm**

Coffee and Chat Thursday December 27th 10.30am to 11.30am
Come along to Our Lady of The Assumption, on the Thursday after Christmas, for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. All very welcome.

Missio Calendars Missio (Since 1922, Missio has been the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission.) Calendars are available for free from the back of the churches at St Richards and Our Lady. Please do take one.

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

Mass Donation Envelopes St Richard's If you have requested some (or more) Mass donation envelopes they can be collected from the porch at the back of main church. There are quite a few to be collected.

White Flower Appeal - the Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on 19/20 January. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC protect all vulnerable life.

Coffee and Mince pies at St Peter's Do come into the hall after Mass for tea, coffee and mince pies both on December 23rd and on Christmas Day after the 9 am Mass.

New Year Coffee Morning will be on Monday 7th January at 15 Juxon Close 10.30-12 noon. Car Parking is not available in Juxon Close but it is very near to St Richard's Church. There is a pathway close to the side of the school. All welcome. Any queries please contact Jean on 775675.

St Peter's Ladies' Lunch will now take place at Dom's Italian Restaurant, Bracklesham, on Thursday 24th January at 12:30.

Saturday 22nd December		
St Richard's	12.15pm	Jack Vesey RIP (Kay McHale)
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre
Sunday 23rd December		Fourth Sunday in Advent
St Richard's	8.30am	Don Mercer RIP (Sarah McGreal and Family)
St Peter's	9.00am	Steve Edwards RIP (Monica Turlamain)
St Richard's	10.00am	Joe and Bertha Silver RIP (Family)
Our Lady	11.00am	Giuseppa Scaffidi RIP
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 24th December		Christmas Eve
St Richard's	8.00am <i>Rorate Mass</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Our Lady	5.00pm (Carols 4.40pm)	<i>Angels and Shepherds</i> In Thanksgiving (Ginu & Mathew)
St Peters	8.00pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> Murray Hayes RIP (Robert, Suzette Hayes)
St Richard's	6.00pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	10.30pm	<i>Christmas Night Mass</i> Mary & Peter Elliott RIP (Family)
Tuesday 25th December		Christmas Day
St Richard's	8.30am	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i> In Thanksgiving
St Peter's	9.00am	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i> Leslie Buckley RIP (Mary Buckley)
St Richard's	10.00am	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i> Patrick Gooderson RIP (Family)
Our Lady	11.00am (Carols 10.45am)	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i> Patrick Griffin RIP (Griffin Family)
St Richard's	12.00am POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 26th December		St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)
St Richard's	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (Mary & Martin Downy)
St Richard's	12 noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday 27th December		St John, Apostle and Evangelist
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Martin Tracey RIP (Peter Kelly)
Friday 28th December		The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
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	Private Intention (Mary Buckley)
Saturday 29th December		St Thomas Becket, Martyr
St Richard's	12.15pm	Jack Vesey RIP (Carole McHale)
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday 30th December		The Holy Family
St Richard's	8.30am	Mark Lucas RIP (His Family)
St Peter's	9.00am	Private Intention (Mary Buckley)
St Richard's	10.00am	Lisa O'Connor RIP (Eileen Martin & Family)
Our Lady	11.00am	Ian Griffith RIP (Angela and the Griffith Family)
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions

Saturday 29th December		St Thomas of Canterbury, Martyr
St Richard's	12.15pm	Jack Vesey RIP (Carole McHale)
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday 30th December		The Holy Family
St Richard's	8.30am	Mark Lucas RIP (His Family)
St Peter's	9.00am	Private Intention (Mary Buckley)
St Richard's	10.00am	Lisa O'Connor RIP (Eileen Martin & Family)
Our Lady	11.00am	Ian Griffith RIP (Angela and the Griffith Family)
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 31st December		
St Richard's	8.00am	In Thanksgiving (Ginu and Mathew)
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Tuesday 1st January		Mary, Mother of God
St Richard's	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (Ginu & Mathew)
Wednesday 2nd January		Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday 3rd January		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	For the speedy recovery of Nicole (J.Janiec)
Friday 4th January		
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	Celebrant's Intentions
Saturday 5th January		
St Richard's	12.15pm	The intentions of the Arackal Family
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday 6th January		The Epiphany
St Richard's	8.30am	Bridie McGreal (McGreal Family)
St Peter's	9.00am	Betty Kibble RIP (Mary Noble)
St Richard's	10.00am	Private Intention
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions

Saturday 5th January		
St Richard's	12.15pm	The intentions of the Arackal Family
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th January		
The Epiphany		
St Richard's	8.30am	Bridie McGreal (McGreal Family)
St Peter's	9.00am	Betty Kibble RIP (Mary Noble)
St Richard's	10.00am	Private Intention
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 7th January		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Brian Campbell RIP (T&M Hodgekiss)
Tuesday 8th January		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 9th January		
St Richard's	8.00am	Pam and Michael Dunne RIP
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday 10th January		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Friday 11th January		
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	Barbara Gallagher RIP (Clare Walton)
Saturday 12th January		
St Richard's	12.15pm	The intentions of the Arackal Family
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday 13th January		
The Baptism of the Lord		
St Richard's	8.30am	Joseph Casey RIP (F&G Casey)
St Peter's	9.00am	Margaret Bingham RIP (Christine Bingham)
St Richard's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions