

**Newsletter for the Parish of St Richard of Chichester,
Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham & St Peter's Parish, Wittering**
3rd March 2019 **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Psalter week 4

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All three churches
have a loop system.



**“There is no sound
tree that produces
rotten fruit”**

—
Luke 6: 39-45

This Week: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

First Reading: *Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7*

Do not praise a man before he has spoken.

Ps91:2-3 It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:54-58*

He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the
words of your Son. Alleluia!**

Gospel: *Luke 6:39-45*

A man's words flows out of what fills his heart.

Next Week: 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

First Reading: *Kings 8:41-43*

If a foreigner comes, grant all he asks.

Ps116:1-2 Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News.

Second Reading: *Galatians 1:1-2. 6-10*

If I still wanted men's approval, I should not be a servant of Christ.

**Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among
us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become
children of God. Alleluia!**

Gospel: *Luke 7:1-10*

Not even in Israel have I found faith like this.

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:

George Murphy, Patrick Hill, Rita & Eddie Rooke, Jan Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Anthony Canon, Walter Hoppe, Miriam Freeman, Christopher Emerson, Ed Melancon, Peter Habgood, Gail Cote, Agnes Martin, Majella Taylor, David White, 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 to be made to the list*

Liturgy and Education

80th Anniversary - St Peter's Advance notice of the Thanksgiving Mass to mark the 80th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated at St Peter's. It will take place on 9th April at 7pm. The principle celebrant will be Bishop Richard. Canon Kieron will be joining us too. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards. More details to follow.

Young Catholic Adults (17-35)

Friday 8th March at 7.30pm. We will be meeting in the upper parish room (down Cawley Road, ring on the doorbell for the upper parish room). Come along at 7.30pm, to meet other young local Catholics in a relaxed environment. You will be very welcome - please let anyone else know who you think may want to join us.

Lent Groups

Bosham Meeting Point are running 2 prayer groups during lent: Starting Wednesday March 13th at 7.30 pm or Friday March 15th at 11.15am. The Friday group will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption. Both groups will be following material on a theme of our personal vocations. All are most welcome to join us. For further details contact Sally Morley 01243 572855

Installation of Section President All parishioners are very welcome to join the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at the installation of the Section President Liz McCombe at 11am Mass on Saturday 16th March at Our Lady of the Assumption. The principle celebrant is Bishop Richard Moth. The Order is a charity which supports the Christians in the Holy Land by prayers, financial aid and by visiting on pilgrimage. The EOHSJ is a Roman Catholic Order of Knighthood under the protection of the Holy See. The Pope is sovereign of the Order. (More info will be displayed in the Narthex at Our Lady)

CAFOD Fast Day March 15th please note the day in your diaries.

Sunday 17th March 2.30 pm St Richard's Church -

Eucharistic Healing Service Fr Rod from Worth Abbey will be leading this beautiful service. A simple liturgy of the word will be followed by an opportunity to be blessed by the in the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance. Healing may be spiritual, physical, psychological, or emotional healing or you may simply request a strengthening of faith.

If you would like further prayer, there will also be the opportunity to pray with one of the parishes' prayer teams.

One of the best-loved sayings of the Lord is: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." God wants to give in abundance the gift of His healing love and so we rightly turn to Him in our need.

Afterwards refreshments will be served in the Lower Parish room, please do join us.

Day of Recollection—Saturday 30th March

Our guest speaker Fr Adrian Graffy taught scripture for many years at St John's Seminary, Womersley and is the author of several books. The day will begin at St Richard's Church with 10am Mass and will continue at St Richard's School Hall. It will finish at about 3pm. Please bring along a packed lunch.

Rite of Sending Forth to the Cathedral This weekend during the 10am Mass, in anticipation of their forthcoming Baptism at Easter, Kaye and Jane will celebrate the Rite of Sending Forth to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. This will be celebrated by Bishop Richard next Saturday afternoon at Arundel Cathedral. Kaye and Jane will be joined by Simon, Sean, and Milko who will be Confirmed at Easter, and Tenache who will be Confirmed at Pentecost. We pray for them and their families as they take this next step in their journey of faith.

Bosham Tuesday Group Over the next few weeks we shall be viewing the film "POPE FRANCIS, A MAN OF HIS WORD". We have coffee after the 10am Mass and then the film. We aim to finish by 11.30am. Do join us, you will be most welcome.

Rosary for the Unborn A Rosary for the Unborn will be said by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and the Knights of St. Columba on the third Friday of each month in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 2pm. This Rosary will continue until November 30th.

Prayer Ministry If you have worries or concerns about health, friends or family our prayer ministers are very willing to pray with you before and after weekend Masses (wearing badges)

Financial Performance

The January finance figures will be delayed due to the installation of the new accounting system being rolled out across the Diocese. We are working hard to implement the new system and will have the figures out for you as soon as possible. There will be a short delay, however, whilst we work through a few initial glitches with the system. Thank you for your patience.

Lent Lunches Starting Friday March 8th 12 - 1.30 at Our Lady of the Assumption and running every Friday during Lent. This is a real opportunity to support the homeless charity Stonepillow and to share a light meal with others. Excellent home made soup! All welcome.

St Patrick's Day Shared Supper at St Peter's Church Hall, on Sunday 17th March at 7pm. Bring a dish to share, and all your own drinks. All welcome.

THIS WEEKEND St. Peter's Pre Lent

Breakfast Do join us in the Hall after Mass on Sunday March 3rd for a sit-down Continental Breakfast. This is a chance for our parishioners to get together so even if you don't usually stay after Mass maybe you could for this event. Bring a friend/husband/wife/anyone! All welcome and all free.

1st Monday Coffee Morning on Monday 4th March at 15 Juxon Close 10.30 - 12 noon, the last of the Winter season. Car Parking is not available in Juxon Close but it is very near to St Richard's church. There is a pathway to the Close at the side of the School. All welcome; any queries please contact Jean 775675.

We would like to thank all those who generously helped organise the Table Top Sale, make the lovely soups and cakes, and to all those who donated money, clothing and food. Also to all who took part in the Cake Raffle, which was won by Mrs Claire Collington of Worthing. The total amount collected was £371.50.

The KSC would like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets to support the KSC charities.

Jumble Sale in aid of Mary's Meals 11th March 2pm St Peter's Hall. Please bring all jumble to the Parish Hall the morning of the sale. All enquiries please call Sylvie on 07948 826339.

THIS WEEK Drinks and nibbles after the Saturday 6pm

Mass On the first Saturday of every month in the lower parish room after the 6pm Vigil Mass please come along to drinks and snacks / nibbles. A perfect opportunity to catch up with parishioners and a chance to meet new ones. **Starting this Saturday (2nd March).**

FIRST AMBLE of the year will take place on Wednesday 13th March along the canal. Meet at the canal basin at 10.45am. All are very welcome. Call Kathy for any enquires 01243 370237

Soup lunches will be held at Christ Church on Wednesdays during Lent, on March 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd, 10th and 17th, from 12 noon till 1.30pm. This is an ecumenical effort to support Christian Aid, particularly with their work to provide health clinics for mothers and babies in Sierra Leone. Please try to attend these lunches if you can, especially on March 27th when it is the turn of St Richard's to supply and serve the soup. Many thanks to all who came to these lunches during Advent when over £600 was raised from just four sessions.

Arundel for Peace in Palestine are holding a Vintage and Pre-loved Sale at the Cathedral Centre on Saturday March 30th 10-2p.m. Clothes, bric a brac, toys, textiles, jewellery, and much more. Also a Palestinian stall and raffle. Home made cakes and refreshments. All in aid of Nurses from Nablus, a project to fund two nurses to come to the UK to learn about specialist cancer nursing. Please come and support. Offers of cakes or, quality, saleable items accepted. Contact Anne on 01903882758

Encounter Evening in Bognor for 16-30s The next ENCOUNTER evening in Bognor is this Friday (8th), 7.30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor. ENCOUNTER evenings are open to anyone aged 16-30 and they're free of charge. A great way to make some friends and deepen your faith in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Our speaker this month will be Bognor native Bethan Townsend from the Wellspring Community. As well as hearing Bethan, there will be music, food, adoration, and the chance to mix and get to know people.

Prayer Opportunities

- **Adoration** Friday at St Richard's Blessed Sacrament Chapel 8.00am-10pm
- **Adoration** Wednesdays 9-12 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 2nd March		
St Richard's	12.15pm	In Thanksgiving (Mier Causarin)
St Richard's	4.15 <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Deceased members of the Nights of St Columba
Sunday 3rd March		8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Richard's	8.30am	Nora Maher RIP (Tony & Maria Hodgekiss)
St Peter's	9.00am	Deceased members of St Peter's Choir (The Choir)
St Richard's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Our Lady	11.00am	People of the Parish
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 4th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Kenneth Tracey
St Richard's	12.15pm	Philip Moore RIP (Jasmin Moore)
Tuesday 5th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Health and wellbeing of Stephen Clive
Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 6th March		ASH WEDNESDAY
St Richard's	9.05am School Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
St Peter's	9am-12noon	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Deceased relatives of Eileen Butler RIP
Our Lady	7.30pm	Wellbeing of Josephine Geoghegan (J Janiec)
Thursday 7th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	The intentions of Jothis Siby
Friday 8th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Tina Tracey
St Richard's	8.00am-10pm	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Saturday 9th March		
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	Pauline Vidler RIP (Vidler Family)
Sunday 10th March		9th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Richard's	8.30am	People of the Parish
St Peter's	9.00am	Robert Clarke RIP (Maureen Savage).
St Richard's	10.00am	Rowena Tindall RIP (Mary & Martin Downy)
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.00am	Celebrant's Intentions