

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

10th March 2019

1st Sunday of Lent

Psalter week 1

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have a loop system.



This Week: 1st Sunday of Lent (Year C)

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*
The creed of the chosen people.

Ps90 Be with me, O Lord in my distress.

Second Reading: *Paul 10:8-13*
The creed of the Christian.

Gospel Accl: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on the word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: *Luke 4:1-13*
Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

Next Week: 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year C)

First Reading: *Genesis 15: 5-12*
God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

Ps26:1.7-9 The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*
Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel Accl: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: *Luke 9:28-36*
As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face changed.

Stations of the Cross this Lent

St Richard's 7pm each Friday in Lent and will be led by a different Church group each week. Next week (15th March) will be led by the Men's Group. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed during Stations of the Cross.

Our Lady Tuesday mornings after 10am Mass. This will include one or two Stations each week.

St Peter's Fridays after the 10am Mass.

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.

St Peter's Lent Group How can we know we are reading Scripture from the heart of the Church? During Lent St Peter's Lent Group will look at the Bible from a Catholic perspective with the study: *Genesis to Jesus*. We meet on Thursdays at 29 The Crescent, East Wittering, at 2 pm. Everyone is very welcome so do come along.

The Event - 21st March at Our Lady of the Assumption Bosham. To include a DVD on the Stations of the Cross. All newcomers welcome.

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 NEXT FRIDAY March 15th please note the day in your diaries.

A Mass of Thanksgiving Catherine Hunn will be retiring as Headteacher of St Richard's Primary School at Easter. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for parishioners, parents and carers to attend, celebrating her dedication and leadership on Tuesday 26th March at 6pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the School Hall. All adults welcome.

If any parishioners were considering making a gift to Catherine on her retirement, there will be a centralised collection at the School for a collective gift.

NEXT SUNDAY 17th March 2.30 pm St Richard's Church

Eucharistic Healing Service Fr Rod from Worth Abbey will be leading us in a simple liturgy of the word 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 Gaffy 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.

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.

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)

Easter Triduum Retreat for Young Adults (18-35s)

This Easter weekend, there will be a retreat for young adults at Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery, celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The monastic community at Worth Abbey and the members of The Wellspring Community invite you to join us for this great Feast! To Book, please contact The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey (TOC@worthabbey.net) for a booking form. If you have any questions, do drop us an email youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

St Richard's New Rotas

The new Mass rotas will be out on Monday.

In order to comply with GDPR if we want to send out contact details of other parishioners on the rota for duty swaps, we first need to have written consent from everyone. There are lists for each Mass in the sacristy. Please could you sign the form to either give consent (or not) for your contact details to be used by other parishioners in case of swaps.

Second Collection Next Weekend will come from the money saved from the CAFOD Fast Day.

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.

KSC Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper Friday 5th April at 7.00pm at St Richard's Contact Ray Webb 788803

All Welcomers

New welcomer badges are now available in each of the sacristies. There should be a welcomer badge for every welcomer, if you cannot find yours then please get back to Amy at the Parish Office. Lapel clips have been added to each of the badges if you would prefer a lanyard (Cord around the neck) then there are some available from the parish office.

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

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.

It was lovely to see so many people last week at the first of our monthly social gatherings after 6pm Mass. This was an informal gathering with some just popping in to say hello or to stay a bit longer and share some food and drink. From next month we thought it would be nice for people to bring a plate of finger food to share. But don't worry if you can't as you will always be very welcome. **The Saturday Socials will be on the first Saturday of each month with the next being on the 6th April.**

Thank you from Jean French to all who came to the 1st Monday coffee mornings over the winter months. Fr Tom is delighted it has been agreed unanimously to make a donation to the parish towards the statue of St Richard. The current figure for the Statue fund stands at £2330, and now a further £85 has been added from the coffee mornings. Thank you for your generosity.

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 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		1st Sunday of Lent
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 POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 11th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Andy Steen RIP (Frank O'Donnell)
Tuesday 12th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	For the intentions of Joe and family
Our Lady	10.00am	Fr John Kelly RIP
Wednesday 13th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	In Thanksgiving (Ginu and Mathew)
St Peter's	9am-12noon	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Richard's	12.15pm	For the intentions of Rita Quinn and Family (Frank O'Donnell)
Thursday 14th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	In Thanksgiving (Ginu and Mathew)
St Richard's	12.15pm	The intentions of Jothis Siby
Friday 15th March		Lent Fast Day, Day of Abstinence
St Richard's	8.00am	The intentions of Jothis Siby
St Richard's	8.00am-10pm	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 16th March		
Our Lady	11.00am	Installation of Section President Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Bishop Richard will preside.
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 17th March		2nd Sunday of Lent 'Transfiguration Sunday'
St Richard's	8.30am	People of the Parish
St Peter's	9.00am	Veronica Brown RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze)
St Richard's	10.00am	Chris Dwyer RIP (Mary & Martin Downy)
Our Lady	11.00am	Patrick Kennedy RIP (Stephen and Kate Phillips)
St Richard's	12.00am POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	2.30pm	Eucharistic Healing Service