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NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome!
Please fill out a new parishioner form at
www.strichardschichester.co.uk/new-here

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Priests are available for Confessions:
St Peter's, Fridays, 9.30am-9.55am,

St Richard's, Saturdays,
(Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
11.30am-12pm &
5.15-5.45pm and by appointment

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23 February 2020

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We begin this Lent with a loss and a gain: We lose Fr Sebastian Kijak and we gain Sebastian Paul. Let us keep them in our prayers especially over these coming weeks as they adjust to their new surroundings. May their future priestly ministry be truly blessed and fruitful.

Other changes are afoot this Lent: You don't need reminding that we have just entered, last Friday (21st Feb), the final stage of our preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary, to be celebrated on 29th March, the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

The free booklet '33 Days to Morning Glory' offers most helpful reflections for daily preparation. Whether or not we choose to use it, what is most important is that we take on something each day in order to re-consecrate our hearts to Jesus through Mary.

Another change this Lent, which will make it a more enriching experience for us, is that it coincides with our launch of Parish Family Groups. The timing is good because it reminds us that no new initiative or activity, whether to do with Lenten observance or dedication to Mary, can ever be fruitful if it is isolated from the Community. Once again I invite you therefore to consider joining a parish family group.

We all need each other if we are to answer God's call to grow in Faith, charity and holiness. So there is much to look forward to this Lent.

Let us keep one another in our prayers. God bless you

Fr Tom

This Week: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter Week 3

First Reading *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*
You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

Ps 102 The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: *Corinthians 3:16-23*
All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 5:38-48*
Love your enemies.

Remember the sick in our parishes in your

prayers: Neil Sands, Liz O'Hea; Kay Howlett, Eileen and Peter Robson, Mairead (Lyons) Hardy, Sheila Brown, Rene Coutts, Michael O'Neil, Helena Denis, Patrick Hill, Rita & Eddie Rooke, Jan Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Walter Hoppe, Christopher Emerson, Peter Habgood, Gail Cote, Agnes Martin, Majella Taylor, David White, Nicola and Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Gerald McGregor, Jill Serna, Robin Bowker, Gerry Farrell, Tony Whiting.

Please let the office know if you know of any changes to be made to the list

All churches have a loop system.



Liturgy and Education

Parish Retreat Day 'A Spiritual Toolkit for Lent'

will be on Saturday 7th March held at the School.
10.30am Coffee / tea (St Richard's Primary School)
11.00am Talk 1
12.15pm Mass at St Richard's Church
1pm-2pm Lunch (please bring a packed lunch)
2.00pm Talk 2
2.45pm Holy Hour at St Richard's Church
3.45pm day ends

Led by Dom Stephen Ortiger, former Abbot of Worth

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday at St Richard's at 7pm

(after Adoration throughout Lent).
Each week it will be led by a different group.

Date	Led by the following groups:
28 Feb	Those following the One Thing is Three Programme (<i>those who would like to read please meet in the sacristy at 6.45pm</i>)
6 Mar	Pro-Life Group
13 Mar	Post Alpha Link Group
20 Mar	Visiting Group
27 Mar	Men's Group
3 Apr	Confirmation Candidates

Advance notice: Readers' Training

Fr Tom would like to strongly recommend that all readers of St Richard's; Our Lady of the Assumption and St Peter's try to attend an evening of readers' training held at St Richard's. There are 3 dates to choose from: 25th Feb, 5th March, 9th March all at 7.30pm. Please inform the parish office if you would like a lift. More details to follow, but please keep one of those dates free.

Are you a Catholic, working in Healthcare, a medical or nursing student, or studying for another health profession?

The Sussex Branch of the Catholic Medical

Association is holding a "Reinvigoration Meeting", with Bishop Richard and Dermot Kearney, National President. **21** March at the Sussex Heritage Centre, Arundel, BN18 9QY (plenty of parking, easy rail access) Meet beforehand at Arundel Cathedral, for Mass and Adoration at 10am (with opportunity for confession). Then to the Heritage Centre nearby from 11.15am to learn about the CMA, and its younger members' group, with talks (working as a Catholic in the Emergency Department; the importance of the message of Fatima in today's politics and society and the rededication of England to Mary; on medical ethics and political issues) plus lunch and time to meet like-minded professionals. Celebrate our God-given vocations together! Listen to the God Who Speaks!
Register with Eventbrite [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sussex-branch-cma-meeting-tickets-91493113365) (for catering numbers)
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sussex-branch-cma-meeting-tickets-91493113365> Contact Dr Dominic Whitehouse with any queries - Email: dpwshc@gmail.com

St Peter's During Lent: Beginning next Thursday and every Thursday during Lent there will be a series of DVD presentations in the hall. Narrated by Bishop Robert Barron and filmed in Israel and many sacred sites throughout the world, the spiritual and intellectual riches of the Catholic faith are revealed. Sessions begin at 1:45 and tea and coffee will be served. Everyone is very welcome. Session 1: Jesus of Nazareth.

Bosham Ecumenical Lent Groups start straight after Ash Wednesday: (two groups, using the same material meeting weekly.) The daytime group starts Friday February 28th 11.15 - 12.15 at Our Lady of the Assumption further details from Sally Morley 01243 572855 The evening group starts Wednesday March 4th at 7.30pm. Further details from Trish Boissevain 01243 574434 We will follow a six session course, 'The Joy of the Gospel', which explores Pope Francis' acclaimed reflections, published as 'Evangelii Gaudium'.

24 Hours for the Lord - St Richard's Friday 20th March with Adoration from 8am until 8am Saturday 21st March. Confessions are planned during the day. Sheets will be available to fill in your availability for Adoration throughout the day and night.

Lent Material 2020 Course can be downloaded as one booklet from www.ctbi.org.uk/lent

Prayer Ministry If you have worries or concerns about friends or family or personal health our prayer ministers are available to pray with you before & after weekend Masses. They are wearing their badges.

Hosanna 2020

Two chances to see the performance of Hosanna, a cantata in song and mime led by the Diocesan group Hand-in-Hand. We relive the events of Holy Week from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the devastating crucifixion on Good Friday, with a hint of what happened next.
Sunday 8th March at The Poor Clares Convent, Crossbush, Arundel BN18 9PJ, at 3pm and at St. Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking, GU22 7DT on Saturday 4th April at 2.30 pm. Both followed by refreshments. Do come and be part of the crowd following Jesus throughout that week.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brendan Tully who passed away a couple of weeks ago. He taught History at SPH for over forty years and is a very well known and well loved man. Many past pupils have happy memories of his teaching and compassion for pupils during his time there. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 4th March at 10.30am at St Richard's Catholic Church in Slindon.

World Day of Prayer 2020

St Richard's
Women's World Day of Prayer 6th March St Richard's Church—
soup served at 1pm in lower parish room. Service starts at 2pm. This
year: Praying with Zimbabwe. Refreshments served afterwards.
Details: Maria Hodgekiss 01243 781040.

Our Lady
World Day of Prayer organised by the women of Zimbabwe, is
celebrated on Friday March 6th. Our service at Bosham is at 1.45,
following on from the Lent Lunch. All welcome to join us in prayer.

St Peter's
World Day of Prayer at St James's Birdham at 2.00pm on Friday 6th
March with afternoon tea afterwards. Service arranged by the
women of Zimbabwe. If possible wear a colour from the flag of
Zimbabwe. Green, Gold, Red or Black.

Jumble Sale Saturday 29th February at 2pm in aid of charity.
Please bring jumble to church or Sylvie can collect Sylvie
07948826339.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St.
Patrick. 16th March 2020. £599.00 per person. Single supp
£100.00. Flight with 10kg bag, 4 nights' Knock House Hotel with
breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days
out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or
email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL
T7613.

Mini Walking Pilgrimage 'The God Who Speaks' 7th to 10th
May: Arundel, Duncton, Chiddingfold, Guildford. Walk over a long
weekend. Costs £50 total. Details www.thepilgrims.org.uk

Coffee and Chat The next meeting is Thursday February 27th
10.30 - 11.30 at Our Lady of the Assumption. All welcome.

Bosham Ecumenical Lent Lunches start Friday February
28th 12 - 1.30 and continue every Friday during Lent.
All welcome for these social and fundraising events.
Proceeds are divided between Stonepillow and Voices in Exile

St Peter's Pre-Lenten Ladies' Lunch This will take place
on Friday 21st February at 12 noon in The Shore pub, East
Wittering. So that we can get an idea of numbers could you put
your name on the list in the porch at the back of church.

Notice of Intention to Marry: For those of you considering
marriage please be aware that this Diocese requires that you contact
the parish in which you wish to be married 12 months beforehand, in
order to begin the appropriate preparation and complete the required
paperwork. Thank you.

Annual Justice & Peace Conference: "2020 Vision: Action
for Life on Earth". Ecological Conversion: necessity, dream or
delusion? 17th-19th July. Visit: <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk>

Fr Sebastian Kijak will be leaving our parish this
Monday 24th February to become Assistant Priest in
Brighton with Canon Kieron O'Brien. We will hold a
goodbye celebration for him here on Saturday 14th
March after the 6pm Mass at St Richard's.

We welcome Fr Sebastian Paul here on Tuesday 25th
February as our new Assistant Priest.

Masses on Ash Wednesday

9.05am	St Richard's (School Mass)
10am	St Peter's
12.15pm	St Richard's
7.30pm	Our Lady of the Assumption

Christian Aid Soup Lunches at Christ

Church Lent lunches will begin on Ash Wednesday
and continue every Wednesday throughout Lent, 12 -
1.30pm. Please try to support these as well, especially
March 4th the turn of St Richard's to provide and
serve the soup.

Quiz and Fish 'n Chip Supper at 7.30pm

Friday 13th March, in the Lower Parish Room.
Entrance £7. All welcome. Organised by the KSC.

Encounter An evening for young adults, sharing
the faith with adoration and prayer. Guest speaker:
Deacon Tom Kent. The next Encounter evening is
Friday 6th March 7:30pm, Parish Centre, Bognor
Regis, PO21 1LP.

Beginning Experience: A weekend away for
those who find themselves single again following
separation, divorce, or the death of a partner. The
Beginning Experience is a weekend programme to
help you to move from the darkness of your grief into
the light of a new beginning and to face the future
with renewed hope. Next weekend is 3-5 April at the
Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. More
information from Freda 01322 838415 or Maura
01322 551503 or John at
johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

First Monday Coffee Morning Monday 2nd
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.

Saturday 22nd February		The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
St Richard's	12.15pm	Miriam Freeman-McKenna RIP
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Bill And Dorothy Deacon RIP (Caroline and John)
Sunday 23rd February		7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Richard's	8.30am	Anthony Cannon RIP (Sue and Sean Ahern)
St Peter's	9.00am	Manch Taylor RIP (Susie Adams)
St Richard's	10.00am	Hannah Allen RIP (Marion and Will)
Our Lady	11.00am	Tom Durkin RIP and the wellbeing of Sue (M&M Southward)
St Richard's	12noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 24th February		Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
St Richard's	8.00am	Fr Raymond Brain CP RIP
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Tuesday 25th February		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Our Lady	9.25am	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 26th February		ASH WEDNESDAY
St Richard's	9.05am	School Mass
St Peter's	10am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Peter's	9am-12noon	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Richard's	12.15pm	John McKenna RIP (John & Charlotte Peters)
Our Lady	7.30pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday 27th February		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Mary's intentions
Friday 28th February		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	8.00am-9pm	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10.00am	Mary Walker (Gio Grabowski)
Saturday 29th February		
St Richard's	12.15pm	Holy Souls (Madonna and Rachel)
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Wellbeing of Sheila Chalk (Mary and Martin)
Sunday 1st March		First Sunday of Lent
St Richard's	8.30am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Peter's	9.00am	Frank & Kitty Bleeze RIP (Katherine Bleeze)
St Richard's	10.00am	Alf Kirkham RIP (Marion and Will)
Our Lady	11.00am	Wellbeing of Joy (M&B Southward)
St Richard's	12noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions