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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

Request your email copy of this newsletter from the parish office

1st March

First Sunday of Lent

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

In Lent, many will be giving up something, but another choice is to do something positive for our parish. There are a wide range of parish activities that need just a little help occasionally, such as welcoming, reading, gardening, cleaning brass, candles, flowers, visiting the sick and housebound or helping at the Harvest Supper or special celebrations in our parish. We **all** have special skills and it need not be a big commitment – just an hour or two, spread among many, can make a huge difference.

On this First Sunday of Lent let us all see if we can commit to doing something, however small, and ask ourselves – “Is it I, Lord?”

If you feel you can help out then please contact the parish office at St Richards's or St Peter's, using the contact details given.

This Week: First Sunday of Lent

Psalter Week 1

First Reading *Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7*

The creation and sin of our first parents.

Ps 50 Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-19*

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

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: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

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

NEXT SATURDAY is the 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)

Each week it will be led by a different group.

Date	Led by the following groups:
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 2 more dates to choose from: 5th March, 9th March both at 7.30pm. Please inform the parish office if you would like a lift. More details to follow.

Adoration at St Richard's 6th March

There will be a change of time of Adoration on 6th March due to the World Day of Prayer Service taking place on that day. Adoration will run from **8-10am and from 4pm—9pm** on that day only.

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. Meet beforehand at Arundel Cathedral, for Mass and Adoration at 10am (with opportunity for confession). Then to the Heritage Centre nearby from 11.15am 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> Dr Dominic Whitehouse - dpwshc@gmail.com

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

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 Strongly encouraged by Pope Francis. 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

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.

Parish Family Groups Update

Thank you to all those who have signed up for the parish family groups. For your information the next steps are that we need to identify leaders for the groups who will then be invited to a leaders' workshop. We will be then contacting everyone for their groups after that.

It is not too late to sign up for your parish family group. Why not join a group and meet up socially with people from your church.

World Day of Prayer 2020

St Richard'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.

St Richard's Rotas

The new rotas are being put together for April 2020 onwards. We are currently looking for more people to take on the following roles at the following Masses:

Welcoming at 8.30 and 6pm Mass

this important ministry helps people unfamiliar with our Church or the Mass. On a 3 week rota please do consider putting your name forward for this important ministry.

Reading at 8.30 and 6pm Mass

If you think you might be able to help or would like some more information then please speak with Amy in the office.

St Patrick's Day Shared Supper Sunday 15th March

at St Peter's Church Hall. Starts at 7pm. Bring a dish to share and your own drinks. There will also be a quiz. If you can, please let Sylvie know what dish you will be bringing, if not please just turn up. All welcome.

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

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.

Corona Virus - Advice for Parishes and Community Facilities

 The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales Healthcare Executive Group

The key things for parishes to do are: 1. Ensure everyone maintains good hygiene especially at Mass and parish gatherings. The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus. We should be doing this all the time for 'flu:

- Catch it - sneeze into a tissue
- Bin it - bin the tissue
- Kill it - wash your hands with soap and water
- Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands.

Ask anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from taking communion from the Chalice and receive the host on the hand only. (We should be doing this anyway, every 'flu season.)

Ensure Ministers of the Eucharist sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion (we should be doing this anyway as a matter of course.) This can be done by washing hands discreetly before proceeding to the sanctuary or using good quality hand gel discreetly.

Remember to use good hand washing and gel use technique. You can find more here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/> and a poster here: <https://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/resources/posters/en/>

There is no need as things stand, for the Chalice to be withdrawn or the sign of peace suspended, such as was advised during the 2009 'flu pandemic. This advice would only come if we had a very serious epidemic in the UK and at the time of writing this is unlikely.

We will hold a goodbye celebration for Sebastian Kijak here on Saturday 14th March after the 6pm Mass followed by a reception in the School Hall. A collection will be held for him. Please place your gift to him in a clearly marked envelope in the Sunday plate or handed in to the Parish office.

We ask you to bring along a plate of food to share to the School Hall (open before the Mass to drop off if necessary). Many thanks.

Christian Aid Soup Lunches at Christ Church Lent lunches began on Ash Wednesday and will continue every Wednesday throughout Lent, 12 - 1.30pm. Please try to support these as well, especially March 18th (NB PLEASE NOTE - changed date) the turn of St Richard's to provide and serve the soup.

Church Cleaning at St Richard's will take place on Tuesday 3rd March at 2-3pm. If you can help please do come along. With many thanks

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.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day on Friday 6 March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers. As it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

Loop System at Our Lady of the Assumption

For those who are hard of hearing who attend Our Lady of the Assumption we apologise that the loop system has broken. A new system has been ordered and we are waiting for it to be fitted. We are sorry for the inconvenience and frustration caused by this.

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	Emily Hope RIP (Emma Armstrong)
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
Monday 2nd March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Thresiamma Mathew RIP
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Tuesday 3rd March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Brendan Tulley RIP (Jan and Ray)
Our Lady	9.25am	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 4th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	
St Peter's	9am-12noon	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Richard's	12.15pm	Holy Souls (Madonna and Rachel)
Thursday 5th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Deceased members of the Trezona Family (Rose Gunn)
Friday 6th March		CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
St Richard's	8.00am	Health & wellbeing of Richard Bramley (Theresa & David)
St Richard's	8-10am and 4pm -9pm	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10.00am	Mary Walker (Gio Grabowski)
VARIOUS LOCATIONS	(Different times)	World Day of Prayer (see page 3)
Saturday 7th March		
St Richard's	12.15pm	Arthur Poppy RIP (Margaret Dempsey)
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	For the deceased members of the Knights of St Columba
Sunday 8th March		Second Sunday of Lent
St Richard's	8.30am	Kathleen and Thomas Richardson RIP (Pat)
St Peter's	9.00am	Margaret Gough RIP (Mary Noble)
St Richard's	10.00am	Anne Morgan (Eileen Butler)
Our Lady	11.00am	Fr Ken Freeman RIP (McCormack Family)
St Richard's	12noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions