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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

8th March

Second Sunday of Lent

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

My Dear Brothers and Sisters

A few weeks ago we held an information meeting on 'Christians Against Poverty' (CAP) It became clear at that meeting that while those present were very keen to help people struggling against poverty they were not equipped to offer financial advice, which would be the main purpose of CAP.

Our group were more into helping in practical ways like visiting, shopping, and offering a listening ear.

Many of our parishioners are already doing this and we are most grateful to all our volunteer visitors. It has been suggested, however, that maybe the time has come to formalise these visits and to provide more of a structure.

With this in mind we have been looking towards the Society of St Vincent de Paul, a worldwide Christian Organisation dedicated to alleviating all forms of poverty through personal contact and friendship. It also has the added advantage of a great saint for its patron: St Vincent de Paul (1580-1660).

Lent would be a most appropriate time for us to consider joining the SVP. An information evening has, therefore, been arranged on Thursday 26th March at 7pm in the lower parish room. At this meeting we will be joined by 2-3 members of our local Bognor Conference who will share their experiences with us and be available to answer questions. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. I do hope that many of you will be able to attend.

And may God bless all our efforts to keep a good Lent,

Fr Tom

This Week: Second Sunday of Lent

Psalter Week 2

First Reading *Genesis 12:1-4*
The call of Abraham, father of the People of God.

Ps 32
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: *Timothy 1:8-10*
God calls and enlightens us.

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: *Matthew 17:1-9*
His face shone like the sun.

Remember the sick in our parishes in your

prayers: Neil Sands, 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

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:
13 Mar	Post Alpha Link Group
20 Mar	Visiting Group
27 Mar	Men's Group
3 Apr	Confirmation Candidates

Fr Michael Gaitley (Author of 33 Days, Consoling the Heart of Jesus, The One Thing is Three) is coming to the UK and is visiting only one parish in his time here.

He will give a talk in Fr Paul's parish of Camberley and Bagshot, at St Tarcisius Church (227 London Road, Camberley) Friday March 27. He and his fellow Marian priest, Fr James Devine, will concelebrate mass with Fr Paul at 11am. The Angelus will be prayed at noon and his talk will immediately follow (about 45 minutes to an hour.)

If you are interested in going please could you speak with either Sally, Niki or Amy in the parish office.

Cathedral Deanery Forum

St Philip Howard School, Barnham
9.30 to 1pm: Saturday 14th March

We strongly encourage you to attend this important Deanery event to listen and share with our neighbouring parishes. Hear Canon Rob Esdaile on the 'Future of Church', the Dean, Fr Peter Newsam, on the Cathedral Deanery perspective and presentations on projects that are running in our parishes. For more information, please contact Deacon Jon.

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

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 is one more date to choose from: 9th March at 7.30pm. Please inform the parish office if you would like a lift. More details to follow.

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

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.

We pray for the repose of the soul of well known and loved parishioner Gill Casey who died last week. No date has been set yet for the funeral. Please keep Gill, Frank and the family in your prayers at this very difficult time.

St Peter's During Lent: The Lent course 'Catholicism', presented by Bishop Robert Barron, continues next Thursday with session 3 *The Mystery of God* which takes us on a journey from Mount Sinai to the glorious Sistine Chapel. It begins at 1:45 in the hall. Even if you cannot attend all the sessions you are very welcome to come along.

Bosham Ecumenical Lent Groups (two groups, using the same material meeting weekly.) The daytime group on Fridays at 11.15 - 12.15 at Our Lady of the Assumption further details from Sally Morley 01243 572855 The evening group Wednesdays 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

Ignite: Teenage Retreats: 8th-10th May

2020 @ Worth Abbey Ignite retreats are faith filled, fun packed weekends for teenagers held at Worth Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Sussex. The weekends are all about exploring faith, getting to know God better whilst having lots of fun and getting to make lots of friends. Expect talks, prayer, silly activities, games, sports, drama, a space for silence and stillness, yummy food and lots of fun and laughter! The retreats are run by myself (Jess) and a great team of young adults. **To find out more or to book please email toc@worth.org.uk**

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.

Second Collection for CAFOD

There will be a second collection for CAFOD this weekend. Please gift aid your donation using the envelopes provided. It is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers. As it has been for sixty years, it 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.

The Event Thursday 19 March 12.15pm at Our Lady of Assumption Bosham

Our Event Mass this month will be dedicated to Gill Casey RIP a much loved and longstanding member of the Parish Visiting Group. Following Mass and our shared lunch we will be watching 'A Journey to the Cross' a DVD featuring the Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to join us, do come along. If you need transport, just call Tony Hodgekiss 01243 781040.

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.

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

Coronavirus

Ensure Ministers of the Eucharist sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion. This can be done by washing hands discreetly before proceeding to the sanctuary or using good quality hand gel discreetly.

Until further notice:

- Fr Tom has made the decision to withdraw the Chalice from all Masses
- the sign of peace to be suspended,
- advise parishioners to take communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.
- All weekday lunchtime masses will be held in the main church rather than the chapel

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 in 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.

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.

St Philip Howard Catholic School is currently recruiting for a Science Technician (no prior experience needed as training will be given). This is a great opportunity for someone starting out on their career or someone wishing to make a change. Please visit our website www.sphcs.co.uk for more details about the role. Visits from prospective applicants are always very welcome.

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.

Busy Bags Along with the general restrictions to curb the spread of the corona virus, the activity bags are for the moment not available. Children are of course very welcome to bring along their own reading and drawing materials.

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 'Transfiguration' 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
Monday 9th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Peggy Brouder RIP (Margaret Kirby)
Tuesday 10th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Brendan Tulley RIP
Our Lady	9.25am	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady	10.00am	Gill Casey RIP (Susan Line)
Wednesday 11th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Freya Morrison
St Peter's	9am-12noon	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Richard's	12.15pm	John McKenna RIP (John and Charlotte Peters)
Thursday 12th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Sarah Morrison
St Richard's	12.15pm	Blessings for Anna Cambi on her 94th Birthday
Friday 13th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Holy Souls
St Richard's	8-10am and 4pm –9pm	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10.00am	Mary Walker (Gio Grabowski)
Saturday 14th March		
St Richard's	12.15pm	Brendan Tulley RIP (Madonna and Rachel Theodore)
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Jerry Lyons RIP (Sheila)
Sunday 15th March		
Second Sunday of Lent		
St Richard's	8.30am	Deceased relatives of Eileen Butler
St Peter's	9.00am	Robert Clarke RIP (Maureen Savage)
St Richard's	10.00am	Carol Yapp RIP and the wellbeing of Graham and Dale
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions