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Request your email copy
of this newsletter from the parish office

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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

15th March Third Sunday of Lent

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

Dears Sisters and Brothers in Christ

God's ways are not our ways! The Coronavirus which was totally
unpredicted, is now dominating our lives and affecting the whole
planet. What can we learn from all this? What is the Lord saying to
us? It is early days. Certainly it is making us less insular and more
aware we can learn from other countries, share our skills and
resources and work together to reduce the spread of the virus.
Our first concern must always be to protect the elderly and most
vulnerable. We must cooperate fully with the measures laid down by
the authorities. Many people's work patterns are being disrupted
with the consequent loss of income in many cases as they face an
insecure future. Social events and public gatherings are being
curtailed.

In the face of all this we must act responsibly and cooperate fully.
God's ways are not our ways. Lent will not go the normal way for us
this year. Our restricted liturgies and the lack of social events will be
a real hardship. On the plus side this will enable many of us to give
more time and space for reflection and prayer. Apart from praying
for all those affected by the virus: patients, family members and
those involved in healthcare, let us also pray for ourselves that we
may be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit at this troubled yet
grace-filled time for God's people.

May God bless you all,
Fr Tom

This Week: Third Sunday of Lent

Psalter Week 3

First Reading *Exodus 17:3-7*

Give us water to drink.

Ps 94

**O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not
your hearts.'**

Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-2*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the
Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Gospel Accl:

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me
the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory
to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

Gospel:

John 4:4-42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

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:
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.

On Wednesday 25th March, on the Feast of the Annunciation, at 7.30pm in St Richard's Church, there will be the opportunity to attend Holy Mass. Afterwards, those who wish to, will **Consecrate themselves to Jesus' Sacred Heart through Mary** on this day.

If you require more information on the '33 days to Morning Glory' retreat by Fr. Michael Gailey, following the method of St. Louis De Mountford, then please contact the parish office.

The Sussex Branch of the Catholic Medical Association "Reinvigoration Meeting" planned for the 21 March **has been postponed until further notice**

Be Still The Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group are holding a talk on St Teresa of Avila. Held at the Vicar's Hall, Chichester Cathedral Saturday 28th March. 10.30am-3pm with coffee being served from 10. The talk will be given by Dr Roy Norton a lecturer at the university of Oxford specialising in 16th Century and 17th Century Spanish culture. Cost £10 for the day, please bring lunch along with you.

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.

The family of Gill Casey write:

"A Requiem Mass and funeral service for Gillian Casey will be celebrated at 12 o'clock on Monday 23rd March 2020 at St Richard's Catholic Church. Family flowers only. If desired, donations in memory of Gill may be made to either Christian Aid or Save the Children.

Any further enquiries to F.A. Holland Funeralcare, Jubilee Road, Chichester 01243 782965."

St Peters During Lent Next Thursday we continue the DVD presentations by Bishop Robert Barron with: *"Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God"*. In this we travel to the ruins of Ephesus and on to the shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe. Sessions begin at 1:45 in the hall. Tea and coffee will be available so do come along, everyone is very welcome.

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:

next Friday 20th March with Adoration from 8am Mass until 8am Mass on Saturday 21st March. Confessions are planned during the day.

Please sign up this weekend to fill in your availability for Adoration throughout the day and night.

Parish Reconciliation Service

Friday 3rd April—following straight after the Stations of the Cross led by the Confirmation Group. Priests of our own deanery will be available for individual confessions and absolutions. Please make every effort to attend.

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 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.

The Event Thursday 19 March 12.15pm at Our Lady of Assumption Bosham Cancelled until further notice due to coronavirus restrictions. The Thursday lunchtime Mass will take place at St Richard's instead.

The St Richard's parish office has a new email address
Chichester@abdiocese.org.uk
This change is part of Diocesan policy to standardise email addresses.

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.

Monday Coffee Mornings Thank you from Jean French to all who came to the 1st Monday coffee mornings over the Winter months. Donations totalling £65 have been sent to Mary's Meals. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Thank you.

Baby and Toddler Group

The St Richard's Baby and Toddler Group will be running on Monday. We will not be able to serve drinks or snacks and so please do come along and bring your own drink (& cups) for yourself and your child / children. We look forward to seeing you then.

Christ Church Creatives CCC

Our friendly neighbours at Christ Church have acquired a talented drama teacher and are trying to set up a drama youth club for young people aged 12-16. Meetings will be on Thursdays 7-8.30pm. I would be good for us to support this local initiative in the interests of Christian unity. For more information call 01243 774271 or find them on Facebook

The St Patrick's Day Shared Supper Sunday 15th March at St Peter's has been cancelled

St Richard's Rotas These have been sent out and paper copies are available in the sacristy for all those

Please be advised that the **"St Peter's Church JOLLY BOYS' OUTING"** due to meet this Thursday is suspended until further notice.

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.

Bosham Ecumenical Lent Lunches cancelled until further notice.

Covid-19 updated advice for churches

All catering in parish halls is to cease. This includes such gatherings as refreshments after Mass and any catering for groups that may be hiring parish halls.

The following events have been cancelled:

- Lent lunches at Our Lady of the Assumption
- Quiz Night at St Richard's
- The deanery formation day at St Philip Howard Saturday 14th March
- Fr Sebastian's leaving do after the 6pm Mass Saturday 14th March
- St Patrick Shared supper at St Peter's Sunday 15th March
- Friday Salt Pit cafe
- All teas and coffees after Mass at the weekend

At Mass the following changes are to be made:

- No hymn books or Mass cards are to be used.
- Priests will wash their hands before and after giving out Holy Communion to the hand only
- No water will be in the stoups
- No sign of the peace will be offered
- Holy Communion from the chalice will not be available.

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		Third 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	People of the Parish
St Richard's	12noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	Mass led by the Confirmation group
Monday 16th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12.15pm	Gill Casey RIP (Julia Janiec)
Tuesday 17th March		St Patrick
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Daniel Tracey
Our Lady	9.25am	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady	10.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 18th March		St Joseph
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Jeanette Tracey
St Peter's	9am-12noon	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Richard's	12.15pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Thursday 19th March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Intentions of Kieron Tracey
St Richard's NOT OL.	12.15pm NO EVENT	Gill Casey RIP (The Visiting Group)
Friday 20th March		24 Hours for the Lord
St Richard's	8.00am	Holy Souls
St Richard's	Throughout the day and night	ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
St Peter's	10.00am	Mary Walker (Gio Grabowski)
Saturday 21st March		
St Richard's	8.00am	Mass to mark the end of 24 Hours for the Lord
St Richard's	12.15pm	Alice Poppy RIP (Margaret Dempsey)
St Richard's	4.15pm <i>Ordinariate Rite</i>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd March		Fourth Sunday of Lent
St Richard's	8.30am	Intentions of Connor Tracey
St Peter's	9.00am	Robert Clarke RIP (Maureen Savage)
St Richard's	10.00am	Miriam McKenna-Freeman RIP
Our Lady	11.00am	Celebrant's Intentions
St Richard's	12noon POLISH MASS	Celebrant's Intentions