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NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! Please fill out a new parishioner
form at:
www.strichardschichester.co.uk/new-here

Request your email copy
of this newsletter from the parish office

**Church minibus hire visit the website and go to
OurParish /Administration**

**Confession may be offered on
request. But our bishops specify
that we use a screen / grille.**

**Please call Fr Tom or Fr Sebastian
for a suitable time.**

22nd March
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Church Newsletter

St Richard of Chichester
Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham
St Peter's, East Wittering

Dear Sisters and Brothers

Every day we anxiously await the news to hear the latest on the coronavirus and how it continues to spread around the world. In the face of so much suffering and loss of life we are left feeling helpless and fearful about what the future might bring.

And now, at a time when we most need it we find we are to be deprived of the Mass with the consolation, strength and life it brings us. What can we do? Where can we turn for help at this critical time of suffering and uncertainty? It is precisely to the Lord that we must turn.

Our bishops have requested that our churches be left open all day so that people can come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the Monstrance or in the Tabernacle). Not everyone is able to do this, and we know God is present in other ways too, this year we are acknowledging His presence especially in the scriptures. We also know that we can pray at any time and in any place, whether in the privacy of our room; walking in the country or just going about our daily chores. However, in the words of Pope St Paul VI 'We believe that in the Eucharist the Lord is present in the fullest sense: a substantial presence whereby Christ, the God - Man, is holy and is entirely present.'

God never abandons us and we can be sure there will be many fruits and blessings from this dark and testing time. May one of these be the gift of prayer.

With the help of Mary, our Mother, may more and more people come to realise the importance of personal prayer in their daily life. Let us pray, also, that we may have a growing awareness of Our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist.

May God bless us all

Fr Tom

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

For the latest updates at your church please continue to regularly check the website www.strichardschichester.co.uk or Facebook on <http://www.facebook.com/strichards.parish> On Instagram [st.richard.church.chichester](https://www.instagram.com/st.richard.church.chichester)

Watch and follow Mass live from the Church of the Sacred Heart in Hove.

Sunday Mass is at 9.30am and 11.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass is at 6pm

Monday 10am

Tuesday 10am

Wednesday 8am

Thursday 12noon

Friday 8am

Next Sunday: 29th March is The Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary

We have been preparing for this historic event for nearly three years. Fortunately it is not effected by the restrictions of the coronavirus. There are no big events to cancel because we have been asked to make our own personal consecration to Jesus through Mary in whatever way we think best. <https://www.behold2020.com/covid19>

Please click here for

Fr Sebastian's Daily YouTube Blog
7pm every evening starting on Saturday 21st March.

If the link doesn't work (or you're reading this on paper) please type in the following into your browser:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9zfU4RfBIB8RDzldaVQwCw>

St Richard's Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be open daily from 8am-6pm. Chairs will be placed at a safe distance from each other. Adoration will take place on Fridays.

Our Lady of the Assumption will be open for private prayer from 9.30-11.30am on Tuesdays

St Peter's will be open on Wednesdays from 9-12am for Adoration. And Monday, Friday and Sunday from 10-11am

Please do make use of these times for private prayer but remember to respect people's distance.

If you are in self isolation, the priests will not be able to come out to you, but are very happy to call you by phone. In the case of emergency please call or ask someone to call Fr Tom or Fr Sebastian for you.

please make your weekly offertory donation online or via telephone banking.

Our church family needs your regular contribution.

If you are not able to make an electronic transfer then please consider sending a cheque.

With many thanks.

	Cash	Envelopes (Gift aided)	Standing Orders (Gift Aided)	Total
January 2020	£2614.05	£1883.70	£5197	£9694.75
February 2020	£2409.90	£1772	£4596	£8777.90

Thank you for your continued support and contribution

For St Richard's, Chichester & Our Lady, Bosham	For St Peter's, East Wittering.
St Richard's Church Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 41076582	St Peter's Church Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 71077716
Cheques to 'St Richard's Chichester'	Cheques to 'St Peter's RC Church'

If you are in a 'non-risk' group and you are available to help out other parishioners who are self-isolating with collection of urgent supplies, food collection, newsletter delivery etc. Please fill in your information on the website.

[Www.strichardschichester.co.uk/survey](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/survey)

All meetings at all of our churches and parish halls are now to be cancelled with immediate effect.
Thank you for your understanding.

The Silver Helpline – 0800 4 70 80 90

The Silver Line is the only confidential, free helpline for older people across the UK that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year.

Their specially trained helpline team can offer information, friendship and advice link callers to local groups and services and offer regular friendship calls. If callers would like to be put in touch with a Silver Line Friend, they can enjoy a regular weekly friendship telephone call. Silver Line Friends are volunteers who have contacted The Silver Line because they enjoy talking to older people. Calls are free for both parties, as costs are covered by The Silver Line

A number of local projects who rely on a large number of volunteers that are in a higher risk age group, need to stand down. If you could consider helping out - they would be very grateful.

HEART update : Homeless meals are to stop from Monday, but hot breakfasts from St Pancras from 9-10 that can be taken away.

Would you like a paper copy of this newsletter posted to you on a weekly basis? Do you know someone who would like a paper copy posted? Please let the parish office know.

I would like to express my heart felt gratitude for money sent to us in the account on the 7th of February which translated to Ksh. 457,912.00 sorry for the delay in replying back to you because I was out in Australia for six weeks and I am back now in Mombasa and down to my work.

It's quite hot here in Mombasa but we are anticipating the long rains and this will be good for our four hundred trees we already planted. We are also up in fears about the Coronavirus as two cases have been reported in Kenya and already today all the schools have been closed down.

I will keep you updated as the whole situation unfolds. Thanking you for all you have done and you keep doing in supporting our projects.

Father Joe Kengah.

St Olav's Bookshop in Chichester Those not able to get into Chichester might want to know that orders can be placed by phone (01243 782790) or email (stolavbookshop@gmail.com) will be posted without delay.

This coming week

Saturday 21st March

Masses will be celebrated for Alice Poppy RIP

Sunday 22nd March—Fourth Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday

Masses will be celebrated for Miriam McKenna-Freeman RIP; and the Living Stones – The Christian People of Palestine

Monday 23rd March

Masses will be celebrated for Gill Casey RIP; Anthony Muthu RIP

Tuesday 24th March

Masses will be celebrated for Gill Casey RIP (Maggie and John); In Special Thanksgiving

Wednesday 25th March - The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity

Masses will be celebrated for Gill Casey RIP (Fran and Gerry)

Thursday 26th March

Masses will be celebrated for Gill Casey RIP (Jean French); and May Adams RIP (Maura and Family)

Friday 27th March

Masses will be celebrated for John Poland RIP (Harri Goldsmith)

Saturday 28th March

Masses will be celebrated for the People of the Parish

Sunday 29th March - The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Masses will be said for Gill Casey RIP (Judy and Simon); The wellbeing of Molly Morgan (M&B Southward), Winnie Walls RIP