26th April
3rd Sunday of Easter
Church Newsletter

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“The deepest questions raised by this pandemic are about God and his designs,” the President of the US Bishops' Conference wrote April 21 at Angelus News. “Where is He and what is He saying to us in this moment — what is He saying to his Church, to the nations of the world, to each of us in our own personal circumstances?”

As the dust settles over the pandemic restrictions there are some questions, we need to ask ourselves as the Catholic community – in our parish but also as the Church.

“I see God calling us, in a most dramatic way, to realize how much we need Him, how we cannot live without Him,” the Archbishop answered. “But I also see God calling us to a deeper sense of solidarity, to realize that we are responsible for one another, that we depend on one another and we have to take care of one another.”

And this is the direction we should be taking before some ideologists or populists try to come up with some easy answers presenting them to the wearied society.

The Archbishop recalled that in the early years of Christianity, amid epidemics, non-Christians “marvelled at the charity and compassion of Christians” as they cared for the sick.

That service continues today, he said, noting online Catholic education, meals provided for poorer children, food banks, and financial assistance given to those in need of food, clothing, and shelter.

“It is inspiring and beautiful. Through the witness of your love, our neighbours can see the presence of the Risen Lord, even in this time of affliction and adversity,” Archbishop Gomez wrote.

“God is asking us to share in the insecurities and deprivations that define ordinary life for millions of people in nations around the world. We are being forced to do without what most of our brothers and sisters never had to begin with.”

I believe that in these coming weeks the Holy Spirit will help our parish community to give some of the answers to these challenging questions. The vouchers and food boxes are one of them. We are more than a charity organisation though. We care not only for the body and physical wellbeing, but we bring people to Christ who gives life and restores dignity. Let us remember that as we continue to pray and support each other.

Fr Sebastian
Take part in Masses and evening prayer with Fr Tom and Fr Sebastian as they happen
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First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33
God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to this.
Resp Psalm: 15
Show us, Lord, the path of life.
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures too us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!
They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Liturgy of the Word for Children
This week watch the children’s liturgy video from Colour and Shape on YouTube it is available to watch with your children from Saturday evening. Follow the link below. Print off the worksheets for your children to colour and work through. As always, there are different materials for the 3-7 year age group and the 7-11 age group.
please go to the children’s liturgy page on the website

Megan Hadden RIP
Many of you will have heard that sadly Chichester parishioner, Megan Hadden passed away last Sunday. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions she will only have a small cremation service for the allotted maximum of 10 people on Friday 1st May. The parish will, however, hold a memorial service at Our Lady of the Assumption when restrictions have been lifted to which parishioners will be invited.
Please pray for the repose of her soul, and for the intentions of her friends and family.

50th Anniversary of the First Mass celebrated at Our Lady of the Assumption
29th May 2020 is the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Assumption. Bishop Richard was due to celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption on that day. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, obviously this will not now be possible. Bishop Richard will now be coming next year on 29th May 2021.
The Mass intention on 29th May 2020 will be for all parishioners and former parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption.

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Our church family relies on your regular contribution
Thank you very much for continuing to give your donation

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**Collection for local families in our Catholic Community in severe financial difficulty**

Thank you to all those who have donated to our parish fund to help out local families who are struggling financially in these very difficult times. The response has been excellent, you have been very generous. Help in the form of supermarket vouchers, and food, has (and is) being given out to our families. The feedback has been overwhelming.

The fundraising effort of our parish has been featured in the following BBC news article: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-52325332

If you haven’t donated yet but would still like to, any donations made to this fund should be done by cheque made payable to St Richard’s Church, and marked clearly on the envelope for ‘Parish Community Fund’. Alternatively via bank transfer: payee name: Chichester; Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 41076582; reference: Parish Community Fund (+ gift aid number if possible)

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**Gift Aid Donation Statement**

The gift aid donation statements for the tax year 2019/2020 are now available. The statement shows the total of donations made and the tax that has been reclaimed from HMRC. The statements will be posted to all gift aid donors when facilities allow. Please let us know if you require a statement earlier. For St Richard’s and Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham, please contact Maurice Pollock, Gift Aid Coordinator, by email at maurice@pollock.demon.co.uk or via the Parish Office.

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**Need Eggs, Milk, or just a friendly chat (or know someone else that does?) We have a number of parishioners who have offered their help**

If so, please let the parish office know on 07521 697117 or Chichester@abdiocese.org.uk or follow the following link

Do you know someone who would like to listen to Mass live from their phone? If so please could you let Amy know at the parish office.

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**Visit from St Richard’s Church, Minnesota**

We were due to welcome Fr Mark Pavlik and 26 American pilgrims from St Richard’s Church, Minnesota into our parishes on June 13th, and they were due to be with us for the Feast of St Richard on 16th June, and to spend some social time together with parishioners from each of our churches. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions the trip has had to be postponed, but we look forward to welcoming them later in the year. The new date for their arrival will be given as soon as we have it. Their website can be found at www.strichards.com

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**First Holy Communion Celebrations 2020**

Fr Tom and Fr Sebastian with the Catechists have taken the difficult decision to postpone the First Holy Communion Celebrations in June. They will let you know as soon as they can about when they are to take place. Hopefully they will be postponed to the late Autumn.

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**Confirmation Mass 2020**

Bishop Richard, in view of the uncertainty surrounding the future of large gatherings, and having consulted with the Episcopal Council has decided the best way forward is to authorise Parish Priests to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Bishop Richard realises that he realises that some people may be disappointed with this outcome but it does ensure that it will more of a whole parish celebration and we can decide on the best date to suit us.

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**Remember the sick in your prayers:**


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

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**Mass intentions and Livestream Mass times for this coming week**

**Sat 25th April Feast of St Mark** 6pm Intentions of Lily Mulcahy
**Sun 26th April 3rd Sunday of Easter** 9.30 Megan Hadden RIP (Mary Downy), People of the Parish
**Mon 27th April 8am Thanksgiving and Protection of Megan’s Care Staff** (Mary Downy)
**Tue 28th April 8am Intentions of John Mulcahy**
**Wed 29th April Feast of St Catherine of Siena** 8am
**Thu 30th April 8am Mark Lucas RIP**
**Fri 1st May 8am Megan’s Family and Friends (Mary Downy)**
**Sat 2nd May Easter Saturday** 6pm Intentions of Sunny and Family
**Sun 3rd May 4th Sunday of Easter** 9.30am People of the Parish

If you would like the priests to celebrate a Mass for a specific intention, or to light a candle for an intention during a livestream Mass, then please: email Chichester@abdiocese.org.uk or call 07521 697117.

Mass stipends should be left in the usual way. Thank you.