

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th July 2020**

Church Newsletter

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<https://ocarm.org/>

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
We look forward to welcoming Fr Sebastian back from Poland at the end of this week, hopefully well refreshed. He and I will be together next weekend before I then head off to Scotland, Monday 3rd August, for my annual retreat with the Cistercian monks at Nunraw, East Lothian. They are a small community of about ten, who live a simple life of prayer under the rule of St Benedict. I join them, in Choir, for the Divine Office, and for meals in silence, with either refectory reading or suitable music.

The monastic day begins early with Vigils (Office of Readings) at 3.30am but with Compline (Night prayer) at 7.30pm, we don't miss out on our sleep. The warmth and friendship of the community, the beautiful Lammerruir hills with their blush of purple, the quiet and the peace, provide a wonderful setting for my annual retreat. I am most fortunate.

I return south, via the Lake District where I join one of our priests, Fr John Inglis who supplies there every summer. We hope to fit in one or two good walks before I take to the road again, heading back to Sussex in time for my mother's 90th birthday on 17th August. For the rest of the month, when I'm not in Chichester, I will be with my family in Mayfield, East Sussex or making one or two short trips to catch up with friends.

Apart from missing Lourdes — my own summer break should be hardly altered. My sympathy goes to those of you who have been less fortunate.

We must remember in our prayers all those who will be missing out on their regular holidays this year plus the opportunity to meet up with relatives and friends. Let us pray also for those who cannot afford a holiday at all. Whatever your circumstances, whether you are travelling or staying at home, let us pray for each other. After this very unsettling time, which is still not over, it is more important than ever that we find time to enjoy some peace and rest. Maybe you will be able to fit in some good country walks and picnics too!

May God bless you all

Fr Tom

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First Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 Solomon choose the gift of wisdom.

Resp Psalm: 118

Lord, how I love your law!

Second Reading: Rom 8:28-30 Those he called, he justified.

Gospel Accl:

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Ellie Butler, Molly Morgan, Jan Thorpe, Jo Scholes, Dennis Chiles, Kay Howlett, Eileen and Peter Robson, Rene Coutts, Michael O'Neil, Patrick Hill, Rita & Eddie Rooke, Jenny Edwards, Walter Hoppe, Christopher Emerson, Peter Habgood, Agnes Martin, Majella Taylor, David White, Nicola and Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Gerald McGregor, Jill Serna, Robin Bowker, Helena Denis, Tony Whiting.

Please let the office know of any changes to be made

This week in our churches

Date	Time	Public	Where	livestreamed
Sat 25 July St James	8am	YES*	St Richard's	NO
	<i>Intentions of Jean Wright</i>			
	6pm	YES	St Richard's	Yes
	<i>Gerry Farrell RIP (Julia Janiec)</i>			
Sun 26 July	9am	YES	St Peter's	No
	<i>Chris Savage RIP (Maureen)</i>			
17th Sunday in OT	10am	YES	St Richard's	Yes
	<i>Michael Hedley RIP (Catholic House of Prayer, Iona)</i>			
	11am	YES	Our Lady	No
	<i>Brian Campbell RIP (Family)</i>			
Mon 27 July	8am	YES *	St Richard's	Yes
	<i>Arulappan RIP (Sr Fatima)</i>			
Tues 28 July	8am	no	St Richard's	Yes
	10am	YES *	Our Lady	no
	<i>Gerry Farrell RIP (Susan Line)</i>			
Wed 29 July St Martha	8am	no	St Richard's	Yes
	<i>Gerry Farrell RIP (Ann and Maurice)</i>			
	9am-11am Private Prayer & Confessions at St Richard's			
Thur 30 July	8am	YES *	St Richard's	Yes
	<i>Speedy recovery for Mary Bowen (Maura Doocey)</i>			
Fri 31 July St Ignatius Loyola	8am	no	St Richard's	Yes
	<i>Simon Pollock RIP (Ann and Maurice)</i>			
	10am	YES	St Peter's	no
	<i>Birthday blessings for Anne Watson (E. Wong)</i>			
Sat 1 Aug St Alphonsus Ligouri	8am	YES*	St Richard's	no
	<i>Eddie Roblin RIP</i>			
	6pm	YES	St Richard's	Yes
	<i>Rosemary Wong RIP (E. Wong)</i>			
Sun 2 Aug	9am	YES	St Peter's	No
18th Sunday in OT	10am	YES	St Richard's	Yes
	<i>Josephine France RIP (R. France)</i>			
	11am	YES	Our Lady	No
	<i>Gerry Farrell RIP (McCaughey Family)</i>			

* Spaces are still available. Please contact the parish office in advance if you would like to attend one of these masses

Eddie Hopkins the Seminarian from Womersley who was staying with us over the past few weeks has now gone home—we are grateful for all his help with the livestreaming of the Masses and with his Bible Study course. Anyone who missed the bible study course can catch up with it on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIZ5FDw9gVWpTtFVIBHQ5ADlpHyE2cB6N>

Attending Public Masses

Communion of one kind will be available (or a blessing).

We will have no singing, the sign of peace, or bidding prayers. Toilet facilities will not be available.

We will respect the 2m rule in the church and the maximum capacity of the churches cannot be exceeded. (40 at St Richards and Our Lady, 25 St Peter's). Everyone is required to use the hand sanitiser on entering the churches. Masks are not (yet) essential but please do wear one if you would feel more comfortable with one.

Please help our stewards by respecting the rules that we all need to stick to. We might have our own opinions on the current restrictions, but if you want to attend Mass you must stick to the Government regulations and those from the Bishop. Thank you for your cooperation.

Confessions

They will be available at St Richard's on Wednesdays from 9am –11am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, during private prayer. No need to book, just turn up. (And at other times by appointment.)

Saturday morning Mass will no longer be livestreamed. We will now be offering only one livestreamed Mass per day (see left for the schedule). Instead we hope there will be a congregation if we provide an 8am PUBLIC mass on Saturday mornings. However, this will depend on volunteers staying behind to clean down the benches, handrails and doors. Please come forward at the end of Mass.

Although this is counter to everything we believe, we must ask you not to come along to Mass unless you have checked in advance that there are spaces for you. Weekend masses are full up now for the first block of 3 weeks (weekends of 19/7, 26/7, and 2/8) There are no more spaces for the Friday 10am Mass at St Peter's for this block of 3 weeks, but there are still a number of spaces at the Monday and Thursday Masses at St Richard's and a few for Our Lady on Tuesday.

There is a waiting list for the Masses starting the 3 weeks starting the 3rd August so if you would like to go on the

Parish Community Fund Over the past few months many of you have been very generous in donating to the PCF. Each month the money has been used to support families in the form of supermarket food vouchers.

James Field, headmaster of St Richard's School has told us how very grateful they are.

Cleaner

We are looking for a temporary cleaner who could clean for Fr Tom and Fr Sebastian at the Presbytery and church (es). Roughly 20 hours per week (negotiable). If you know of someone reliable and trustworthy who could take on this paid role for a few months, please could you ask them to contact Amy at the Parish office.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Each year, we journey together as pilgrims to the holy Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, however, due to Covid-19, this year we will have to travel in spirit and mind and not body. We are pleased to be able to invite you to join us for a virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage from the 25th to the 30th July. Including virtual events for families and for Redshirts (those in years 10&11).

Find out more at www.ablourdes2020.org

Over the Summer months we are most grateful to Fr Peter Johnstone who will be celebrating one of the Sunday weekend Masses while one of our priests are away.

First Holy Communion	
First Holy Communion class 19/20	The children in each of our churches have a few more sessions to complete before being ready to make their First Holy Communion. For St Richard's new work sheets will be sent out via your catechists. For St Peter's your catechists will contact you when we are able to use the church hall again to meet up.
First Holy Communion Services	It has not been confirmed by Bishop Richard that First Holy Communion Masses can go ahead. The parish office will let you know as soon as we are permitted to celebrate these in church.
First Holy Communion sign up 20/21	Sign up will take place later this year. It will start in Advent with a planned introduction meeting in early January 2021.
Confirmation	
Confirmation class 19/20	The confirmation class have finished their course.
Confirmation Mass (Class 19/20)	It has not been confirmed by Bishop Richard when Confirmation Masses can go ahead, but this year he has authorised parish priests to administer the Sacrament. The parish office will let you know as soon as we are permitted to celebrate this in church.
Confirmation sign-up 20/21	Confirmation applications will be available in August for a start in September 20. It is envisaged that some, if not all confirmation sessions will have to take place virtually via Zoom.

Our Parish Offertory

While our churches have been closed our income has dropped significantly. We are very grateful to all those who are responding generously through standing orders, bank transfers and other donations because parishioners who normally donate by way of the offertory collection or by using Gift Aid envelopes are unable to do so we are offering parishioners several options to continue regular giving:

1. Set up a standing order online
2. Make a single payment by online banking or by cheque
3. Make a donation through the Diocese JustGiving page

The details for our bank accounts and JustGiving are shown below. Thank you very much for your continued support of our parish.

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