

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

**9th Aug**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

**16th Aug**

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

**23rd Aug**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

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**Evening prayer and Masses**  
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With so many major events being cancelled or postponed, I was glad to learn that the Youth Festival in Medjugorje went ahead this year albeit with precautionary measures. Apart from the ongoing process of examining the authenticity of the apparitions, that place has become a spiritual hotspot for young people looking for a deep spiritual experience of prayer and sharing their faith. Over the years of my priestly ministry I have come across many people whose lives have been transformed by a visit to Medjugorje. This year Pope Francis addressed the attendees in a special message, praising the quality time they enjoyed – as it was time filled with prayer, reflection and fraternal meeting, “time that gives you the opportunity to meet the living Jesus Christ, in a special way in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

“It thus helps you discover a different way of life,” he continued, “different from the one offered by the culture of the temporary, according to which nothing can be permanent, the culture that knows only the pleasure of the present moment. In this atmosphere of relativism, in which it is difficult to find true and sure answers, the motto of the Festival: ‘Come, and you shall see’ (John 1:39), the words used by Jesus to address his disciples, are a blessing. Jesus is also looking at you, inviting you to come and stay with Him.”

He concluded by pointing to a powerful companion on our journey of faith: “The great example of the Church that is young in the heart, ready to follow Christ with new freshness and fidelity, always remains the Virgin Mary,” the pope said in the message, sent in Croatian and released by the Holy See press office on 2 August.

“The power of Her ‘Yes’ and Her ‘Let it be unto me’ which she said before the angel, delights us at all times. **Her ‘Yes’ means participating and taking risks, without any guarantee except knowing that she is the bearer of the promise. Her ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord’ (Luke 1:38), the most beautiful example that tells us what happens when someone, in their freedom, surrenders themselves into God’s hands.**”

“Let this example inspire you and be your guideline!”

*Fr Sebastian*

**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.)

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

Ellie Butler, Molly Morgan, Jan Thorpe, Frank O'Donnell, 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*

## Mass Times, Dates, Church and Mass Intentions (from 8th August until 30th August)

			Time	Public	Where	Stream	Intention
Sat	08-Aug	St Dominic	8am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	
			6pm	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	Gerry Farrell RIP (David and Theresa)
	15-Aug		8am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	
			6pm	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	Gerry Farrell RIP (Jean French)
	22-Aug	Queenship of the BVM	8am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	Birthday blessings for Richard Allum
			6pm	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	Michael McHale RIP
29-Aug	Passion St John the Baptist	8am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes		
		6pm	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	Michael McHale RIP	
Sun	09-Aug	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Yes	St Peter	No	Bernard Haugh RIP (Julie Sparrow)
			10am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	In Thanksgiving (Ginu and Mathew)
			11am	Yes	O.Lady	No	In Thanksgiving Paris' recovery (J.Burch)
	16-Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9am	Yes	St Peter	No	Chris Savage RIP (Marie Haines)
			10am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	Paul Knowles RIP (Sarah Hewitt)
			11am	Yes	O.Lady	No	Intentions of Angela Griffith (J.Burch)
	23-Aug	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Yes	St Peter	No	
			10am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	Special Wedding Anniversary Blessing (RH)
			11am	Yes	O.Lady	No	Gerry Farrell RIP & Intentions of his family
30-Aug	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Yes	St Peter	No		
		10am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes		
		11am	Yes	O.Lady	No	Gerry Farrell RIP (Angela Griffith)	
Mon	10-Aug	St Lawrence	8am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	The intentions of Phil Wye
	17-Aug		8am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	Gerry Farrell RIP (Marie Haines)
	24-Aug	St Bartholomew	8am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	
Tues	11-Aug	St Clare	8am	No	St Rch'd	Yes	Deceased Members of the Sharkey Family
			10am	Yes	O.Lady	No	Ian Griffith RIP (Angela)
	18-Aug		8am	No	St Rch'd	Yes	
			10am	Yes	O.Lady	No	Lara Whittaker RIP (Clare Whittaker)
	25-Aug		8am	No	St Rch'd	Yes	
			10am	Yes	O.Lady	No	
Wed	12-Aug		8am	No	St Rch'd	Yes	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
	19-Aug		8am	No	St Rch'd	Yes	Deceased Members of the Sharkey Family
	26-Aug		8am	No	St Rch'd	Yes	
	<b>All weeks 9-11am Private Prayer and Confessions at St Richard's (no need to book)</b>						
Thu	13-Aug		8am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	Julia Shelley RIP (Jean French)
	20-Aug	St Bernard	8am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	For Jean's intentions (Julia and Ziggy)
	27-Aug	St Monica	8am	Yes	St Rch'd	Yes	
Fri	14-Aug	St Maximillian Kolbe	8am	No	St Rch'd	Yes	Angela Tudor RIP
			10am	Yes	St Peter	No	Brian Lynch RIP
	21-Aug	St Pius X	8am	No	St Rch'd	Yes	
			10am	Yes	St Peter	No	
	28-Aug	St Augustine	8am	No	St Rch'd	Yes	
10am			Yes	St Peter	No		

There are still places for mid week masses at Our Lady of the Assumption and at St Richard's. If you have not booked a place do come along to one of the weekday masses.

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (9th August)

First Reading: Kings 19:9-11 Stand on the mountain before the Lord.  
Resp Psalm: 84 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Second Reading: Rom 9:1-5 I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23 Tell me to come to you across the water.

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (16th August)

First Reading: Apocalypse 11:19A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.

Resp Psalm: 44 On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

Second Reading: Cor 15:20-26 Christ as the first-fruits and then, those who belong to him.

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56 The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (23rd August)

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Resp Psalm: 137 Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36 All that exists comes from Him; all is by him and for him.

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us to the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

### Attending Public Masses

**It is now a requirement by the Government for us all to wear masks to Mass (except, obviously, for all those who are exempt).**

We will be respecting 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. Stewards will show you where to sit.

**Although this is counter to everything we believe, we must ask you not to come along to a weekend Mass unless you have checked in advance that there are spaces for you. Weekend Masses are now all full until 30 August.**

### Midweek masses at St Richards and Our Lady

If you can offer to wipe down the surfaces after a mid week Mass, please go to the sacristy afterwards and offer your help. We cannot make masses public unless we have sufficient volunteers to clean down after each Mass.

### Baptism

We have now been advised that baptism services are now able to go ahead. Please contact the parish office if you or someone you know is thinking about baptism.

### First Holy Communion Programme 2019/2020

First Holy Communion Masses will take place in late September early October. They will be special celebration Masses and not part of the normal Sunday Mass. Your catechists will be in contact with you in early September to discuss your final preparations.

### Confirmation Programme 2019/2020

The date for the confirmation Mass to take place at St Richards has been set for the afternoon of 20th September. This is for the 2019/20 programme. The catechists will be in contact with the candidates regarding arrangements for the Mass.

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham 16th Aug

We are disappointed not to be able to celebrate our Patronal Feast day at Our Lady in Bosham as we would normally, with a shared lunch after Mass. Given current restrictions we would not be able to ensure that we could organise an event safely. We look forward to being able to celebrate our Patronal feast together in future years.

**For those not able to return to Mass in person, the livestream Masses will continue.**

### Confessions and private prayer Wednesdays 9-11am at St Richard's

No need to book, just turn up. Private prayer, and confessions heard (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

### Can you lend a hand to our Counting Team at St Richard's?

We have a team of volunteer counters who come in to the parish office for a couple of hours each week to count and bank the money in our parish from the weekly collection and from other sources. We are looking for someone to join the team. No experience is necessary and full training and support will be provided. If you might be able to help please contact the parish office.

**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.

### St Peter's Summer Fete

Due to current restrictions the St Peter's Summer Fete has regrettably been cancelled this year. As soon as it is possible we will be organising a St Peter's parish event.

### Operations Manager

Chichester District Foodbank is a community project which provides emergency food to over 3000 local people every year. We are looking to employ an Operations Manager for **24 hours per week at £20,000 (£12,000 pro rata).**

Occasional weekend work. The candidate must have a clean driving license and access to a car.

As the Operations Manager you will oversee the running of our four foodbank centres in Chichester, Midhurst, Selsey and Petworth. You will manage a large team of volunteers to ensure the foodbank centres run efficiently in distributing food parcels and supporting our clients. In addition you will be responsible for the day to day operations including recruitment, induction and ongoing training of volunteers, networking with other agencies administrative duties and maintaining legislative standards. i.e. Health & Safety.

As a Trust with a Christian foundation, the appointee will be required to work in a way that is actively sympathetic, respectful of and supportive towards the Christian values and work of the Charity. If you would like to chat about the role or apply, please get in touch for a full job description and an application form. Tel: 01243 773687 Email:

[joanne@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:joanne@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

### St Richard's Nursery Manager

St Richard's School Nursery Unit is seeking a new manager to lead a friendly, motivated and enthusiastic team. As Nursery Manager, you will be responsible for the smooth running of the day to day operations, including overseeing all staff and the office manager.

St Richard's Nursery Unit is a well-established pre-school with a friendly, well qualified team. We offer child focused learning and a safe and nurturing setting for children to develop & grow in readiness for starting school. We have children with us from the age of two years to school age and use a combination of child initiated play and teacher led activities to encourage the development of confidence and independence. Learning and play takes place both inside the nursery and outside in our large purpose built garden. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. It is a requirement of all staff that they share this commitment and follow the prescribed policy and procedures to continuously promote a culture of safeguarding within the setting.

The right candidate is someone with excellent managerial skills and experience of working in a similar role within an early years setting and who can showcase high quality practice with regard to individual and group work with children alongside empathy and approachability to both staff and parents. The right person should be able to motivate and guide their team and have a passion to inspire others. The candidate must actively love working with children, be prepared to be an active member on the play rota too. The role is 40 hours a week and although the nursery is open 38 weeks a year, some additional admin work will be expected whilst the nursery is closed. There is free parking on site and the salary is £22,000 p.a. with company pension.

Please email [strichardsnurserycommittee@outlook.com](mailto:strichardsnurserycommittee@outlook.com) for an application form.

### Our Parish Offertory

Thankfully our churches are now open for those able to attend Mass. We are very grateful to all who have responded generously through standing orders, bank transfers and other donations to support the offertory while unable to donate using their gift aid envelopes or the collection plate. For parishioners who normally donate this way, and are not yet able to do so, we are offering 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.

St Richard's, Chichester & Our Lady, Bosham	St Peter's, East Wittering
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<p><b>Via bank transfer</b>            Name: RCD A&amp;B St Richard of Chichester            Sort Code: 40-05-20            Account No: 41076582            Reference: surname and offertory</p>	<p><b>Via bank transfer</b>            Name: RCD A&amp;B St Peter's Wittering            Sort Code: 40-05-20            Account No: 71077716            Reference: surname and offertory</p>
<p><b>Cheques to:</b>            'St Richard's Chichester'            Parish office, St Richard's Church</p>	<p><b>Cheques to :</b>            'St Peter's RC Church'            Sent to: 103 Stocks Lane, East Wittering PO20 8NU</p>