

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

**30th August 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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www.strichardschichester.co.uk

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[youtube.com/c/StRichardsChichester](https://www.youtube.com/c/StRichardsChichester)

Regular news and insight:
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My dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Looking back over the summer I have been most fortunate. This year I had not been intending to go to Lourdes. None of my plans were disrupted by the lockdown. My retreat to Scotland; my short stay in the Lake District; my time with my family; and last week catching up with friends in Devon; all went very well. I hope most of you can look back on your summer break with similar feelings of gratitude.

I knew my biggest challenge was going to be the extended time of my retreat at Nunraw Abbey: could I cope with nine full days instead of the customary 6-7? In fact, I had no need to worry. The weather could not have been better, but most of all I was helped by the friendly hospitality of the Cistercian monks, this time with the welcome addition of Antony from Darlington, a young man in his 30's.

Anthony was already known to the community from a previous stay of 4 weeks, a requirement for those testing their vocation. However, now he had come to stay. If he perseveres he will be the first postulant the community will have had for a long time and the youngest by at least by about 20 years. God willing he will bridge the gap and his presence will start to attract others of his age group.

The Cistercians are a contemplative order less strict than the Carthusians. They place more emphasis on 'the Community' as they try to live their simple life of prayer centred on the Divine Office and the Mass. Until recently their work has been on the farm but now, with an impressive new guest-wing, they intend to concentrate much more on providing retreats. Currently, there are eight monks in the community. Every evening from 4.45pm to 5.15pm Monday to Friday, some of the monks sit at the back of the church to pray for vocations for their community. Let us join them 'in-spirit' praying for Antony that he will persevere and be joined by others in the coming years.

Interceding for vocations is the intention of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration which we hope to revive soon. Meanwhile lets keep our prayers for vocations flowing, not least for our own diocese and from our own community. We should never doubt the power of collective prayer.
May God bless you all.

Fr Tom

**Sunday 30th August
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me

Responsorial Psalm 62 (63): 2-6, 8-9

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Second reading Romans 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Confessions They will be available at St Richard's on Wednesdays from 9am –11am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, during private prayer and at St Peter's at 9.30am on Fridays (And at other times by appointment.)

Mass Times, Dates, Church and Mass Intentions

	Time	Church	Public?	Online?	Mass intention
Saturday 29 Aug The Passion of St John the Baptist	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Michael McHale RIP
Sunday 30 Aug 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Pat and Brian Lynch RIP
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Michael Besey RIP
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	Gerry Farrell RIP (Angela Griffith)
Monday 31 Aug St Aidan	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	For the good health of Jhazhel Jeremiah de Silva on his birthday
Tuesday 1 Sept	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	For the wellbeing of Emöke (Kinga Buckley)
	10am	Our Lady	Yes	No	
Wednesday 2 Sept	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	Patrick Tracey RIP
	9-11am	St Richard's	Private Prayer and Confessions		
	9-12noon	St Peter's	Private Prayer		
Thursday 3 Sept St Gregory the Great	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
Friday 4 Sept St Cuthbert	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	40 th Anniversary blessings for Richard and Elizabeth Brooke
	9.30	St Peter's	Confessions		
	10am	St Peter's	Yes	No	
Saturday 5 Sept	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba
Sunday 6 Sept 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	For the wellbeing of Pauline Murray
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	For the wellbeing of Marzena Plaskota for God's blessing and the protection of Our Lady

We are now taking bookings for attending masses in the 4 weeks from the week of 1 September until 2nd October

So, if you haven't already, then please can you let the parish office know if you would like to attend any of the following masses:

- ◆ Friday 10am St Peter's
- ◆ Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass at St Richard's
- ◆ Sunday 9am Mass at St Peter's
- ◆ Sunday 10am Mass at St Richard's
- ◆ Sunday 11am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Unfortunately, more parishioners want to attend these masses than we are allowed to let enter the churches. We will let you know in the week if you have a place.

To let the parish office know please either:

- ◆ Email: chichester@abdiocese.org.uk
- ◆ Phone/text: 07521 697117 or call 01243 782343 (ext2)
- ◆ Fill in the form on the website www.strichardschichester.co.uk/survey

If you would like to attend any of the other masses mid-week then you do not need to book please just turn up.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner and Catenian Tony Walsh who passed away on 14th August. His funeral took place on August 26th.

Please pray for baby Olivia who was baptised into the church last weekend, and we pray too for her family.

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 ask that you please be understanding and considerate towards those who are not wearing a mask. A number of parishioners are not able to wear one for health reasons.

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.

Confessions and private prayer

- ◆ **St Richard's Wednesdays 9-11am**
- ◆ No need to book, just turn up. Private prayer, and confessions heard (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
- ◆ **St Peters** is open for quiet prayer every Wednesday from 9 am - 12 noon.
- ◆ **St Peters - The Sacrament of Confession** is now available on Friday mornings at 9:30, before Mass.

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.

First Holy Communion Programme 2019/2020

At St Richard's, the First Holy Communion Masses will take place on Saturday 26th September at 12 noon **or** on Sunday 27th September at 2pm.

At St Peter's, the First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday 3rd October at 12 noon.

At Our Lady of the Assumption the First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Sunday 18th October at 12.30pm

They will be special celebration Masses and not part of the normal Sunday Mass.

If you are unsure of when your child will be making their First Holy Communion then please contact the parish office.

Social distancing rules will apply.

Confirmation Programme 2019/2020

The date for the confirmation Mass to take place at St Richards has been set for 3pm on the afternoon of 20th September. This is for the 2019/20 programme.

The rehearsal will take place the week before on 13th September at 3pm. The catechists will be in contact with the candidates regarding arrangements for the Mass.

Social distancing rules will apply.

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.

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

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Inspire Younger Generations

Do you **enjoy working** with **children** and **young people**?
Could you help to **inspire** and **empower** children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice?

Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school?

Supported by **CAFOD** with training and resources, you will relish the time you spend discussing issues of **global justice** with children and young people. You will add to **parish** and school **life**, complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists.

“It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to encourage young people to recognise the needs of others.”
Chris Richardson, CAFOD Volunteer

For more information contact your local CAFOD volunteer centre on:

arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk Mobile: 07710 094448

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 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 with an ability 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 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
Via credit / debit card https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ChichesterwiththeWitterings	Via credit / debit card https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ChichesterwiththeWitterings
Via bank transfer Name: RCD A&B St Richard of Chichester Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 41076582 Reference: surname and offertory	Via bank transfer Name: RCD A&B St Peter's Wittering Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 71077716 Reference: surname and offertory
Cheques to: ' St Richard's Chichester' Parish office, St Richard's Church	Cheques to : 'St Peter's RC Church' Sent to: 103 Stocks Lane, East Wittering PO20 8NU