

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

**6th September 20
23rd 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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The holiday season is over but it has not been a quiet time. It is just a matter of reading the headlines in the newspapers to learn about the threat of the second wave of the pandemic, protests in Belarus, austerity in many parts of the world caused by the virus and ... the presidential elections in the US. The latter is going to shape the priorities in the world's politics for another four years. The Church should not interfere in the politics. That is why normally I would not express my own personal viewpoint. I am not an expert in the economy, interest rates, housing policy, HS2 or public transport spending. But if a candidate for Vice-President grilles a federal office applicant over his membership of the Knights of the Columbus, openly disapproving of his Christian values, questions a judicial nominee over his affiliation with a Christian adoption agency, and another about briefs he wrote for religious liberty lawsuits against the federal contraception mandate, I begin to doubt whether smiling is the only response I should give. As far as politics and the economy is concerned, I am not going to contribute to the public debate. If the wellbeing of the fellow Christians and the most vulnerable is under threat, however, I cannot stay silent. Let us pray that the people around the world and in the US in particular be given the light of the Holy Spirit to choose people who would govern their countries without violating the conscience of its citizens and provide the best possible environment for moral and economic growth and stability.

Fr Sebastian

**Sunday 6th September
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

First Reading Ezekial 33:7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm 94

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second reading Romans 13:8-10

Love is the answer to every one of the commandments

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, o Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

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 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
Monday 7 Sept	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 8 Sept Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	Rachel's 7 th anniversary of consecration. In thanksgiving to our Blessed Lady (Madonna and Rachel)
	10am	Our Lady	Yes	No	
Wednesday 9 Sept St Peter Claver	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	Marie Barber RIP
	9-11am	St Richard's	Private Prayer and Confessions		
	9-12noon	St Peter's	Private Prayer		
Thursday 10 Sept	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Intentions of Jean French (M.Dembinski)
Friday 11 Sept	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	
	9.30	St Peter's	Confessions		
	10am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Rita Archer RIP
Saturday 12 Sept	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	For the wellbeing of Pauline Murray
Sunday 13 Sept 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Marek Grabowski RIP (Gio and Family)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Patrick Rozario RIP
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	

You are invited to a Holy Hour

In Selsey, Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid Roman Catholic Church on 9th September, there will also be availability for confession 6-7pm.

Address: 12 Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS

Confessions and private prayer

- ◆ **St Richard's Wednesdays 9-11am**
- ◆ No need to book, just turn up. Private prayer, and confessions (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.

It is now a requirement by the Government for us all to wear masks to Mass except. 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.

A Mass will be celebrated

For the repose of the soul of Tony Walsh at 11am on Wednesday 23rd September at St Richard's Church. The mass intention has been organised by the Chichester Catenians, of whom Tony was a leading member for many years. Parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass (no need to book in advance).

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Elizabeth O'Hea, 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

Selsey Update

Bishop Richard is pleased to announce that Fr Alban Aguezeala will be leaving his current appointment in Horsham and moving to Selsey as Parish Administrator.

Fr Alban is expected to arrive for the last weekend in September and will be with the parish for a period of two months. We look forward to this period of stability for the parish and the blessings it will bring and I am sure you will join me in making Fr Alban particularly welcome.

Deacon Jon Harman

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
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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