

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

**13th September 20  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The readings this Sunday have forgiveness as their theme and encourage us to forgive others just as God forgives us. God loves us unconditionally, without limit, so long as we ourselves show forgiveness to others and don't hold on to grievances.

The First Reading directs us to remember and live by the commandments, and especially not to bear any grudge against our neighbours. We are urged to let go of any anger, hate or resentment.

The Psalm is full of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. It tells of the strength of the Lord's love for us as well as his mercy; again the message is that there is no end to his forgiveness nor love.

In the Second Reading, we hear of how the way in which we live our lives affects one other. Through Christ's life, death and resurrection, he has shown us that we belong to him both in life and death, unless we choose to turn away.

The parable of the unforgiving servant in the Gospel emphasises the message of forgiveness. So long as we forgive others with complete sincerity, God will show compassion towards us. So long as we repent, he will forgive our sins an infinite number of times.

Over the week ahead, let's pray for one another and welcome God's gift of forgiveness, together with the healing, reconciliation and restoring of any broken relationship that it brings.

With prayers and best wishes,

Deacon Jon.

**Sunday 13th September**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

*First Reading Eccl 27:33-28*

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you; and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven

*Responsorial Psalm 102*

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

*Second reading Romans 14:7-9*

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

*Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

*Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35*

To be forgiven you must forgive.

**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 Our Lady of the Assumption during Adoration on Tuesdays at 9.30am (And at other times by appointment.)

## Mass Times, Dates, Church and Mass Intentions

	Time	Church	Public?	Online?	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 12 Sept</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	For the wellbeing of Pauline Murray
<b>Sunday 13 Sept</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Education Day</b>	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	
	3pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Rehearsal for Confirmation Mass
<b>Monday 14 Sept</b> Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	In Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Sorrows (Madonna and Rachel)
<b>Tuesday 15 Sept</b> Our Lady of Sorrows	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	
	10am	Our Lady	Yes	No	For the recovery of Michael FitzGerald
<b>Wednesday 16 Sept</b> SS Cornelius and Cyprian	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	Mrs Pat Bonnick RIP (Terry and Bob)
	9-11am	St Richard's	Private Prayer and Confessions		
	9-12noon	St Peter's	Private Prayer		
<b>Thursday 17 Sept</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	For the recovery of Michael FitzGerald
<b>Friday 18 Sept</b>	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	Catherine Seabrook RIP
	9.30	St Peter's	Confessions		
	10am	St Peter's	Yes	No	
<b>Saturday 19 Sept</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Deceased members of the Weerasuriya Family
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Wellbeing of Agnes on her birthday (E.Wong)
<b>Sunday 20 Sept</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	St Richard's	Yes	No	
	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Canon Peter Giffin RIP
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	
	3pm	St Richard's	NO	Yes	PARISH CONFIRMATION MASS

### Children's Liturgy is Back!

After the summer break we are pleased to be able to offer our younger parishioners online children's liturgy from this weekend. A video made by our catechist Mary, to watch with your children, and worksheets to colour and fill-in together.



### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK:

Catholic Education Service—this is not able to be gift aided. To donate online please write in the reference: Cath Education

It is with regret that we must ask you to **book all weekend masses** before turning up. To book masses please call the parish office or go online [www.strichardschichester/survey](http://www.strichardschichester/survey)

### From next weekend we will be re-introducing the 8.30am Public Mass on a Sunday at St Richard's

As we are in the middle of a 'block of bookings' initially please let us know if you want to come along to the 8.30am mass on 20th and 27th September. After this when we are booking the places again at all weekend masses at all churches from October 3-October 25th please let us know if you want to come along to the 8.30am Sunday Mass.

**It is now a requirement by the Government for us all to wear masks to Mass. We ask that you please be understanding and considerate towards those who are not wearing a mask. A few parishioners are not able to wear one for health reasons.**

### 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.
- ◆ Our Lady of the Assumption - Adoration and Confessions on Tuesday at 9.30am before Mass.

### 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).

### Confirmation

Please pray for our confirmation candidates, their sponsors and their families. This weekend, at 3pm is the rehearsal for the Confirmation Mass for our parishes, and the following weekend on the 20th September at 3pm at St Richard's is the celebration 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.  
**Families will have strictly 1 bench only which seats up to 6 people from a maximum of 2 households.**

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.

Social distancing rules will apply.

### Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Dialogue and Unity Event 2020

A New Normal for Christian Unity  
-What can we learn during the pandemic?  
-What vision should we aspire to as Christians and people of faith moving forward together?  
Saturday 26 Sept 2020- 10.45-1pm on Zoom  
Prayer, Speakers, Small groups

Email Catherine to register and receive the zoom link – [catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk)  
All welcome, invite your friends from other churches.

### 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.

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<b>Cheques to:</b> ' St Richard's Chichester' Parish office, St Richard's Church	<b>Cheques to :</b> 'St Peter's RC Church' Sent to: 103 Stocks Lane, East Wittering PO20 8NU

## **Signing of Supplementary forms for Secondary and Primary School applications for Sept 2021.**

If you are applying for your child to start a school in September 2021 that requires a supplementary form to be submitted, signed by Fr Tom.

Please can you note the following:

- Fr Tom as Parish Priest is the only member of the clergy authorised to sign the supplementary forms.
- For applications to St Philip Howard, Oaklands and St Richard's Primary School bring the whole form along with you and a photocopy of the child's baptism certificate.
- For applications to Bishop Luffa, please bring the supplementary form and we have the additional church supplementary form sent to us by the school.
- No form signing can take place after mass—you will need to come and see Fr Tom at the designated times only.

The following signing sessions will take place at the Presbytery at St Richard's Church (behind the main church next to the school) There is no need to book just turn up, but you may have to wait outside due to COVID restrictions depending on how many people are in front of you.

**Tuesday 22nd September 3.15-3.45pm**

**Thursday 24th September 6.45pm—7.15pm**

**Tuesday 29th September 6.45pm—7.15pm**

**Wednesday 7th October 3.15pm—3.45pm**

If you have any worries or questions about the process then please call Amy at the parish office for clarification 01243 782343 or 07521 697117.

## **Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration**

We all very much regret that our parish Apostolate fell victim to the lockdown. After a gap of many months we are now going to revive it, and if possible to return to the hours of Adoration we kept prior to Covid: every Friday from 8am, starting with Mass through the day. We hope to finish the day with confessions at 6pm and Mass at 7pm.

Our hope is that many of the parishioners who took part previously will be able to resume the same hour in the future.

Our wish is to relaunch the Apostolate on Friday 2nd October but before we can do this we need to have the reassurance that every hour will be covered by at least two adorers. Would all our precious adorers, therefore, please contact the parish office. The former list of adorers is in the church porch. New volunteers are always most welcome. Remember, the main purpose of the Apostolate is to 'ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to this harvest' [LK 10:2]

With many thanks

Fr Tom

## **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*