

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

**20th September 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Dare I suggest; at this moment in time that the Church seems to be returning gradually to what we had before? Many of you will be pleased with the return of the 8.30am Mass on Sundays. Also, in the coming week we will be welcoming the return of Adoration to Our Lady of the Assumption on Tuesday at 9.25am until the 10am Mass, and to St Peter's on Wednesdays from 9am until midday.

None of us needs to be reminded of the central place of the Eucharist in our lives. The many appreciative comments we have received for the live-streaming and the fact that our weekend Masses are full to capacity confirms your great love for the Mass.

One of the few advantages of the lockdown is that it provides us with the opportunity to review current practice and to consider whether some changes are necessary in order to better serve our community. This applies especially to the times of our weekday Masses, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration.

One change we hope to introduce at St Richard's soon is to transfer the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration from Fridays to Wednesdays. The plan is to end with evening Mass at 7pm, preceded by confessions at 6pm. Mid-week often suits people better and I'm sure the opportunity to attend an evening mass, and to go to Confession will be greatly valued.

However, none of this can happen until we have the guarantee that at least two parishioners will be available for Adoration on every hour, throughout the day, from the 8am Mass until the 7pm Mass. Therefore, we are relying very much on the previous adorers being able to continue with the hour they had on Fridays. A quick response will be much appreciated. Kindly inform the parish office if you are able to help.

New Adorers will be most welcome. May I emphasise again that we cannot start anything until the hours of Adoration are covered.

May God bless you all.
Fr Tom

**Sunday 20th September
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First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Responsorial Psalm 144

The Lord is close to all who call him

Second reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more

Gospel Acclamation

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 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

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
Saturday 19 Sept	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)
Sunday 20 Sept 25 th 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	The young people of our parish, starting primary school, secondary school and university in unsettling times.
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	Jim Chapman RIP (Kath & Charlie Hughes)
	3pm	St Richard's	No	No	PARISH CONFIRMATION MASS
Mon 21 Sept St Matthew <i>Feast</i>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Phyllis-Ann Barbetto RIP and her family (Elizabeth and Richard Brooke)
Tues 22 Sept Our Lady of Sorrows	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	Sid Neal RIP
	9.25-10am	Our Lady	Adoration and confessions		
	10am	Our Lady	Yes	No	
Wed 23 Sept St Pius of Pietrelcino	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	Laurence Hutchinson RIP and family (R&E Brooke)
	9-11am	St Richard's	Private Prayer and Confessions		
	11am	St Richard's	Yes		
	9-12noon	St Peter's	Adoration		
Thurs 24 Sept Our Lady of Walsingham	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Margaret Hugo RIP (E. Duxbury)
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	No	<i>Ordinariate Rite Mass – titular feast day</i>
Friday 25 Sept	8am	St Richard's	No	Yes	Health and wellbeing of Mary Rivett (R&E Brooke)
	9.30	St Peter's	Confessions		
	10am	St Peter's	Yes	No	
Saturday 26 Sept SS Cosmas and Damian	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Wellbeing of Pauline Murray (K. McHale)
Sunday 27 Sept 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	St Richard's	Yes	No	
	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Elizabeth and Nora Connick RIP (S. Connick)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	Birthday blessings for Margaret Beazley on her 70 th birthday

Children's Liturgy

After the summer break we are pleased to be able to offer our younger parishioners online children's liturgy. This week please see a video from Colour and Shape, and worksheets to colour and fill-in together.

8.30am Sunday Mass is back at St Richard's

Please let the Parish office know if you would like to attend the 8.30am mass at St Richard's this weekend or next.

Next week we will need to ask everyone again for your preferences for which time of weekend mass you would like to attend in October at all the churches.

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

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, Adoration and private prayer

- ◆ **Our Lady of the Assumption** - Adoration and Confessions on Tuesday at 9.30am before Mass.
- ◆ **St Richard's Wednesdays 9-11am** No need to book, just turn up. Private prayer, and confessions (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
- ◆ **St Peters** Adoration will be held every Wednesday from 9 am - 12 noon.
- ◆ **St Peters - The Sacrament of Confession** is now available on Friday mornings at 9:30, before Mass.

Confirmation

Please pray for our confirmation candidates, their sponsors and their families. This weekend, 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.

APF Red Boxes

Will the APF Red Box holders at St Peter's please return their boxes to church on Friday or Sunday so that they can be emptied. Income has been much reduced during the Covid 19 pandemic but the work continues and the charity urgently needs your support. If you prefer the box to be collected from your home, please contact Gill Beeze, Tel No. 671082.

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

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.

St Philip Howard

Open Evening – 30 September at 6pm

As you can imagine, this year's Open Evening has been very challenging to organise due to the current COVID guidelines. This year we will not be opening our doors to prospective families but will be hosting a virtual Open Evening, featuring live interviews, virtual tour of the school etc.

Recruitment

A number of positions are available please check the website.

Please visit the St Philip Howard Catholic School website www.sphcs.co.uk for exciting teaching and support opportunities currently being advertised. Visits from prospective applicants are always very welcome.

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