

22nd November 2020

Christ the King



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Confessions

At St Richard's on a Wednesday from 10-11am and from 6-7pm, and currently at Our Lady's during Tuesday.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

At our recent Chapter Meeting, conversation inevitably turned to the latest report of the 'Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse'. While there is nothing new in this document, we felt it was particularly demoralising coming at this difficult time. For anyone who cares for the Church it is deeply distressing.

How should we react? What should we tell our people? Our Provost, Canon Tony Churchill advises that we say 'less rather than more'.

It is not for us to make excuses, nor to condemn those responsible for the abuse, whether physical, emotional or sexual. Likewise, with those in authority who failed to deal adequately with the allegations; all judgement must be left to God.

First, it must be said that our hearts go out to all the innocent victims: They have suffered so much, and many will continue to suffer. The wounds of abuse can go very deep and so we must pray constantly for their healing and wholeness. Those guilty of committing abuse, whether they are living or dead, desperately need our prayers that they may repent with profound sorrow and seek God's forgiveness. Lastly, we pray for the Church that she may learn from her failings, and grow in humility and wisdom; and never to repeat the mistakes again.

Taking Fr Tony's advice, perhaps there is nothing more to say. We must hope and pray that the Church will emerge from these dark times, chastened, humbled, more compassionate and, therefore, more effective in proclaiming the Gospel so badly needed today.

May God bless you,

Fr Tom

Masses for Christmas

We are very hopeful that we will be able to celebrate Mass on Christmas Day. Masses will be at the following times:

Christmas Eve

5.30pm - Mass at Our Lady (families are welcomed to this Mass (not Angels and Shepherds))

6.00pm - Mass at St Richard's

8.00pm - Mass at St Peter's

9.00pm - Mass at St Richard's

Christmas Day

8.30am - Mass at St Richard's

9.00am - Mass at St Peter's

10.00am - Mass at St Richard's

11.00am - Mass at Our Lady

Spaces are limited, please book your place as soon as you can.

[Follow this link to book online.](#)

www.strichardschichester.co.uk/survey2

If you can't book online, then please email chichester@abdiocese.org.uk or call 07521 697117



Sunday 22nd November - Christ the King

First Reading Ezekiel 34: 11-12

The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep

Responsorial Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Second reading 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me

Children's Liturgy

[Worksheets and colouring can be downloaded from our website, and you can find a video for you to go through with your children.](#)

Or it can be found at:

www.strichardschichester.co.uk/social-children-families

First Holy Communion Programme for 2020/2021

We are really pleased to announce that the programme for this year's First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation has now been organised and we are now asking for applications for children in Year 3 and above.

The course comprises 8 sessions which, certainly for the first few months, will be held virtually via Zoom (except at St Peter's, where sessions will be held in person). As in previous years we will be following the Growing Up Catholic programme, and all the online sessions are completed with both the parent/carer and the child.

Using Zoom is free and very easy. You can use Zoom on a tablet, computer or smartphone. The catechists will guide you through the process for your classes. If you do not have access to one of these then it is possible to dial in via a normal phone call to listen to the class with your child.

If you have any questions about the format of the course, or if you would like a paper copy of the application form then please contact the parish office.

You can sign up in a number of ways

1. [Sign up online](#)
2. [Download the application form from the website](#)
3. Request the parish office to email you a copy of the application form:
Chichester@abdiocese.org.uk

We are asking for all applications to be received by 30th November, the introductory evening will take place on 7th December at 7.30pm via Zoom.

National Youth Sunday

Sunday 22nd November, the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year is 'Together'. Normally on NYS, young people would be involved in the Liturgy. Whilst the Parish Community can't be together physically, we are united together in prayer. This weekend especially, we pray for the young people of our Parish. Follow [@NationalYouthSunday](#) and for more information, please go to www.nationalyouthsunday.com

Pope Francis said recently: "After many months we meet each other again our face to face, rather than screen to screen. Face to face. This is good! The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity. I would like to underline this word today: solidarity."

During this second lockdown we will have livestreamed Masses and the churches will also be open for private prayer and Adoration

(Our livestreaming now has a stable connection due to the wiring work we have had done.)

	Livestreamed Mass Time and Intentions	Livestreamed Mass Time and Intentions
Saturday 21st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8am Online weekday Mass	6pm Vigil Online Mass <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
Sunday 22nd November CHRIST THE KING	8.30am Online Sunday Mass <i>Margaret Bowles RIP & blessings on her family</i> 10am Online Sunday Mass <i>Bridie and Patrick McGreal RIP (Mary)</i>	8.30am Online Sunday Mass <i>Blessings on Adam, Kerry and Family (M&B Southward)</i> 10am Online Sunday Mass <i>Deceased Members of the Bailey Family (M. Haines)</i>
Monday 23rd November	8am Online weekday Mass <i>Martin Buckley RIP (Kinga and Family)</i>	8am Online weekday Mass <i>Michael Loftus RIP (Helen and Family)</i>
Tuesday 24th November St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	8am Online weekday Mass <i>Rachel Elizabeth Cookson RIP</i>	8am Online weekday Mass
Wednesday 25th November	8am Online weekday Mass <i>Blessings for the wedding of Edwin and Shirlyn</i>	8am Online weekday Mass
Thursday 26th November	8am Online weekday Mass <i>Gwyn French RIP (Family)</i>	8am Online weekday Mass <i>Wilfrid Loftus RIP (Helen and Family)</i>
Friday 27th November	8am Online weekday Mass <i>K M Mathew RIP</i>	8am Online weekday Mass <i>Deceased Members of the McEwan Family</i>
Saturday 28th November	8am Online weekday Mass <i>John Siveter RIP</i>	6pm Vigil Online Mass <i>In thanksgiving for the love and support of Kay McHale</i>
Sunday 29th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30am Online Sunday Mass <i>Deceased Family Members (M&M Southward)</i> 10am Online Sunday Mass <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (R France)</i>	8.30am Online Sunday Mass <i>Deceased members of the Toner Family</i>

Days and times of Private Prayer and Adoration (during lockdown)

Find sanctuary from the stress of lockdown with the Lord.

	St Richard's	St Peters	Our Lady
Monday	8.30-11am (Private Prayer)	10-11 (Private Prayer)	
Tuesday	8.30-11am (Private Prayer)		10am-11am (Adoration)
Wednesday	8.30-7pm (Adoration)	9-12noon (Adoration)	
Thursday	8.30-11am (Private Prayer)		
Friday	8.30-11am (Private Prayer)	10-11am (Private Prayer)	
Saturday	8.30-11am (Private Prayer)		
Sunday			

Please do be aware that the church needs to be thoroughly cleaned after private prayer and adoration. Please take a disposable wipe to clean down after you.

We will be requesting booking for Sunday Masses in December from next week.

Holy Souls

It has been drawn to our attention that sometimes when a parishioner dies, we fail to acknowledge the great contribution they may have made to our parish in the past. This is very regrettable not only because they are valuable part of our parish family, but also because we can be inspired by their example. We, therefore, rely on parishioners to make sure this does not happen by making contact with us at the time.

BISHOP'S CATECHESIS FOR ADVENT

Bishop Richard will be offering talks at the Cathedral on the Fridays preceding the Sundays of Advent. These will begin at 7pm. The dates and themes are as follows and information will be included on the diocesan website and in e-news. The first will be livestreamed only, on account of the lockdown, but it will be possible for people to attend the other three and bookings can be made through the Cathedral office.

27th November: Advent - Waiting
4th December: John the Baptist - Witness
11th December: Gaudete - Rejoice
18th December: Mary - Openness

<https://abdiocese.org.uk/news/advent-with-bishop-richard>

#RedWednesday

Stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their peacefully held beliefs. Red Wednesday is on 25th November this year. Red is the Christian colour of martyrdom. Christians are the most persecuted faith group in today's world and #RedWednesday will honour all Christians who suffer and die for their faithfulness to Christ's message of peace and love. Red Wednesday will shine a light on Christian persecution but also highlight the injustices perpetrated against other faith groups.

The campaign led by Aid to the Church in Need calls for respect and tolerance for people of faith and between different faith traditions. Please wear something red on that day.

First Communion Programme, St Peter's ONLY

If you are interested in joining the new First Holy Communion class at St Peter's, or would like some more information, then please contact either Sylvie (0794 8826339) or Pat (07876 316326). Thank you.

Our Parish Offertory

Sadly, due to Covid-19 rules, we are again unable to physically attend Mass. We are very grateful to all who have responded generously in recent weeks 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 in church. For parishioners who normally donate this way, and who are now unable 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 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