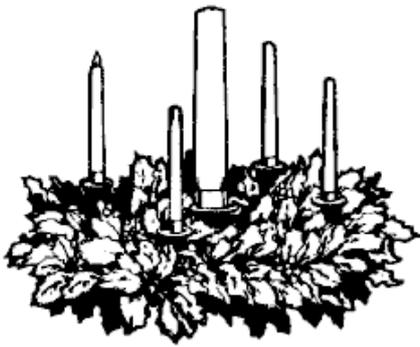


**6th December 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)**



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**Confessions This week:**

At St Richard's on a Wednesday from  
10-11am and from 6-7pm,  
Next week—extra times available.

Dear Friends in Christ,  
During this Season of Advent, we are encouraged to go to Confession in order to best prepare ourselves for the coming of our Saviour. I thought a gentle reminder about this Sacrament might be helpful. We use many names for this; Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacrament of Penance, all of which are accurate as the Sacrament contains all these elements and more.

**Examination of Conscience:** When we examine our conscience, we consider whether the choices we have made showed love for God, ourselves and others or if those choices distanced us from God. We ask ourselves whether we have sinned, either by doing something that we know is against God's law, or by not doing something that God's law calls us to do.

**Confession:** We confess our sins to the priest. Through this admission of our sins and failings, we take responsibility for ourselves and open ourselves up to God for a new beginning.

**Penance:** The priest asks us to say a prayer or perform a good act that shows sorrow for sins. This prayer or act is called a penance. It helps to make up for any harm caused by sin and to grow as a disciple of Christ.

**Contrition:** We express heartfelt sorrow through an Act of Contrition. We tell God we are truly sorry for our sins and firmly intend not to sin again. This may be a prayer we remember as a child, there may be a card to read from or a spontaneous prayer that is heartfelt and sincere.

**Absolution:** We are given God's forgiveness of our sins through the words and actions of the priest acting in the name of Christ.

Like all Sacraments, Confession confers **graces** upon the receiver and in the case of confession, the graces are a **reconciliation** with God and His Church, a 'peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation' and 'restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.' *Catechism 1468*.

There are many opportunities over the coming weeks to go to Confession and these are listed in this newsletter. If you are worried about going, what to say or it may have been a long time, please do not worry. The Priest will be delighted to see you and will guide you at all times.

Also, God will be pleased to see you. After all, he revealed to St Faustina, as recorded in her Diary, 'Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyse what sort of a priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light' (1725).

With prayers for Advent and a good Confession,

Deacon Jon.

**We are very pleased to be able to worship together once again ....**

**At St Richard's there are just a few changes we would like you to note:**

When you arrive at church if you can then please use the track and trace app on your smartphone, if not, then we need to ask you to give your name and phone number to the stewards, each time you attend.



Obviously, we are unable to hand around the collection baskets during Mass, so we need to collect your weekly donation some other way. Your Church needs your donation. The collection baskets and new card machine will be in the porch as you enter.



Please could you fill up the benches in the main body of the church first before sitting in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, which we would like to keep as an overflow.

### Masses for Christmas

Thank you to all those who have booked their Mass for Christmas already.

**Everyone who has booked (before 4/12/20), already has their choice of Mass.** Certain Christmas masses are now, however, full (see below), If you would like to book to come to one of the other masses then please do so online. [Follow this link to book online.](#)

[www.strichardschichester.co.uk/survey2](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/survey2)

(If you can't book online, then please email [chichester@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:chichester@abdiocese.org.uk) or call 07521 697117 )

#### Christmas Eve

- 5.30pm - Mass at Our Lady (still taking bookings)
- 6.00pm - Mass at St Richard's FULL
- 8.00pm - Mass at St Peter's (still taking bookings)
- 9.00pm - Mass at St Richard's FULL

#### Christmas Day

- 8.30am - Mass at St Richard's (still taking bookings)
- 9.00am - Mass at St Peter's FULL
- 10.00am - Mass at St Richard's FULL
- 11.00am - Mass at Our Lady (still taking bookings)



### Just to remind you .....

There is no need to book in advance for mid-week masses, or the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St Richard's, or the 8.30am Sunday Mass at St Richard's.

Please still book in advance for the:

9am St Peter's, 10am St Richard's and 11am Our Lady Sunday morning masses.

### Sunday 6th December - SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT

*First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it

*Responsorial Psalm 84*

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

*Second reading 2 Peter 3:8-14*

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

*Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

*Gospel: Mark 1:1-8*

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord.

### Children's Liturgy for this weekend

[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](http://Www.strichardschichester.co.uk/social-children-families)

### Reconciliation

This year, we will not have a formal Reconciliation Service, but Fr Tom and Fr Sebastian will be available at different times in the week of 14th December, for those who want to celebrate the Sacrament of forgiveness before Christmas

#### St Richard's

- ◇ Wednesday 16th Dec 10am-11am and 6-7pm
- ◇ Thursday 17th Dec 10am-11am and 6-7pm
- ◇ Friday 18th Dec 10am-11am and 6-7pm

#### Our Lady of the Assumption

- ◇ Tuesday 15th December 9.15am - 10am

#### St Peter's

- ◇ Friday 18th December 9.15am - 10am

All social distancing precautions will be followed at all times.

### Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Bosham Parishioner Billy Walker, who died last Wednesday in St Richard's hospital.

Mona Culliton, parishioner of St Peter's and mother to Monica Tourlamain. Mona's funeral will be held at St Peter's on 11th December.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## School Form Signing for St Richard's Primary School

If you are applying for a place at St Richard's School for your child and you need to get your school form signed. Fr Tom will be available in the lower parish room at the following times to sign your form.

- Wednesday 9th at 3.15pm
- Wednesday December 16th at 3.15pm
- Friday January 8th 3.15pm

Please bring along the form, a copy of your child's baptism certificate, and a mask. Depending on how many people are before you in the queue, then you may be asked to wait outside. Social distancing rules will apply.

## First Holy Communion Programme for 2020/2021 - St Richards and Our Lady

Thank you for sending in your application forms for the First Holy Communion programme for 2021. The Introduction meeting will take place this Monday at 7pm via Zoom. A code will be sent out to the email address you gave on the application form, please make sure you join the meeting a few minutes early (you will go into a waiting room until 7pm). Your catechists are looking forward to meeting you all then.

### 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
<b>Via credit / debit card</b> <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ChichesterwiththeWitterings">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ChichesterwiththeWitterings</a>	<b>Via credit / debit card</b> <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ChichesterwiththeWitterings">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ChichesterwiththeWitterings</a>
<b>Via bank transfer</b> Name: RCD A&B St Richard of Chichester Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 41076582 Reference: surname and offertory	<b>Via bank transfer</b> Name: RCD A&B St Peter's Wittering Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 71077716 Reference: surname and offertory
<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

### Parish Community Fund Christmas Appeal

Many families within our extended Parish Community have recently suffered financial hardship. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to offer some support to approximately 20 of the most needy families. All the requests for help have come from our Catholic schools. Christmas this year is likely to be a very difficult time for many and we aim to reach out with help in the form of hampers or food vouchers. These will go to families who find themselves unable to fulfil their most basic needs. We received a thank you from a recent recipient:

*Thank you very, very much. Without the additional support St Richard's Parish are offering, I don't know how I would have managed to feed my family during the last couple of months.*

If you are able to support this appeal please donate via bank transfer or cheque.

Via Bank Transfer: Name: RCD A&B St Richard of Chichester  
Sort Code: 40-05-20, Account No: 41076582 ref PCF

Please add your name if your donation is eligible for Gift Aid. Please make cheques payable to 'St Richards Chichester'

## THE FAITH COMPANION

"The Faith Companion parishioner magazine is now online only. Digital copies and subscriptions are available at <http://www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk> or call 01403 754808. We have now launched Catholic Gifts online selling The Faith Companion candle, rosaries and a gift card for gifts or subscriptions. Please support and pray for our mission to support the Church."

## Masses and Mass Intentions this week

	Time	Church	Public?	Online?	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Blessings on the marriage of Kevin Peavot and Hannah Ursell
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Second Sunday of Advent</b>	8.30am	St Richard's	Yes	No	Mrs Marilyn Bannen RIP (Clare Apel)
	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Veronica Brown RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	For the souls of the unborn babies
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec St Ambrose</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	12 noon	St Richard's	Yes	No	
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Holy souls in Purgatory
	9.25-10am	Our Lady	Adoration and confessions		
	10am	Our Lady	Yes	No	David Collins RIP (McCaughey Family)
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	8am-7pm	St Richard's	All day Adoration		
	9-12noon	St Peter's	Adoration		
	10-11am	St Richard's	Confessions		
	6-6.45pm	St Richard's	Confessions		
	7pm	St Richard's	Yes	No	
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	For the souls of the unborn babies
	12 noon	St Richard's	Yes	No	Patricia Edith Green RIP (Peter Green)
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Deceased members of the Haines Family
	9.30	St Peter's	Confessions		
	10am	St Peter's	Yes	No	
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Third Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete Sunday'</b>	8.30am	St Richard's	Yes	No	For the souls of the unborn babies
	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Mark Grabowski RIP (M & P Thompson)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Rebecca Mary Cookson RIP
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	

### Private Prayer

At St Richard's the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be open each day during the week from 8.30am—4pm for private prayer. You are very welcome to come in.  
At St Peter's, the church will be open on Monday from 10-11am for private prayer, and Adoration on Wednesday from 9-12noon.

### Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Paula Barrett, Ellie Butler, Jan Thorpe, Frank O'Donnell, Jo Scholes, Dennis Chiles, Kay Howlett, 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, Irene Ray-Crosby  
*Please let the office know of any changes to be made*