

13th December 2020
Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)
Gaudate Sunday



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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.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
Advent is a time for peace and reconciliation within
communities and families, but also and especially
between ourselves and God. Last week, Deacon Jon
wrote on the Sacrament of Reconciliation explaining
how it works. This week, I am offering a short
examination of conscience, much of which I gave in
my homily last weekend. It is based on the thoughts of
Fr John Edwards S.J, a priest who had many years of
experience in giving parish missions. He speaks of the
4 'Roots of Sin'.

Self.

The technical term for this is Pride. It does not mean
being conceited; it means inserting myself before God,
before others. 'Not thy will, but **Mine**, be done.' All
selfishness and overindulgence come into this.

Moral Cowardice.

This involves failing to do God's will for fear of what
others might think. It was Peter's sin at the fireside. It
refers to those times we remain silent or 'go along with
the crowd' for fear of being unpopular.

Culpable Blindness

When we become ignorant of the truth and of the good,
as a result of neglecting the graces offered to us. This
may often be the cause of lapsation. Most of our sins of
omission are due to culpable blindness.

Not Trusting God

This is a very common failing. Dread and worry are
natural (Jesus felt them in Gethsemane) but unless they
are handled right, they can be sinful: Bitterness and
guilt about the past; pain or confusion or anger about
the present; anxiety and fear over the future. In giving
way to these temptations we are refusing to take God at
his word: That he is our loving, forgiving Father,
always taking care of us.

I hope this brief examination of conscience will be
helpful to us not only in Advent but throughout the
year. Finally **a reminder**: if you can form the habit of
examining your conscience at the end of each day you
will have no difficulty in going to confession.

May God bless you all

Fr Tom

Second Collection for Christmas Flowers

We will be holding a second collection next weekend for the Christmas flower decorations at each of our Churches.

Please give generously if you can. You can pay by cheque (made payable to St Richard's Church, or St Peter's Church), bank transfer too using the details below with the reference: FLOWERS.

In your charity remember to pray for Jennifer Lee and Nicholas Hall, both parishioners of St Peter's who died recently. We keep their families in our prayers in their time of loss.

Missio Calendar 2021

Free copies of the 2021 Missio calendar are in the porches of St Richard's Church, Our Lady of the Assumption and St Peter's. Red box holder and other interested parishioners are very welcome to take one.

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
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

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'

Do you speak Arabic, Farsi, Tigrinya or Kurdish Sorani? Volunteer Interpreters Needed:

If you do Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group would welcome your help. We support asylum seekers and other migrants held in detention at Gatwick Airport. At the moment one of the centres is holding men who have come across the Channel in small boats. They arrive traumatised only to find they are then imprisoned. They feel desperate. We want to help them as best we can but many do not speak English. They come from many different countries but at present in particular from Yemen, Iran and Iraq. If you would be able to help please contact

Josie: josie@gdwg.org.uk

We will need to take references, carry out an interview and DBS checks as we do with all of the many volunteers who support our work. Thank you.

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.

All masses are now full, but there are masses throughout the week after Christmas no booking required

Christmas Eve

- 5.30pm - Mass at Our Lady FULL
- 6.00pm - Mass at St Richard's FULL
- 8.00pm - Mass at St Peter's FULL
- 9.00pm - Mass at St Richard's FULL

Christmas Day

- 8.30am - Mass at St Richard's FULL
- 9.00am - Mass at St Peter's FULL
- 10.00am - Mass at St Richard's FULL
- 11.00am - Mass at Our Lady FULL



Sunday 13th December - Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-2, 10-11

He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Luke 1:46-50

My soul rejoices in my God

Second reading 1 Thess 5:16-24

May you all be kept safe for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:6-8

'There stands among you the one coming after me'.

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

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.

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 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.

Reconciliation

This year, we will not have a parish Reconciliation Service, but Fr Tom and Fr Sebastian will be available at different times in the week of 14th December, for confession.

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.

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 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.

Masses and Mass Intentions this week

	Time	Church	Public?	Online?	Mass intention
Saturday 12th Dec Our Lady of Guadalupe	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	People of the Parish
Sunday 13th Dec Third Sunday of Advent 'Gaudate Sunday'	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	Blessings on Lucy, Tim and Family (M&B Southward)
Mon 14th Dec St John of the Cross	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	12 noon	St Richard's	Yes	No	Patrick Doocey RIP (Maura)
Tues 15th Dec	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Jean Lynch RIP (Catherine Buttimer)
	9.25-10am	Our Lady	Adoration and confessions		
	10am	Our Lady	Yes	No	Gerard McCaughey RIP (McCaughey Family)
Wed 16th Dec	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	
Thurs 17th Dec	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	In Thanksgiving for the Divine Infant of Prague (Madonna and Rachel)
	10am	St Peter's	No	No	Jennifer Lee RIP Funeral
	12 noon	St Richard's	Yes	No	Catherine O'Connor RIP
Friday 18th Dec	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Deceased members of the Haines Family
	9.30	St Peter's	Confessions		
	10am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Lucretia Breeze RIP (Gill and Geoff Breeze)
	12.30	St Richard's	No	No	Philip Pratley RIP Funeral
Saturday 19th Dec	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Birthday Blessings for Sheila Brown (Jean French)
Sunday 20th Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.30am	St Richard's	Yes	No	Hay, Watson and Neil Families RIP (Kate Jackson)
	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Hannah O'Sullivan RIP (Daphne & Joe)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Eileen Robson RIP (Clare Apel)
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	Joan le Morvan RIP (M&B Southward)

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