

**17th January 2021**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (YrB)**



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am sure many of us would not have imagined, when the virus arrived last March, that we would be at a place, so many months on, where rates of infection are so high. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone across our communities for the spirit of co-operation and understanding that is being shown.

Please continue to be very careful to observe the requirements that are necessary at present and remember that staying at home can often be the wisest course, especially for those with underlying health conditions or those in more vulnerable age groups. The Sunday Obligation continues to be suspended and live streamed Masses are widely available across the Diocese.

We owe very particular thanks too for the wonderful work being carried out by healthcare workers at this time. I also thank our school communities for everything that is being done for our young people. There is much extra work at present for teachers, nursery staff and support staff in our school communities, which are places of real blessing in these trying times.

With every blessing,

*Bishop Richard*

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*First Reading 2 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19*

'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'

*Responsorial Psalm 39*

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

*Second reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20*

Do not sin against your own body

*Gospel Acclamation*

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

*Gospel: John 1:35-42*

'We have found the Messiah'

**Please pray for our sick parishioners:**

John and Mary Eveleigh, Susan Line, Sheila Brown, 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 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*

## How we as a parish are responding to Covid-19

As per Bishop Richard's message on the front of this newsletter, if you do not feel it is right for you to attend Mass in person, your Sunday obligation is still suspended and you can follow live streamed Masses every day via our YouTube channel ( [youtube.com/c/StRichardsChichester](https://youtube.com/c/StRichardsChichester) ). If, however, you would like to participate in person then, you are very welcome. Fr Tom and Fr Sebastian will be celebrating Mass every day, ensuring of course, that they and we adhere to the strictest of safety measures, required by the Government and by the Diocese.

There is no need to book for any of the Masses at any of the churches as currently a lower number of parishioners are attending.

Even though numbers of people attending Mass are lower at this time, we need to ensure that we have stewards and volunteers to wipe down after every Mass. If you are attending Mass and can offer to help, please speak with the clergy or with the parish office.

St Richard's will remain open each day from 8am until dusk. **Adoration** will continue on Wednesdays in the morning only (until midday) and for one hour before the 7pm Mass. **Confessions** will continue on Wednesdays from 10-11am and 6-6.45pm.

We must remind you that, [in accordance with government guidance](#), you **must not mingle or socialise** with anyone outside of your own household or support bubble when you are at church. Please do keep in contact with parish friends by phone or electronic means, but not by chatting or catching up before or after Mass or around times of private prayer.

### Invited

(Coming soon)

God loves you. He has great plans for you. He wants to accompany you through all the highs and lows of your life. There will soon be an opportunity for you to explore all this and more as we journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission. Visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) to find out more. You, are Invited.



### 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))



### Right to Life

Right To Life UK is a charitable organisation focused on life issues – abortion, assisted suicide and embryo research. They are reaching out to parishioners for your prayers. The prayer for this weekend they have suggested

*“As we open the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray especially for our shared calling to protect and preserve all life. We pray that our unity and ecumenical efforts on all life issues would inspire the world to join us in defending the lives and rights of all vulnerable in society. Lord hear us”*

### Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity:

#### Monday 18th January until 25th January

One important church activity which has suffered during the lockdown has been Ecumenism. While valiant efforts have been made in the past year, especially at Bosham, it has not been easy, and will continue to be a challenge. In the absence of an annual unity service let us make sure we keep one another in our prayers over the coming days, praying that God will bless all our future efforts at coming together to share in Christ's mission.

We recall the words of Pope John XXIII (written at the end of his life) “God does not ask us to be successful, but to work, pray and suffer for Christian Unity”.



### The Diocesan Refugee Crisis Newsletter:

The latest edition can now be found on our website under the [newsletter section](#). Please do take a look if you have some time.

### Austen Ivereigh Livestream Event 30<sup>th</sup> January from 11 - 12.30 Dr

Austen Ivereigh will speak about the book he recently co-authored with Pope Francis. ‘Let us Dream’ presents the Pope's vision for the post-pandemic future. How should we move forward from the multiple coronavirus crises? The priorities must surely be care for our brothers and sisters, especially those in greatest need, and care for the earth. We also need to build good relations internationally after the damage of recent times. To access this livestream event please go to [www.ssppilford.org.uk](http://www.ssppilford.org.uk) and click on live stream remote services. The event, which is sponsored by Gidea Park parish in conjunction with Brentwood Interfaith, will be available subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Questions for Austen may be emailed beforehand to [adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

	Time	Church	Public?	Online?	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	No	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Margaret Barrett RIP (M. Dempsey)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am	St Richard's	Yes	No	Health and wellbeing of Chris Power (M. Dempsey)
	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Mona Culliton RIP (Marie O'Grady)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	People of the Parish
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Jim and Maureen Franks RIP (Mary & Martin)
	12 noon	St Richard's	Yes	No	
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Wellbeing of Paul Robertson
	9.25-10am	Our Lady	Adoration and confessions		
	10am	Our Lady	Yes	No	
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> St Sebastian	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Paul Thompson RIP (F. O'Donnell)
	9-12noon	St Peter's	Adoration		
	10-11am 6-6.45pm	St Richard's	Adoration (temporary reduced hours)		
	10-11am	St Richard's	Confessions		
	6-6.45pm	St Richard's	Confessions		
	7pm	St Richard's	Yes	No	
<b>Thurs 21st Jan</b> St Agnes	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	10am	St Peter's	No	No	
	12 noon	St Richard's	Yes	No	Agnes Heather RIP
<b>Friday 22nd Jan</b> St Vincent	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	9.30	St Peter's	Confessions		
	10am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Frank and Barbara Gallagher RIP (Clare Walton)
<b>Saturday 23rd Jan</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
<b>Sunday 24th Jan</b> <b>Third Sunday in OT</b>	8.30am	St Richard's	Yes	No	
	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Deceased and living members of the Steele Family (Jayne Lock)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	John and Wendy Buttergieg RIP (O'Kane Family)
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	People of the Parish

## 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.

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