

24th January 2021
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (YrB)



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Normally on this Sunday, because it falls within the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, we would expect unity services to be held up and down the country. This has not been possible due to Covid 19.

Within the lifetime of many of us, there have been huge advances towards Christian Unity. Writing in last week's Tablet, Ormond Rush (Professor and writer in the Australian Catholic University) traces how the Ecumenical Movement has evolved since Vatican II, 55 years ago. He points out that during the Papacies of John Paul II and Benedict XVI the focus was very much on doctrinal differences, with an attempt to find a way through them, (hence ARCIC and the Agreed Statements). Pope Francis, on the other hand, prefers to focus not on differences but on what we hold in common "if we concentrate on the convictions we share, and if we keep in mind the principles of the hierarchy of truths, we will be able to progress decidedly towards common expressions of proclamation, service and witness" *Evangelii Gaudium* (para 246).

It seems to me that this new approach makes it easier for all of us to get involved in Ecumenism. While "leaving the theologians to work on the doctrinal differences, we can focus on praying and working together across a suffering world to build the reign of God, particularly by addressing social and ecological problems side-by-side."

In this coming year let us, therefore, look for opportunities to do this together and so play our part in the important work of Ecumenism.

May God bless you all

Fr Tom

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First Reading **Jonah 3:1-5,10**

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour

Responsorial Psalm 24

Lord, make me know your ways.

Second reading **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

Do not sin against your own body

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

I will make you into fishers of men

How we as a parish are responding to Covid-19

If you would like to participate in the Mass 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. If you do not feel it is right for you to attend Mass in person, as Bishop Richard tells us, your Sunday obligation is still suspended.

You can follow live streamed Masses every day via our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/c/StRichardsChichester](https://www.youtube.com/c/StRichardsChichester)).

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. St Peter's will be open on Monday's for private prayer from 10-11am **Adoration** at St Richard's will continue on Wednesdays in the morning only (until midday) and for one hour before the 7pm Mass, and at St Peter's from 9-12noon on Wednesdays. **Confessions** will continue on Wednesdays at St Richard's 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie Rooke, St Richard's parishioner who died last week & for Jo Scholes, St Peter's parishioner who died on Monday night after a long illness. We pray also for their grieving friends and family. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

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))

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 to find out more. You,



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: Set up a standing order online; Make a single payment by online banking or by cheque; 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>

Masses (streamed or not) and Adoration this week

	Time	Church	Public?	Online?	Mass intention
Saturday 23rd Jan	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
Sunday 24th Jan	8.30am	St Richard's	Yes	No	
Third Sunday in OT 'Word of God Sunday'	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
Mon 25th Jan The Conversion of St Paul	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	12 noon	St Richard's	Yes	No	
Tues 26th Jan Ss Timothy and Titus	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Ivan and Helen Tkacz RIP
	9.25-10am	Our Lady	Adoration and confessions		
	10am	Our Lady	Yes	No	
Wed 27th Jan	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Joyce Olsen RIP
	9-12noon	St Peter's	Adoration		
	8.30-12 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	
	Thurs 28th Jan St Thomas Aquinas	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes
10am		St Peter's	No	No	
12 noon		St Richard's	Yes	No	
Friday 29th Jan	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
	9.30	St Peter's	Confessions		
	10am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Colin Beech RIP (M. McNearney)
Saturday 30th Jan	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	People of the Parish
Sunday 31st Jan Fourth Sunday in OT	8.30am	St Richard's	Yes	No	
	9am	St Peter's	Yes	No	Deceased and living members of the Lock Family (B. Lock)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Yes	Intentions of Margaret Dempsey on her birthday.
	11am	Our Lady	Yes	No	

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Mairead (Lyons) Hardy, John and Mary Eveleigh, Susan Line, Sheila Brown, Paula Barrett, Ellie Butler, Jan Thorpe, Frank O'Donnell, 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

Holocaust Memorial Day

27 January 2021

The UK Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 ceremony will be streamed online at 7pm on 27th January. This will be our first fully digital ceremony.



Please register below to receive the link in advance of the ceremony.

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/uk-holocaust-memorial-day-2021-ceremony/>

The ceremony will run from 7–8pm.

At 8pm, get ready to Light the Darkness with us. Households across the UK will be lighting candles and safely putting them in their windows to:

- remember those who were murdered for who they were
- stand against prejudice and hatred today

Light a candle and put it in your window at 8pm on 27 January 2021

#HolocaustMemorialDay #LightTheDarkness

Discussion Group

The next meeting of Bognor Parish's Discussion Group will be on Wednesday January 27th, starting at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Father Tom O'Loughlin and his title is "Would inter-communion with other churches help us Catholics renew our appreciation of the Eucharist?"

This talk is on Zoom using the parish website. There will be no need for prior registration. All you have to do is to go to www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/discussion-group. On this page you will find a link to press to join the meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Men's Breakfast

Just a reminder that our next Zoom Men's Breakfast is tomorrow – Saturday 23rd January. Look forward to seeing as many of you who are able to make it. We start at 8.30am so if you'd like to join 5 or so minutes beforehand that would be great. The plan is to have small group breakouts followed by the talk (circa 30 minutes). During the talk please send any questions to me via the chat option and I will ask them for you at the end. Here is the link again to join the zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83867583507?pwd=bnR6S2xVM3lYQW52cE1pcXJYaVhwdz09>



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.

Do Unborn Lives Matter?

Amnesty International, an organisation claiming to uphold basic human rights, has pledged to make killing unborn children by abortion legal in every country, one of its goals for 2021.

Michael Robinson, SPUC Director of Communications said: "Amnesty International displays a total disregard for the human rights of unborn children. Calling itself an organisation that stands up for 'humanity and human rights', it disgraces itself by refusing to recognise the humanity and human rights of unborn babies. The hypocrisy is glaring."

In an online statement, Amnesty International, outlined its 2021 New Year goals. These include "to make abortion legal in all countries" A few years ago it spent many thousands of pounds in leading the campaign to legalise abortion in Ireland. Do you support Amnesty International?

We have been asked to remind parishioners that to receive the Covid vaccine it is vital to register with an NHS doctor.

Lourdes

Bishop Richard writes "Lourdes is a place of renewal, a place where our relationship with Christ is deepened. Making the journey means entering a space in which we can be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in way that, perhaps we had never thought possible before. The experience of the Pilgrimage changes us as we spend time in quiet reflection, so it is important that we as a Diocese support those who hear Our Lady's call to go on pilgrimage, spiritually, pastorally and financially where required. The comforting presence of Jesus is shown by all those who serve our sick, frail and elderly pilgrims during our week in Lourdes and those who support the pilgrims in other ways."

On the weekend of 13/14 Feb we will be having a 2nd collection for the 2021 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Envelopes will be available if you can gift aid your donation and details of how to make a donation online will also be given nearer the time.

Austen Ivereigh Livestream Event

30th 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.sppilford.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 Questions for Austen may be emailed beforehand to adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org