

28th March 2021

PALM SUNDAY



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion, albeit somewhat abbreviated as is required these days. But why should we remember the Passion of Jesus? Why keep alive the memory of such anguish and pain? Are we not supposed to forget about past pain and hurt, put them away and let them disappear if they can?

As Christians, we are committed to be a people that remembers Jesus' Passion, 'Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me.' When a community chooses to remember suffering, its memory becomes a protest. Remembrance of pain, of horror, of past deeds and events, demands a future that is better than the past. That is why the memory of suffering is dangerous; in recalling the suffering of the victim there is a protest that this should not be repeated. There should be no innocent victims.

That memory also serves to make us aware of the crosses that are in our midst, both that we and those around us live with. The memory of Jesus' Passion forces us to pay attention to the suffering of others. The cross demands that attention should be paid, and we do not look the other way. So today as we listen to the suffering of Jesus, we recognise the suffering of all who are victims of hate, prejudice, abuse and violence.

As we accompany Jesus through Holy Week, no matter what trials we may be facing and how difficult life is at this time, let us pray for confidence in God's presence, that we may be strengthened by it and filled with hope as we look forward to Easter.

With prayers for a blessed Holy Week,

Deacon Jon.

Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday (Yr B)

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

Responsorial Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second reading Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Children's Liturgy this week

Please follow the [link](#) for your children's liturgy materials this week for Palm Sunday. Your catechist Mary has recorded a video this week.



N.B Please note that there will be no online children's liturgy for the next few weeks over the Easter holidays.

Weekend Masses 28 March (Palm Sunday)

There are still a few places left at the 6pm Vigil Mass and the 11am Our Lady of the Assumption on Sunday morning. Please book online and ensure you get confirmation.

Triduum and Easter Sunday

All Masses at all churches are now fully booked. Please do not turn up if you do not have a confirmed place.

If you still need to book:

- 1) Please book online if you can by clicking on the following link [Weekend Masses](#)
- 2) If you can't book online then please call or email the parish office 01243 782343 / 07521 697117 or email chichester@abdiocese.org.uk

Bosham Meeting Point Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Our usual Good Friday Walk of Witness will not be possible this year. For those who would like to meet and reflect in some way, we will follow the Stations of the Cross on zoom at 10.30 am on April 2nd. This can be accessed using the following :- ID 820 3600 6230 Passcode 272352 For further details please contact Sally Morley email sallymorley@hotmail.com

We remember in our prayers Bosham parishioner Monica Drage, who passed away yesterday. She moved away a couple of years ago to be with family in Wales, but she had worshipped at Our Lady of the Assumption for many years.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Richard's

At present on Wednesdays only from 8.30am until 12 noon and from 6-6.45 during confessions, before the 7pm Mass. To ensure there are never less than two people present please sign the list in the porch or ring the parish office. Thank you.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Margaret Beazley, Nicola Coutts, Susan Line, Mairead (Lyons) Hardy, John and Mary Eveleigh, Sheila Brown, Paula Barrett, Ellie Butler, Jan Thorpe, Frank O'Donnell, Dennis Chiles, Kay Howlett, Rene Coutts, Michael O'Neil, Patrick Hill, Rita Rooke, Jenny Edwards, Walter Hoppe, 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

Palm Sunday and the Masses and Services within the Easter Triduum

No processions will take place at any of the churches

Palm Sunday

The palms will be spread out on a table for you to take on entering the church. The welcomers will greet you before you get your palms for you to sanitise your hands and register your attendance. The short version of the Passion will be read, so you will not need a copy.

Maundy Thursday

The Washing of the Feet will be omitted this year, and we will not be able to attend the Solemn Watch in person, but it will be available via YouTube.

Good Friday

No individual Veneration of the Cross will take place—the Priest / Deacon will hold the Crucifix up high for us to venerate from our seats.

Holy Saturday

The Vigil will be greatly simplified.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Don Carver, much loved Witterings parishioner who died on March 13th. We pray too for Anne, his wife. Don's funeral will be held at St Peter's this Tuesday 30th March at 11.30am. Parishioners may want to pay their respects and attend the funeral outside the church if they so wish.

St Richard's Proposed Development

Every five years we need to commission a survey on each of our churches, and the most recent one drew our attention to the raised terrace at St Richard's Church, exiting the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, which could cause a trip hazard along its edge facing Cawley Road. We now need to address this. Of all the options that the Fabric Team have discussed, the one that would be the least costly and the most in keeping with the look of the exterior of the building, is to remove the path below the terrace and extend the flower bed over it directly up to the raised edge, so that the flower bed would become the visible boundary.

As part of this redevelopment it is proposed to renew all of the planting in the other three beds along the south east elevation of the presbytery to create a unified, attractive and sustainable landscape that will enhance and complement the buildings. Christopher Mead-Briggs, Chair of the Fabric Committee, will put up a plan, including a planting plan, at the back of the Church to show parishioners where the proposed changes will take place. Please let us know in advance if you have any objections to the proposal. St Richard's is a listed building and so we need to seek formal planning permission from the Historic Churches Committee for all changes made.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

St Richard's, Chichester 8pm FULLY BOOKED

St Peter's, East Wittering 8pm FULLY BOOKED

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St Richard's, Chichester 3pm FULLY BOOKED

St Peter's, East Wittering 3pm FULLY BOOKED

Our Lady of the Assumption 3pm FULLY BOOKED

Saturday The Easter Vigil

St Richard's, Chichester 8pm FULLY BOOKED

St Peter's, East Wittering 8pm FULLY BOOKED

Easter Sunday

St Richard's, Chichester 8.30am FULLY BOOKED

St Peter's, East Wittering 9am FULLY BOOKED

St Richard's, Chichester 10am FULLY BOOKED

Our Lady, Bosham 11am FULLY BOOKED

All Masses have been booked. Please do not turn up unless you are booked and have received confirmation.

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or call 01243 782343 / 07521 697117

All St Richard's Masses will be livestreamed.

If you no longer able to honour your booking please let the parish office know so the places can be given to someone else.

The Good Friday Collection is for the Christians in the Holy Land. This annual collection is used not only to maintain the Holy Places but also for the needs of the local Christian Communities who, more than ever, require our assistance.

The Collection on Easter Sunday is for Fr Tom & Fr Sebastian's own personal income. Offerings can be gift aided.

Safeguarding Representative for St Richard's and Our Lady

We are very grateful for the work that Mike Beal has done in the area of Safeguarding in our parish over the years.

We are now looking to recruit Mike's successor. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is a very important role in the parish, It is a voluntary role. They will be responsible for: making sure the Parish is aware of the importance of Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults; promoting good and safe practice, including what is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour; ensuring that everyone who needs one has a valid DBS and along with the Parish Priest decide how to administer the National Safeguarding Policies and Procedures within the Parish.

It takes roughly an hour a week. The person would need to be computer literate, organised, and discrete. They would need to have an up to date DBS check. If anyone is generously able to take on this role please either email the parish office on chichester@abdiocese.org.uk or call Fr Tom on 01243 782343.

Local Families in Need. Parish Community Fund

Many families within our extended parish community have suffered financial hardship over the past year. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to offer some support to approximately 25 of the most needy families so far. All the referrals have come through our Catholic schools and we know that this help has been greatly valued. One family said, "Really appreciate it..... so nice of the church and thank you all for being so supportive during these tough times". This Easter we will again assist a number of families with supermarket vouchers.

If you are able to support this initiative and enable the work to continue, you can donate by either bank transfer :
RCD A&B St Richard of Chichester, Sort Code: 40-05-20
Account No: 41076582, Reference: PC Fund. By cheque payable to St Richard's Church. Please gift aid if possible.

Red Box Holders - Missio : Copies of the Spring edition of MISSION TODAY are available in the porches of St. Richards and Our Lady of the Assumption. Please take one. There's lots to read this month. If you are not able to come to church at the moment but would like a copy, please contact Ann Greenwood and she will send one to you. Telephone – 01243 783554 or e.greenwood40@btinternet.com

St Richard's Nursery

The admissions process has begun for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019. We are a term time only pre school accepting children from 2.5 years upwards. Please contact the nursery by either email or by telephone if you would like to apply for a nursery place from September 2021 to July 2022. Diane and her nursery team would love to welcome you to St Richard's Nursery. For more information please email Vicky Minton , the Business Manager for more information. strichardsnursery@gmail.com alternatively ring 01243 776728 (mon to Fri 8.30am to 4pm).

	Time	Church	Online	Mass intention
Saturday 27th March	8am	St Richard's	yes	For the intentions of Elizabeth Jelley
	6pm	St Richard's	yes	John Buttimer RIP (Catherine Buttimer)
Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday	8.30am	St Richard's	No	For the intentions of Elaine Tracey
	9am	St Peter's	No	Deceased members of the Connick Family (Seamus Connick)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Caterina Tomasi RIP (S. Armieri)
	11am	Our Lady	No	Wellbeing of Isla (M&B Southward)
Mon 29th March	8am	St Richard's	Yes	House move to be completed
	8.30-9.30	St Richard's	No	<i>Confessions</i>
	12 noon	St Richard's	No	
Tues 30th March	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	8.30-9.30	St Richard's	No	<i>Confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady	No	Intentions of the Bullen and Hutchings Families
Wed 31st March	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Somu RIP (Jeroni, Galu, Beni, Jasper)
	8.30-9.30	St Richard's	No	<i>Confessions</i>
	9-12noon	St Peter's	No	<i>Adoration</i>
	8.30-12	St Richard's	No	<i>Adoration</i>
	10-11am	St Richard's	No	<i>Confessions</i>
	6-6.45pm	St Richard's	No	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	7pm	St Richard's	No	
Thursday 1st April Maundy Thursday	8pm	St Richard's	Yes	
	8pm	St Peter's	No	
Friday 2nd April Good Friday	3pm	St Richard's	Yes	
	3pm	St Peter's	No	
	3pm	Our Lady	No	
Saturday 3rd April Holy Saturday	8pm	St Richard's	Yes	Intentions of Tom Dempsey
	8pm	St Peter's	No	
Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday	8.30am	St Richard's	No	People of the Parish
	9am	St Peter's	No	Deceased Members of the Jolly Family
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Anurika Fernando RIP (Fernando – Goonetilleke Family)
	11am	Our Lady	No	Winnie Walls RIP (Walls Family)

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

Our Parish Offertory

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: 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.