

EASTER SUNDAY

4th April 2021



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Dear Sisters and brothers in Christ,

As I write this reflection I'm aware that normally, at this time, I would be preparing to leave for Arundel to celebrate the Chrism Mass with our bishop and all my brother priests. It's a wonderful celebration in a packed cathedral. First we would renew our ordination promises and then Bishop Richard would bless and consecrate the Holy Oils to be used for the Sacraments in the coming year. Appropriately the Liturgy is followed by a really good meal for the clergy and the chance for us to catch up with brothers we may not have seen for some months. It's a wonderful way to prepare for the Triduum.

I'm sure we all have our favourite moments in the Easter Triduum. It might be watching at the Altar of Repose after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, when we 'stay awake' with the Lord in Gethsemane. At the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday it might be that very personal moment, when having listened to St John's version of the Passion, each of us comes forward to venerate the Cross. On Holy Saturday night, few of us can fail to be moved by the most powerful symbolism of our entry into the darkened church following behind the Paschal Candle with our own lit candles. At the Easter Vigil we often have the privilege and joy of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. This year, our candidate Daniel Butcher has generously agreed to delay his Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion until Sunday (11th April at 10am), an event we are greatly looking forward to.

Undoubtedly, this year, we will all miss the richness of the Easter Triduum with its deep symbolism and beautiful singing. However this will, at least, give us the opportunity to concentrate more fully on the essentials.

Just as the Lockdown has helped us appreciate more than ever the things which really matter in our lives, so the Triduum this year shall enable us to appreciate more than ever what lies at the heart of our faith. Let us pray, therefore, that it will enable us to enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery; the Passion; death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ which lies at the heart of our faith and our very existence.

Wishing you all abundant blessings for this holy season.

Fr Tom

Weekend Masses

After Easter we still need to book to attend the weekend masses, in order to be able to ensure social distancing. We dearly hope that we won't need to do this for much longer. But we are now asking you to book to attend the next 3 weekend Masses from April 11th until April 25th.

To do this:

- 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

All weekday masses you are able to just come along with no need to book and receive confirmation in advance.

Sunday 4th April 2021 - Easter Sunday

First Reading Acts 10:34,37-43

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'

Responsorial Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Second reading Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

Stations on YouTube

The St Richard's Stations of the Cross can now be watched directly from our [YouTube Channel](#), (as opposed to watching it via Zoom) the web address is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9zfU4RfBIB8RDzldaVQwCw>

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 no less than two people present please sign the list in the porch or ring the parish office. Thank you.

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

Baptisms

We are now at the stage where we can start holding baptisms in our parish. If you have a child / children whom you would like to have baptised, please contact our Baptism Co-ordinator via the parish office, who can chat this through with you.

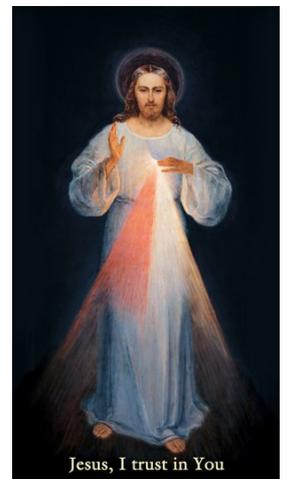
Marriage Next Saturday Karl and Marlina celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage at St Richard's. We pray God will Bless them with a long and happy life together.

Divine Mercy Sunday

11th April

For this year only we will be holding the Divine Mercy Service at St Richard's Church, rather than St Peter's at the usual time of 3pm. This is because St Richard's can seat more people, and we can livestream the devotion for those not able to attend in person.

We will say together the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a chance for Adoration and confessions, and Veneration of the Image. The service will take about 40 minutes



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. 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, has 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.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Margaret Beazley, Nicola Coutts, Susan Line, Mairead (Lyons) Hardy, 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,

Please let the office know of any changes to be made

Holy Week and Easter Sunday

All Masses are fully booked, but please do follow all the St Richard's masses and services [online](#)

Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

St Richard's, Chichester 8pm

St Peter's, East Wittering 8pm

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St Richard's, Chichester 3pm

St Peter's, East Wittering 3pm

Our Lady of the Assumption 3pm

Saturday The Easter Vigil

St Richard's, Chichester 8pm

St Peter's, East Wittering 8pm

Easter Sunday

St Richard's, Chichester 8.30am

St Peter's, East Wittering 9am

St Richard's, Chichester 10am

Our Lady, Bosham 11am

All St Richard's Masses will be livestreamed.

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.

Diocesan Fairtrade Group

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is a Fairtrade Diocese - 50% of our churches are certificated as meeting the Fairtrade Foundation's criteria for Fairtrade churches and agree to use products with the FAIRTRADE mark. The A&B Fairtrade Group ensures that goals continue to be met and aims to raise awareness about Fairtrade labelled products - including those sold by Traidcraft - which support fair terms of trade, decent working conditions and local sustainability for farmers and producers in the developing world. The Group needs more members from across the Diocese and would welcome enquiries from interested people. The Group meets three times a year. Please contact Sue Joy, Convenor. email: SusanJoy471@hotmail.com 01342 835190. Thank you.

The Good Friday Collection 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.

The Paschal Candle at St Richard's

We are very grateful to parishioner Monica Cowell who has once again beautifully decorated the Paschal Candle at St Richard's. It features birds on the candle and her inspiration was the following poem:

When Jesus Christ was four years old,
The angels brought Him toys of gold,
Which no man ever had bought or sold.
And yet with these He would not play.
He made Him small fowl out of clay,
And blessed them till they flew away.

Tu creasti, Domine. 1
Jesus Christ, Thou child so wise,
Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes,
And bring my soul to Paradise.
Hilaire Beloc

We remember in our prayers former Bosham parishioner Monica Drage, who passed away 26th March. Her funeral will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption on Friday 9th April at 12 noon. For invited friends and family only.

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 voluntary role in the parish. 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.

	Time	Church	Online	Mass intention
Thursday 1st April Maundy Thursday	8pm	St Richard's	Yes	Wellbeing of Judy and Gerald McGregor (Theresa and David Owgan)
	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)
Mon 5th April Easter Monday	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Paul Palengat RIP
Tues 6th April Easter Tuesday	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Mary Alice Palengat RIP
	10am	Our Lady	No	Blessings on a special birthday
Wed 7th April Easter Wednesday	8am	St Richard's	Yes	For the intentions of Eileen and Bernard Turner
	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 8th April Easter Thursday	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Special Intention (E.Tracey)
	12 noon	St Richard's	No	Peter and Eileen Robson (M&E Crinion)
Friday 9th April Easter Friday (no abstinence)	8am	St Richard's	Yes	For the intentions of Kenneth Tracey
	10am	St Peter's	No	Clare Clarke RIP (Maureen Savage)
Saturday 10th April Easter Saturday	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Eileen Wood RIP (Family)
Sunday 11th April Divine Mercy Sunday	8.30am	St Richard's	No	Deceased members of the Ahern and McErlain Families (Sean and Sue)
	9am	St Peter's	No	Deceased members of the Breeze, Stoker and Brown Families
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Barbara and Lionel Swain RIP (Family)
	11am	Our Lady	No	People of the Parish
	3pm	St Richard's	Yes	Divine Mercy Service

St Richard's, Chichester & Our Lady, Bosham	St Peter's, East Wittering
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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.