

**Second Sunday of Easter  
(Divine Mercy Sunday)  
11th April 2021**



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Dear parishioners

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Eastertide, and to thank you all for your generosity to myself and Fr Sebastian this Easter. We are very grateful for your cards, gifts, and messages of support.

I hope you will not mind if I make another call on your charity: Some of you may remember, some months ago, I told you about my penfriend, Dave, who is in prison. We have never actually met but I've come to know him quite well though our constant exchange of letters. Without family or friends and with his poor health and no personal possessions Dave very much relies on his strong Christian Faith. He was most grateful for the donation we had sent him for clothes and shoes on the previous occasion.

In a recent letter he has told me the good news: he is to be released from prison in mid-July and accommodation has been found for him in a hostel in Guildford. Although the cost will be met by housing benefit he is still required to pay £30 per week for the service charge to provide food, electricity, and washing facilities etc. It could be some weeks before his own benefits are processed. Failure to pay could almost certainly mean a recall to prison to serve out the rest of his sentence (until 2023)

In addition he will need further money for clothes and a cheap mobile to maintain weekly contact with his probation officer.

Dave writes "If your parishioners are able to make a donation, any amount no matter how small, it will be gratefully received and put to good use". And so if any of you can help, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'DAVE' or via a bank transfer with DAVE as the reference.

With my sincerest thanks  
Fr Tom

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*First Reading Acts 4:32-35*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul  
*Responsorial Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24*

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

*Second reading 1 John 5:1-6*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

*Gospel: John 20:19-31*

Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them

## Plenty of places at the weekend Masses

We do still need to book to attend the weekend masses, to ensure social distancing, but there are plenty of places left at all the weekend masses. So, please book to attend the next 3 weekend Masses from April 11th until April 25th. We hope that we won't need to book for much longer. If you have booked already there is a place for you.

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](mailto:chichester@abdiocese.org.uk)

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

## Children's Liturgy

Your catechist, Mary, has prepared some materials on this Sunday's Mass, for you to follow with your children.

Please go to:

[www.strichardschichester.co.uk/social-children-families](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/social-children-families)

## Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration

As you will be aware, the Apostolate has greatly suffered from the Lockdown. We're hoping, therefore, to have a thorough relaunch in the Autumn if by then all the restrictions have been lifted. Meanwhile we carry on with your limited hours on Wednesday mornings from 8am Mass until Midday.

It is vital that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unguarded, hence the requirement of no less than two adorers at all times. In order to guarantee this and to facilitate our plans until the Summer it would greatly help if parishioners are prepared to make an ongoing commitment of 30 minutes from now until the end of June.

If you are able to help, please sign the list in the Church, or ring the parish office, indicating the half hour you are able to cover.

A quick response would be most welcome.

With many thanks

Fr Tom

## 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*

## 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.

No need to book in advance.



## Bishop Richard invites you to an information session at your church

Bishop Richard will be holding info / discussion sessions with each of our church communities. Our Dean Fr Peter Newsam will also attend as many of these as he can.

Fr Tom, Fr Sebastian and Deacon Jon hope that as many of you can come as possible.

The Bishop will be leading the discussion about the future of our own churches, parishes and any implications that might have for our clergy.

Please put the date of your church info session in your diary!

- **Tuesday 1st June 7pm St Wilfrid's, Selsey**
- **Wednesday 2nd June 7pm St Peter's, East Wittering**
- **Friday 4th June 7pm Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham**
- **Sunday 6th June 11am St Richard's, Chichester**

## Reading the Acts of the Apostles

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

## 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.

## Parliament in your Parish - Engaging A&B MPs to plan a better post-COVID world

Thursday 15th April, 7.30pm to 8.30pm

The eyes are on the UK as we host both the G7 and COP26 summits this year. It is as important as ever that we hold our politicians accountable after the pandemic to rebuild in a way that addresses the world's most pressing ecological and social issues. Arundel & Brighton's Journey to 2030 and CAFOD invite you to an evening of online discussion on how we can engage with our MP on these issues, using CAFOD's Reclaim our Common Home campaign as a means to encourage our MPs to take action through a "Parliament in your Parish". You will learn about how to engage with the campaign, including how to set up meetings with your MP, as well as have the chance to connect with others in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and your own constituency to maximise our message.

Please email: [parish\\_rep@journeyto2030.org](mailto:parish_rep@journeyto2030.org) with your name, parish and MP constituency to register your place and receive the Zoom link.

## 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. This Easter we will again be assisting 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](mailto:SusanJoy471@hotmail.com) 01342 835190. Thank you.

## The Parish Day Mass will take place on Sunday 4th July at 11am on the field at St Richard's School

*Please write the date in your diaries.*

This year it will be a 'simpler affair' than in previous years, a chance to meet together to worship with fellow parishioners after such a long time. We will ask you to bring your own chairs and picnics, where possible.

**Patronal Feast** with the kind permission of the Dean we will be able to celebrate Mass again at Chichester Cathedral, on the Feast of St Richard at 11am on 16th June. Our numbers will be restricted to 70 people. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office.

## 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 by Helaire Beloc (1870-1953)

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. I  
Jesus Christ, Thou child so wise,  
Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes,  
And bring my soul to Paradise.  
*Hilaire Beloc*

## 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.

At the present we still have no-one to replace him. The Parish Safeguarding Representative has 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 behaviour; ensuring that everyone who needs one has a valid DBS and along with the Parish Priest deciding how to administer the National Safeguarding Policies and Procedures within the Parish.

It takes roughly an hour a week. The Safeguarding representative 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](mailto:chichester@abdiocese.org.uk) or call Fr Tom on 01243 782343.

	Time	Church	Online	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Saturday	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	Eileen Wood RIP (Family)
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> Second Sunday of Easter or 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	St Richard's	No	Rachael Ward RIP
	3pm	St Richard's	Yes	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday Service</i>
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	For the intentions of Michael, Gabrielle and Madeleine Dempsey
	12 noon	St Richard's	No	Eileen Wood RIP (Mr and Mrs Crinion)
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	In Thanksgiving (Mary Downy)
	9.30am	Our Lady	No	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady	No	Andrew McIvor RIP
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	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	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	For the intentions of Christopher and Cathy Dempsey
	12 noon	St Richard's	No	Ellie Maxwell RIP
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	10am	St Peter's	No	Dot Leaver RIP (Gill and Geoff Breeze)
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	For the intentions of Nell and Bill Collins
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> Third Sunday of Easter	8.30am	St Richard's	No	People of the Parish
	9am	St Peter's	No	Harold Breeze RIP (Gill and Geoff Breeze)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Souls of the unborn babies
	11am	Our Lady	No	For the intentions of Susan Line (Marion and Nick)

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