

Third Sunday of Easter 18th April 2021

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Last week saw us on an emotional roller coaster as we mourned the death of Prince Phillip. Public figures and wider society alike paid tribute to a man of great yet unassuming service and dedication to his family and the country. And we were celebrating the successful rollout of the vaccines, progress on our way out of lockdown with the reopening of retail shops and people being allowed to meet up outdoors. I had my own personal reason for celebration, as 14th April was the 1055th anniversary of Christianity in Poland and many groups were campaigning to establish a public holiday and acknowledge such a remarkable event. This date coincided with the 500th anniversary of the first baptism in the Philippines. Some of the newspapers marked that occasion with articles elaborately analysing the political, cultural and social consequences of embracing Christianity. From these we could learn that according to the newest data from the *Anuario Pontificio* the Philippines ranks first in the world for infant baptisms, with 1.9 million, and features in the top three for baptisms overall, with 89 million. Poland ranks high in Europe with a significant proportion of the society identifying themselves as Catholic. On the official website of the Polish government you can read that the baptism of the Polish Duke Mieszko It was a critical moment in Polish history and determined the course of its existence for the following centuries: “since then Polish culture, history and identity have been built on the firm foundation of Christianity”. Individuals and institutions were encouraged to fly the national flag to mark the occasion.

So, that is all for data, analyses and studies... but the celebration of the anniversaries in both countries is an opportunity to remember that the adoption of Christianity was more than a political declaration and an economic calculation. It was the creation of an environment conducive to holiness and to getting the best out of the people's characters. Saint John Paul II said that the history of Poland (and surely that of any Christian country) has in many respects been shaped by the saints. That is a truth worth acknowledging – we should remember it is our personal holiness and not only political recognition of Christianity that contributes to the Christian tradition and will enable our descendants to live their lives in Christian dignity, and to use their talents in the spirit of freedom and responsibility. Let us continue building up Christendom, not in a forceful and noisy way, but with daily humble acts of piety and charity inspired by the glorious life and teaching of Our Lord.

Fr Sebastian

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First Reading Acts 3:13-15,17-19

You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead

Responsorial Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Second reading 1 John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead

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



The second Collection next weekend is for the education of future priests, and your donation can be gift aided using your gift aid envelopes or bank transfer with your gift aid number.

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, may I invite those of you who are able, to make an ongoing commitment of 30 minutes from now until the end of June. 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

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 they might have for our clergy.

Please enter the appropriate date 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**

Deanery newsletter

This week, we are also publishing the Eastertide Deanery newsletter featuring news of the parishes and schools across our deanery. Paper copies of the newsletter are available at all churches, or you can [download the electronic version from our website](#).

Booking Mass

Hopefully we won't need to continue booking to attend the weekend masses for much longer, but until then please let us know if you would like to come to the weekend Masses.

We are now taking bookings for this weekend and next: 18 April and 25th April.

Please book online or email the office on chichester@abdioce.org.uk.

There are still some places at the 6pm Vigil Mass, the 8.30am and 11am Masses.

The 9am at St Peter's is full.

The 10am at St Richard's is full.

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

My Benedictine Journey

On 25th April at 8pm Bishop Richard will be giving a talk about his Benedictine journey. Since Bishop Richard was a seminarian, he has been an oblate of Pluscarden Abbey. This talk is part of a series hosted by the Lay Community of St Benedict which is celebrating 50 years since its foundation by the monks of Worth Abbey in 1971.

You are welcome to join the livestream on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfRiPXjiTi5GGaI6gJ4UfYQ/>. If you want further information, please email icsb50.2021@gmail.com or you can visit www.laybenedictines.org.

Thank you to you all for your many prayers for me, the support of the Parish has been amazing and of great help. I hope to be back with you all soon in person. Mass will be offered for your intentions and in thanksgiving. God bless you all, Susan Line

CAFOD – Climate Change Petition:

This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26.

“Global society is suffering from grave structural deficiencies that cannot be resolved by piecemeal solutions or quick fixes. Much needs to change, through fundamental reform and major renewal.” Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, #179

Please sign our petition at [//cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)
For those without internet access, petition cards can be ordered from the CAFOD Shop: 0300 011 5680. Thank you.

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

New Safeguarding Officer for St Richard's and Our Lady

We are most grateful to parishioner Julie Oldroyd who has kindly volunteered to take over from Mike Beal in looking after safeguarding in our parish.

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

The Parish Day Mass will be a great opportunity 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. As in the past, the 11am Mass will replace the 8.30am and 10am Masses at St Richard's and the 11am at Bosham

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, but there are still quite a few left. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office **this week**, so that we can allocate any remaining places to the school and other parishes. Many thanks.

Bognor Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Bognor Parish Discussion Group will be on Wednesday April 28th at 7.30pm on Zoom. The speaker will be Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, and she will be introducing us to Pope Francis' 2020 Encyclical, under the title '*Fratelli Tutti*: a dream of renewed encounter'. You can access this by using the link on the parish website, www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/discussion-group. If you have missed any other of the talks we have had on Zoom they are also available now on the same link.

Worth Abbey Retreats

Saturday 24th April: Finding Silence 3 – the journey of meditation & silent prayer (online retreat) - led by Fr Peter Williams OSB The third instalment in a series of day retreats looking at the journey of silent prayer. The sessions: 1. A Way of Humility 2. A Way of the Heart 3. A Way of the Spirit Suitable for those who are experienced meditators but would also be accessible for someone beginning their meditation journey.

Saturday 8th May: The Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Mothers – The thoughts (online retreat) – led by Fr Peter Williams OSB During the recent Lent retreat we looked at several of the 8 thoughts – gluttony, anger and vainglory and saw how relevant John Cassian's observations were about these vices for us today. In this retreat we will look at all the 8 thoughts and how they work together in combination. To quote Cassian, "Once you can understand the problem, you become very near to finding the solution". The sessions: 1. Thoughts of the World – gluttony, lust and avarice 2. Thoughts of the Heart – anger, acedia and sadness 3. Thoughts of the Mind – vainglory and pride Book your place online at www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats For all enquiries, email: toc@worth.org.uk

Masses and intentions over the coming week

	Time	Church	Online	Mass intention
Saturday 17th April	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	For the intentions of Nell and Bill Collins
Sunday 18th April 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)
Mon 19th April	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Megan Hadden RIP (Her friends: Jane, Mary, Clare and Madeleine)
	12 noon	St Richard's	No	Sr Mary Ghent, Sr Matthew, Sr Joan RIP (Mary Noble)
Tues 20th April	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	9.30am	Our Lady	No	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady	No	Billy Walker RIP (Crimion Family)
Wed 21st April St Anselm of Canterbury	8am	St Richard's	Yes	John Dodd and Family RIP
	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 22nd^h April	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	12 noon	St Richard's	No	
Friday 23rd April St George Solemnity (no abstinence)	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	10am	St Peter's	No	
Saturday 24th April	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th^h April Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter	8.30am	St Richard's	No	
	9am	St Peter's	No	John King RIP (Gill and Geoff Breeze)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Don Carver RIP (Mary Noble)
	11am	Our Lady	No	Martin Farrell RIP (Shelley, Ben and Joe)

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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.