

Fourth Sunday of Easter 25th April 2021



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
In today's Gospel, the wandering figure of the good shepherd, anxiously tending his sheep to the point where he is willing to surrender his life for them, is the image that Jesus uses about himself.

That mixture of tenderness and toughness, care and self-sacrifice, is one that summarises his own practice of leadership. It is not a leadership of detachment and defensiveness; rather, it is a leadership of physical involvement and self-sacrificial love, his own life matters less than that of his sheep.

The good shepherd is not an image of religious authority that is eternally pleased with its own importance, blind to the useless pain it causes in those it leads. The authority of the shepherd costs the shepherd, not the sheep.

The image of the shepherd cannot be separated from how the shepherd cares for their sheep. His concern is not untroubled, his courage is not bloodless, his love is not detached. When we read how Jesus actually behaves as a leader to the Disciples and to his followers, we see his tenderness and courage.

This is intimately linked with the second theme of this Sunday. Not only is it Good Shepherd Sunday, it is also "Vocations Sunday". On this day we are especially asked to pray that the Church may be provided with the leaders needed to do its work of spreading the Gospel, particularly, priests and religious.

As we pray this week, let us ask for the grace to truly listen with open and accepting hearts to all the needs of our Church, our community and our families. May we, too, become loving shepherds to one other.

With prayers and best wishes for the Easter season,
Deacon Jon.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

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

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First Reading Acts 4:8-12

The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved

Responsorial Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second reading 1 John 3:1-2

We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep

Children's Liturgy

Your catechist, Mary, has prepared some materials for this weekend's Masses. At St Richard's there will be materials available at the back of the church for you to pick up.

Alternatively, the materials are online for you to follow with your children along with a video from Colour and Shape.



Bishop Richard will be holding info / discussion sessions with each of our church communities next month. They will take place in the churches (not the halls).

Fr Tom, Fr Sebastian and Deacon Jon hope that as many of you can come as possible. The Bishop will be leading the discussions about the future of our own churches and parishes. 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**

Each of the 4 sessions will be recorded and then uploaded (after the event) onto our YouTube channel. If you are unable to attend the information sessions in person but would like to raise a question with the Bishop, then please submit it to the parish office in advance.

Mass for Engaged Couples Arundel Cathedral Friday 25th June

7.00 pm Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the life-long commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. Please click here to book your place or contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser:

E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Booking to come to weekend Mass

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

We are now asking you to let us know whether you want to come to Mass over the next 4 weekends:

2nd May

9th May

16th May

23rd May

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

The second collection this weekend is for the education of future priests. Your donation can be gift aided using your gift aid envelopes or bank transfer with your gift aid number.

Deanery newsletter

Please take your copy of 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.](#)

Quiet Days Wednesday and Thursday 26 and 27 May 10am to 4pm at Sussex Heritage Centre, Arundel, BN18 9QY. Spend the day in beautiful surroundings with prayer resources, art and craft materials, gardens and countryside and river walks from the door. A much needed opportunity to recuperate and re-charge after the difficulties and stresses of the past year. Bring a packed lunch. Cost £15. Optional spiritual direction sessions on Thursday at an additional cost of £20. Also Pentecost Weekend Individually Guided Retreat 21/23 May £225. Limited numbers. For more details or to book see <https://www.sussexheritage.co.uk/> or phone Maria Whitehouse on 01903 413606.

10-16th May is Marriage week, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage.

Pope Francis reminds us that "Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it's enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey."

Pope Francis, 21st December 2015

Why not take some time this week to really find some time to talk to your spouse and nurture your marriage.

Christian Aid Week 2021: 10 - 16th May

Volunteers are needed to deliver envelopes to homes near to where they live. This year, Christian Aid Week is focusing on the effects of the climate crisis, including droughts and flooding, on people living in poverty. 'Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives.'

If you can help at any point during that week or would like more information, please contact: Rhiannon Thompson (St Richard's Chichester Christian Aid Committee link person): 07720 375023 or rhiannonanne@btinternet.com

BOSCO CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST (BCET)

Appointment of Trust Board Directors

The Trust Board is looking for committed, strategic and skilled practising Catholics to join the Trust Board of the Bosco Catholic Education Trust (BCET).

BCET consists of Catholic schools across Sussex and within the Arundel and Brighton Diocese. BCET currently has 4 schools in its family, with a number of others in the process of joining.

The Trust Board currently consists of 6 voluntary directors who meet periodically to oversee the strategic direction of the Catholic Education Trust. Prior experience of working as a governor within a Catholic school is preferable but not essential. More relevant is the skill set required to undertake the role of a director in one of the following strategic areas:

- Education
- Finance
- Buildings & Premises
- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding
- Special Educational Needs
- IT
- Legal and HR

This is an exciting opportunity to join a dynamic, innovative and forward-thinking team of directors working in partnership with the Diocese to influence the strategic future of Catholic schools in Sussex. Application is via letter and completion of a skills matrix, available on request.

For more information please contact either the Chief Executive Officer of BCET, Dave Carter, dcarter@boscocet.org.uk (tel: 01243 558205) or Tim Feast, Chair of the Trust Board, tfeast@boscocet.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: 14 May 2021

Bosco Catholic Education Trust is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to the safeguarding and protection of children and individuals. This post is subject to a DBS Enhanced Disclosure.

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.

Pope Francis and the culture of the encounter

On Saturday 15th May from 11 am until 12.30 pm Dr Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis, will lead a Gidea Park live stream study day on the theme 'The Culture of Encounter: Can Pope Francis' vision of fraternity counter the politicization of faith?' Dr Ivereigh will explore the importance of the Abu Dhabi declaration, the Amazon Synod, the recent encyclical on fraternity *Fratelli Tutti*, and the March 2021 visit of Pope Francis to Iraq. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org and follow the instructions found there.

Can you help?

We are looking for a volunteer/s who might be able to take a couple, who are longstanding parishioners, to the 10am Mass on Sundays at St Richard's. It would mean a lot to them, if you could commit to this even on selected weekends. It would need to be after May 17th 2021 due to restrictions. If you can help please contact Amy at the Parish Office.

Oaklands School are recruiting a Part-time Catering

Assistant. Term-time, (30 hrs/week) to join our enthusiastic team. **Closing date for Applications** is Monday 4th May 2021. **Interviews:** week commencing 4th May 2021. Further details related to the position can be found in the Application Pack on our website at <https://www.oaklandscatholicsschool.org/staff/vacancies/>

Retrouvaille, a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ...and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart?

For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 1st - 4th July 2021 Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Masses and intentions over the coming week

	Time	Church	Online	Mass intention
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	Intentions of parishioners wishing Susan Line well.
	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)
Mon 26th April	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	12 noon	St Richard's	No	In Thanksgiving (Kate Siebert)
Tues 27th April	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	9.30am	Our Lady	No	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady	No	Monic Drage RIP (Kinga Buckley)
Wed 28th April St Louis de Montfort	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	
Thursday 29th April St Catherine of Siena	8am	St Richard's	Yes	The intentions of Ewelina Lipska on her birthday
	12 noon	St Richard's	No	Wellbeing of Peter Floyd
Friday 30th April St George <i>Solemnity (no abstinence)</i>	8am	St Richard's	Yes	
	10am	St Peter's	No	
Saturday 1st May St Joseph the Worker	8am	St Richard's	Yes	Maria Glyn RIP
	6pm	St Richard's	Yes	The wellbeing of Jessica Bowles and Family
Sunday 2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	St Richard's	No	Martina D'Costa RIP (Rozario Family)
	9am	St Peter's	No	Don Carver RIP (Gio Grabowski)
	10am	St Richard's	Yes	Primo Cauzarin RIP (Emiteria Cauzerin)
	11am	Our Lady	No	People of the Parish

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.