

## Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) 2nd May 2021



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

This Sunday at St Peter's I'm looking forward to blessing our new cross, of polished steel, which will go on the gable above the entrance to our church. As with the gold cross at Our Lady of the Assumption, it will give a powerful sign, especially now that the evergreens have been taken down, that this is the House of God.

As Christians, we know that the Cross is more than a reminder of Calvary and God's love for us which has no limits. St Teresa of Avila used to tell her sisters that she kept a plain wooden cross in her cell to remind her that sometimes she must expect to be hanging there!

In the past year our world has experienced the Cross in many ways through the Pandemic: Whether it has been the loss of life, or sickness, anxiety, the loss of income and security or the misery of prolonged separation from our family and close friends. Thankfully, at last we seem to be emerging from these ordeals. However, we must hold in our prayers at this time, the people of India and in other parts of the world who are continuing to go through appalling suffering.

We must also pray that the rest of the world continues to put pressure on our leaders and governments to ensure that we do all that we can to share resources and to bring them relief. For ourselves, this should be a time for serious reflection: what have I gained from these past few months? What hardships or restrictions have actually enriched my life and made me a better Christian? Is the Lord in the light of Covid 19, asking me to change my lifestyle in some tangible way that will reflect these lessons I have learnt?

On Calvary, Our Lord gave redemptive meaning to suffering and death. Far from viewing it as something entirely negative, and to be avoided at all times, the Christian therefore is called to acknowledge the good which can come from it. Let us pray for each other that we will have the courage and generosity to invite the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in our resolutions

May God bless you all.  
Fr Tom

### **Sunday 2 May 2021—Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*First Reading* Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

*Responsorial* Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

*Second reading* 1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

*Gospel:* John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

## May is the month of Our Lady and of the Rosary

Pope Francis invites us to dedicate the month of May this year to a marathon of prayer. He invites families and communities to recite the rosary daily throughout May for the following intentions:

1. Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph
2. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life
3. Peace in the world
4. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

Fr Sebastian is leading this initiative in our parish. Join him for a daily recitation of the Rosary. You will be able to join in in person at St Richard's, or you can join in on the livestream, (via our [YouTube Channel](#) or by clicking on the Rosary box on the Home Page of our website [www.strichardschichester.co.uk](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk))

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday come to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7pm to say the Rosary in person.

Wednesday a decade of the Rosary will be said before the 7pm Mass at St Richard's.

Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses—we will say a decade of the Rosary before all Masses in all churches.

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



### Booking to come to weekend Mass

Please book if you want to come to the weekend Masses from this weekend until 23rd May. Please ensure you have had a response before you turn up.

There are no more spaces at St Peter's. There are still spaces at the 8.30am Mass, and the 11am at Bosham. There are only a few more places at the 6pm and 10am.

[Please book online](#)  
[strichardschichester.co.uk/survey](http://strichardschichester.co.uk/survey)

### Missio Red Boxes—St Peter's.

Please bring your Missio red boxes to St Peter's for counting.

### 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

### Mass for Engaged Couples Arundel Cathedral Friday 25th June

7.00 pm Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. To book your place or contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser: E: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) or ring the parish office.

**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. For more details or to book see <https://www.sussexheritage.co.uk/>

**10-16<sup>th</sup> 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, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015*

Try this week to really find some time to make extra 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](mailto: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 skills 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](mailto:dcarter@boscocet.org.uk) (tel: 01243 558205) or parishioner Tim Feast, Chair of the Trust Board, [tfeast@boscocet.org.uk](mailto:tfeast@boscocet.org.uk).

## Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Barbara Ruffles, Paul Carney, Nicola Coutts, Susan Line, Margaret Beazley, 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*



The latest issue of the Diocesan Modern Slavery newsletter can be accessed online from the Diocesan website as per the following [link:-](#)

[https://assets.website-files.com/5ed93a8802f9816a9341c2a2/608a7af1619c363cfd6b9b3b\\_Modern%20Slavery%20Newsletter%20Issue%203%20v3%5B2%5D.pdf](https://assets.website-files.com/5ed93a8802f9816a9341c2a2/608a7af1619c363cfd6b9b3b_Modern%20Slavery%20Newsletter%20Issue%203%20v3%5B2%5D.pdf)

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and follow the instructions found there.

**Retrouvaille**, a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and strengthen 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443. Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## Masses and intentions over the coming week

	Time	Church	Online	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> St Joseph the Worker	8am	St Richard's	✓	Maria Glyn RIP
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	The wellbeing of Jessica Bowles and Family (Margaret and Val McEwan)
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	St Richard's	✗	Martina D'Costa RIP (Rozario Family)
	9am	St Peter's	✗	Don Carver RIP (Gio Grabowski)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	Primo Cauzarin RIP (Emiteria Cauzerin)
	11am	Our Lady	✗	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> (Bank Holiday) SS Philip and James	10am	St Richard's		Baby Thomas RIP (Sunny Family)
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> The English Martyrs	8am	St Richard's	✓	For the intentions of the young people of our Parish
	9.30am	Our Lady	✗	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady	✗	
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8am	St Richard's	✓	Anurika Fernando RIP (Fernando-Goonetilleke Family)
	9-12noon	St Peter's	✗	<i>Adoration</i>
	8.30-12	St Richard's	✗	<i>Adoration</i>
	10-11am	St Richard's	✗	<i>Confessions</i>
	6-6.45pm	St Richard's	✗	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	7pm	St Richard's	✗	
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	12 noon	St Richard's	✗	Patrick Doocey RIP (Maura)
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8am	St Richard's	✓	Baby Thomas RIP (Sunny Family)
	10am	St Peter's	✗	
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	Special Birthday Blessings
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	St Richard's	✗	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	9am	St Peter's	✗	Elizabeth Walsh RIP (Seamus Connick)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	People of the Parish
	11am	Our Lady	✗	

<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.