

**14th Sunday in OT**  
**4th July 2021**



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**Urgent safeguarding issues:**

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

This Saturday I have the privilege of attending the Diaconate Ordinations at Wonersh. It will mark the end of our Seminary's 130 year history. From September, our students will be at Allen Hall the Westminster Seminary in Chelsea.

Many of us priests have mixed feelings: Wonersh with all its memories, its highs and lows, has been an important part of our lives: How well do I remember my walk with a student on that first afternoon! It was not the damp grey September weather that left me feeling so depressed, it was the conversation. Here was a student in my year who seemed able to pronounce on almost every aspect of Church teaching. Were they all going to be like him? How was I going to cope? Fortunately it wasn't long before I discovered to my great relief that most of the students were as ignorant as myself! It just happened that my first encounter was one of the brightest, best informed students in the House.

Over the next seven years, I grew to love the place, its unique atmosphere, our big celebrations, the retreats, the kindness, generosity, and infectious enthusiasm. Life long friendships were made.

Because I am not an academic, I never in my wildest dreams expected I would be returning one day as a member of staff. Being Pastoral Director for 7 years was a privilege and a challenge. Since then I have valued and enjoyed my contacts with Wonersh, especially the opportunity to have students on pastoral placements.

And so, what is God saying to us about the closure of St John's Seminary? I think 2 things: firstly that it is not good to become too attached to places. In essence the seminary is about a community not a building; a community made up of students and staff engaged in the vital task of discernment and formation for the Priesthood. Secondly, we ought to see this as a wake up call. We must redouble our efforts and our prayers to promote vocations to the priesthood which we are all involved in: parishes, schools and especially families must work together.

Meanwhile let us ask for God's abundant blessing on our students in their future at Allen Hall.

God bless

Fr Tom

**Sunday 4th July 2021 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5*

These rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them

*Responsorial Psalm 122(123)*

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

*Second reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

*Gospel: Mark 6:1-6*

'A prophet is only despised in his own country'

## Liturgy of the Word for the Children

Mary, your catechist has prepared some materials for this weekend's Masses. At St Richard's and St Peter'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 [www.strichardschichester.co.uk/social-children-families](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/social-children-families)

## Second Collection

### Next Weekend

### Stella Maris

(known previously as  
Apostleship of the Sea)



**In 2012** Pope Benedict spoke at the Apostleship of the Sea's 23<sup>rd</sup> World Congress at the Vatican.

"Today too the Church sails across the seas to bring the Gospel to all nations, and your presence in ports throughout the world, your daily visits to ships docked in these ports and the fraternal welcome you give to the crews whilst in port are a visible sign of your concern for those who are not able to receive ordinary pastoral care."

**In 2020** The Apostleship of the Sea name was updated to Stella Maris to better reflect the way the charity was known by seafarers around the world.

Please give generously. For more information <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/>

## Parish Merger Update:

Preparatory work on the merging of our three local parishes (Chichester with Bosham, Selsey, and the Witterings) into a single canonical parish has begun. Activities currently in progress include:

- Fr Tom and Dn Jon are considering possible remits and Terms of Reference for future whole-parish teams.
- Finance implications are being investigated with the Diocese.
- Possible names for the new parish are being discussed.
- Guidance from Bishop Richard on timescales for the canonical merger and other changes is awaited.

## March for Life

Is being held in London on Saturday 4th September. Please get involved. For further information: [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk) [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) or call Isabel on Call 07773 501721

## Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend we have the second collection for Peter's Pence. "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See."

## Wedding Blessings

We pray for blessings on the marriage of David Breeze and Bethany Wilbraham which will take place at St Peter's on Saturday 10th July at 2pm.

We hope Fr Sebastian is enjoying a good restful break. When he returns from visiting family in Poland on the 26th July he will need to quarantine for 10 days.

## The Parish Day Mass

The Parish Day Mass is sadly cancelled due to the ongoing Covid restrictions: Masses will be at their normal times in each church on 4 July.

## Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration

Saturday 17th July 2021

Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis  
West Grinstead RH13 8LT

12.00 Holy Mass Celebrant Canon Tim Madeley

Followed by personal consecration to Our Lady

1.00 Lunch break (please bring packed lunch)

2.00 The Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

2.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3.00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Adoration and Silent Prayer

3.30 Benediction

4.15 Departure

To book your free place contact Jayne Lock M: 07816 422851 or E: [jaynelock1@gmail.com](mailto:jaynelock1@gmail.com)

## Oaklands are recruiting

4 part time learning support assistants—at 30 hours and 18 hours per week. Further details related to the position can be found in the Application Pack on our website at <https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/staff/vacancies/>. Please note that we can only accept applications submitted using CES forms

**Toddler Group** The Parish Toddler Group is being held in the parish hall at St Richard's Church from 9.15am—11am (drop-in for all or some of the time). It is very informal and a great opportunity to meet up with other mums, dads, grandparents or carers in the parish. Held every Monday in term-time.

## Picnic in the Park

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of September we are planning to organize a 4 Church Parish Picnic and fun day.

The event will be located in the lovely gardens of Stefan and Frances Bartkowiak. Some of you might remember the lovely day we spent there at the BBQ in the trees they hosted several years ago.

It will be a Fun packed day with entertainment and games for both children and adults.

We ask that Parishioners bring their own picnic and we will provide a drinks, cocktail and Mocktail Bar as well as a beautiful setting and seating facilities. The numbers for the event are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

In order to help with the organization and for further details, we are asking for volunteers from each of the 4 churches to email Gio Grabowski at [mgrab0812@aol.com](mailto:mgrab0812@aol.com) or phone 01243670674

## Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales.

This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

[www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth)

## 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. Thank you very much for your continued support of our parish.

<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

## Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Paul Robertson, Paul Sorrell, Barbara Ruffles, Paul Carney, Nicola Coutts, Susan Line, 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*

## Masses and intentions over the coming week

	Time	Church	Online	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 3rd July</b> St Thomas, Apostle	8am	St Richard's	✘	
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba
<b>Sunday 4th July</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am	St Richard's	✘	
	9am	St Peter's	✘	
	10am	St Richard's	✓	John Amos RIP (Peter and Eileen Fitzgerald)
	11am	Our Lady	✘	Brian Campbell RIP (Kathy and Family)
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8am	St Richard's	✓	Anurika Fernando RIP (Fernando-Goonetilleke Family)
	12 noon	St Richard's	✘	
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> St Maria Goretti	8am	St Richard's	✓	Wellbeing of Paul Robertson (Catherine Buttimer)
	10am	St Peter's	✘	
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8am	St Richard's	✓	Mr Francis Mariadasan RIP (Maria Francis)
	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 8th July</b>	8am	St Richard's	✓	Anthonymuthu RIP (Rani)
	12 noon	St Richard's	✘	Mass for the Holy Souls (Richard France)
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	10am	St Peter's	✘	Chris Savage RIP (Maureen Savage)
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8am	St Richard's	✘	
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	
<b>Sunday 11th July</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am	St Richard's	✘	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	9am	St Peter's	✘	Ann-Marie Mclean RIP (Marie McNearney)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	
	11am	Our Lady	✘	Roger Johnson RIP (Christine and Family)