

Newsletter for St Richard of Chichester; St Peter's East Wittering; Our Lady, Bosham
25th July 2021 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Sunday sees the celebration of the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to coincide with the Feast of St Joachim and St Ann, our Lady's parents, this Monday. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this World Day is "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging times. This prayer has been written especially for the day:

With prayers and blessings for the week ahead,
Deacon Jon.

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.



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Relaxing Restrictions from last Monday (19th July)

The key message to come from the Bishops of England and Wales is to **proceed with caution**. The aim is for us to be able to eventually celebrate Mass without restrictions. With this in mind Fr Tom urges us to lift the restrictions slowly over the coming weeks and months.

For the time being the following will apply:

- To wear masks at all masses.
- To sanitise your hands on entering the church.
- The layout of the churches will remain as they are for the next few weeks
- To make your donation to your church preferably online or by standing order or in the baskets on entering and exiting the church.
- We are required to take the contact details of visitors to the Church
- Best possible ventilation will be maintained and high frequency touch points will be cleaned after every mass
- No physical sign of peace can be made, and we will continue to have Holy Communion under one kind.
- No Holy Water will be available from the stoups.

The parish halls are available for use, and can serve food and drink. Maximum ventilation should be maintained and surfaces wiped down afterwards.

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

Baptism

Please pray for Theodore and Callum as they received the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday, at St Richard's Church.

Singing at St Richard's

A plan is in place for a phased return for music and singing to the Sunday 10am Mass. Initially this will be by the choir only at communion with a phased return of singing with the congregation too.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Molly Morgan, Paul Robertson, Paul Sorrell, Barbara Ruffles, Margaret Beazley, Paul Carney, Tony Mornement, 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

Mass Changes Next Week - Please Note

On Monday there will be no 8am Mass at St Richards

On Tuesday there will be no 10am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption or Adoration beforehand.

On Wednesday there will be no 8am Mass at St Richard's or Adoration or confessions

On Wednesday the 7pm Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham and NOT at St Richard's. Everyone welcome to attend.

(Members of our parish pastoral teams and finance teams have already received an invite to their social gathering taking place after this Mass at Bosham).

Fr Sebastian will be back from Poland on Saturday but as he is driving through France he will need to quarantine for 10 days.

Streaming Masses

Since the start of the pandemic, we have worked hard to provide daily online Mass for you via our YouTube channel. We have learned a lot over the time despite there being a number of frustrations. Particular thanks go to Fr Sebastian and Becky Sleven for their perseverance and also to the online choir providing us with hymns at the start and end of online masses.

We continue to stream Mass daily and stream other services which have been very valuable to friends and relatives not able to join in person.

We will continue to provide streamed masses.

Fr Tom is intending to make the livestream set-up permanent which will not require 2 people to have to operate it. Planning permission has been sought to fix 2 permanent cameras in St Richards. We are awaiting the result of the planning permission. This is obviously a big investment for our parish and we are looking for ways to financially support this for the future.

If you would like any help on how to watch online mass then please contact the parish office.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StRichardsChichester>

The funeral of Sheila Brown will be held at St Richard's Church on Friday 30th July at 12.30pm.

The family would like to welcome her parish friends to the church and then afterwards to the lower parish room for refreshments and to raise a glass.

The funeral will be streamed and if you are unable to attend in person you can follow her funeral online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7beqT398XY

May she rest in peace.

School Holiday Meet-Ups

Come along to the Chichester Amphitheatre Playground (the one next to the Market Car Park) each Friday morning.
During the school holidays, for any parent/carer with a child from birth to Reception class, from 10.15am to 11.30am.
Allows pre-school children and adults to socialise out of doors, in a relaxed and safe way.
Bring own refreshments.

MISSIO RED BOXES

With the easing of Covid restriction and a slow return to 'normal life', we are now ready to receive Red Boxes again. Some of you may have made alternative arrangements, but if you would like to have your box emptied please either take it to the Parish Office or phone me so that we can make an alternative arrangement.. Shelley Farrell has kindly offered to bring in boxes from Our Lady's Bosham

For 85 years the RED BOX has been a symbol and instrument of our support of the mission that Jesus Christ gave to his Church. The poorest countries in the world have suffered greatly during the pandemic and the missionaries would be grateful for all the help we can give. Please remember them in your prayers.

The Rosary will be said in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Friday at 2.30pm. All are welcome to join us. This will be followed by the 3 o'clock Prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

St Peter's Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament will not take place during August. It will resume again on Wednesday 1st September.

Sunday 25th July 2021 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat, and have some left over

Responsorial Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Second reading Ephesians 4:1-6

One Body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15

The feeding of the five thousand

Flowers Donations, left at church If you are leaving flowers at the church in devotion to Our Blessed Lady, can we ask you to let someone know to put them in water. The flowers are not lasting long without water in this weather, and our flower arrangers could otherwise use them to decorate the church.

Parish Merger Update:

Work on the merger of our three local parishes (Chichester with Bosham, Selsey, and the Witterings) into a single canonical parish is ongoing. The Steering Group, consisting of Fr Tom, Fr Sebastian, Fr Maksym Krat (Selsey), Dc Jon, Maurice Pollock, Amy Owen, Becky Sleven (Project Manager) and James Turner (Secretary) are currently working on:

- drafting an outline schedule for the review and actioning of various aspects of parish life that will be brought together over time.
- establishing remits and Terms of Reference for a future whole-parish Pastoral Team.
- assembling a small group, with a representative from each of the four churches, to consult with on particular issues until the new Parish Pastoral Team is in place.
- discussing and consulting on possible names for the new parish.

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.

St Richard's, Chichester & Our Lady, Bosham

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

Cheques to:

'St Richard's Chichester' Parish office, St Richard's Church

St Peter's, East Wittering

Via credit / debit card

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ChichesterwiththeWitterings>

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 Peter's RC Church' Sent to: 103 Stocks Lane, East Wittering PO20 8NU

	Time	Church	Online	Mass intention
Saturday 24th July	8am	St Richard's		
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	
Sunday 25th July 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	St Richard's		Holy Souls in Purgatory
	9am	St Peter's		Christopher Beech RIP (Marie McNearney)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	
	11am	Our Lady		In Thanksgiving for the 40 years of marriage of Kim and Douglas
Mon 26th July SS Joachim and Anne	12 noon	St Richard's		In Thanksgiving (Eleanor Duxbury)
Tues 27th July	8am	St Richard's		P F Joseph RIP (Mathew, Ginu and Family)
Wednesday 28th July	9-12noon	St Peter's		<i>Adoration</i>
	7pm	Our Lady **		For the intentions of Carmel Dunne
Thursday 29th July St Martha	8am	St Richard's	✓	Josephine France RIP (Richard France)
	12 noon	St Richard's		Linda Thomson RIP (Frank o'Donnell)
Friday 30th July	8am	St Richard's	✓	For the wellbeing of Molly Morgan (Liz McCombe)
	10am	St Peter's		
	12.30pm	St Richard's	✓	Requiem Mass of Sheila Brown
Saturday 31st July St Ignatius Loyola	8am	St Richard's		
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	
Sunday 1st Aug 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	St Richard's		Kathleen and Thomas Richardson RIP (Sue and Pat)
	9am	St Peter's		Peter Jolly RIP Linda Jolly
	10am	St Richard's	✓	Health and wellbeing of Elwin Fernandes and Family
	11am	Our Lady		In thanksgiving and blessings for baby James Peavot