

**Newsletter for  
St Richard of Chichester;  
St Peter's East  
Wittering;  
& Our Lady, Bosham**

**12 September 2021  
(24th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Tuesday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The Cross: the image of brutality, torture and death; the symbol of Roman subjugation and control. So why does the Church give us a day to exalt something so gruesome? This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, celebration or building. Yes, the cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself, hence our adoration of the Cross on Good Friday.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help focus our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours.

At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the celebrant, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way. Today, let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realise we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become.

With prayers and best wishes for the week ahead,

Deacon Jon



*First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9*  
I offered my back to those who struck me  
*Resp Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9*  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.  
*Second reading James 2:14-18*  
If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead  
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me.  
Alleluia!  
*Gospel: Mark 8:27-35*  
The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

*Children's Liturgy Online*  
[www.strichardchichester.co.uk/social-children-families](http://www.strichardchichester.co.uk/social-children-families)

*Bidding prayers for the week*  
<http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/intercessions>

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#### **All latest info:**

[www.strichardschichester.co.uk](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk)

#### **Online Masses:**

[youtube.com/c/  
StRichardsChichester](https://youtube.com/c/StRichardsChichester)

#### **Regular news and insight:**

[http://www.facebook.com/  
strichards.parish](http://www.facebook.com/strichards.parish)

[https://instagram.com/  
st.richard.church.chichester](https://instagram.com/st.richard.church.chichester)

#### **Urgent safeguarding issues:**

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**Molly Morgan RIP** Many of you will have heard that well-known and loved St Richard's parishioner Molly died last week. Her funeral will be held at St Richard's on Thursday 30th Sept at 12 noon. Parishioners are welcome to attend and for refreshments afterwards in the parish hall.

### Could you help out and join the counting

**team?** We are looking for volunteers to join the counting team at St Richard's. You would go on the rota and be asked to count the collections once every four weeks. The team meet at 9.30am on Monday mornings in the parish offices. If you might be able to volunteer your services, please contact the parish office [chichester@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:chichester@abdiocese.org.uk). Thank you .

**A (quick) journey through the Bible** A series of DVD presentations about a new way to read and understand the Bible will take place on Thursdays, beginning on 30th September at 2 pm in St Peter's church hall, The Witterings. This seven-part series by Jeff Cavins is an introduction to reading the Bible as a Catholic. Cavins briefly covers salvation history in a series of seven thirty-minute talks that are accompanied by group discussion questions, useful maps, and charts. These are very friendly and informal sessions so please do come along. Tea, and coffee will be available.

### SCHOOL FORM SIGNING PLEASE NOTE

School application forms for St Philip Howard and Bishop Luffa can be signed by Fr Tom only.

In next week's newsletter we will publish the times and dates that Fr Tom will only meet with you to do this.

**Please do NOT call Fr Tom about school form signing. Please call Amy at the parish office if you have any queries at all relating to the school forms.**

**Bosham Needlework Group** Will start up again on Saturday 2nd October from 10-12noon at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Everyone welcome. New members welcome. Bring your own drinks. Bring along your own project to work on, and to get some help and advice.

**Toddler Group** starts up again on 13th September in the lower parish room at St Richard's. All welcome.

**New Pastor for the Ordinariate** Fr Simon Chinery will replace Fr Thomas Mason who has now moved to County Durham. Fr Simon is currently the national Communications Officer of the Ordinariate of OLW and priest secretary to its Ordinary. He is married and his son was head chorister at Chichester Cathedral. He is moving from Hemel Hempstead where he is pastor. He begins his ministry here in St Richard's at a Solemn Mass on Saturday 18th September at 4.15pm. Fr Simon will also be parish priest of two diocesan parishes in East Hampshire.

**Tony Mornement RIP** We pray for the repose of the soul of a very well-known and loved Witterings parishioner Tony Mornement. We pray especially for Judy and his family at this time.

### Memorial Service - Martin Farrell

There will be a Memorial Service for Martin Farrell at St Philip Howard School, Barnham on Friday 17th September at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome, but please could you confirm your attendance to either the Parish Office or Shelley Farrell - [fazzshell@gmail.com](mailto:fazzshell@gmail.com) - by Monday 13th September.

If possible, please do a Lateral Flow covid test before attending. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

**Next Weekend** On Sunday 19th of September 2021 there will be a second collection to help raise funds for the redevelopment of the early years outside area at St Richard's school.

Mr Field and the Friends of St Richard's Primary School would like to invite parishioners to the school hall for refreshments of drinks and cake after the 10am Mass on Sunday 19th September. There will also be an opportunity to see the new development so far! Cake donations will be most gratefully received.

Please do take a look at the Friend's new website at <http://www.strichardsprimaryfriends.org>.

There is also an opportunity to donate to the schools fundraising efforts for the early years area redevelopment by clicking on the 'donate now' link on our website. Alternatively cheques can be addressed to 'The friends of St Richard's primary school and nursery' and left with the school or parish office. Please email Jenny on [friends@strichardsprimaryfriends.org](mailto:friends@strichardsprimaryfriends.org) with any questions. We look forward to seeing all you there.

**Men's Breakfast Sat 25 Sept 2021** now meeting in person at the Brick Kiln Garden Centre at 8am. Breakfast needs to be pre-ordered Cost £9 <https://immanuel.churchsuite.com/events/hpzeau8s> or call Peter on 07813 024585 As always, we welcome all men irrespective of faith or none. It's an excellent opportunity to bring along non-Christian friends and neighbours to join us for breakfast, fellowship and to hear his interesting and maybe life changing talk.

Tim Cross was commissioned into the British Army in 1971. He commanded at every level, from leading a small Bomb Disposal Team in Northern Ireland in the 1970's to commanding a Division of 30,000 in 2004/07. He serves as an advisor to the House of Commons Defence Select Committee and to several private companies. He is also a visiting lecturer at several British universities. Tim is a Local Lay Minister in the Church of England and the Chairman of the Board of Theos – a Christian Think Tank. An itinerant preacher and international speaker he is engaged across UK/International business, academia and the charity/humanitarian world.

## 50th Anniversary at Our Lady

Friday 24th September at 7pm Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham by current and former clergy: Fr Paul Turner, Canon Kieron O'Brien and Mgr Benny O'Shea will all be attending.

Food and drink will be served afterwards in the Narthex and the garden (weather permitting). Please bring a plate of finger food to share with you on the evening or kindly make a donation. The parish will supply drinks from church funds.

If you would like to attend, please let Amy at the parish office know [chichester@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:chichester@abdiocese.org.uk). Parishioners from St Richard's, St Peters and St Wilfrid's are also very welcome to join in the celebrations.

## Appeal and 2nd Collection THIS WEEKEND

We welcome speakers to talk to us about the work of Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda on the 12/12 Sept. In advance of their visit and to see for yourself the fantastic work that EVC do in Uganda please go to <https://www.evcuganda.org/about-us/>

## Jumble Sale at St Peter's

2pm Saturday 18th September at St Peter's East Wittering. Please contact Sylvie 0794 8826339 for further information.

Donations gratefully received and can be left at the church on the morning of the jumble sale. Thank you.

**A new Deanery newsletter** has been produced this week. Either get your paper copy from church, or you can download it off our website from here.

**Quiz and Fish n' Chip Supper** On Friday October 8th at 7.30pm St Richards Parish Rooms. Tickets cost £7 please contact Ray for tickets 788803. All profits go to St Richard's School and the project for the Early Years area.

## Confirmation Candidates 2020/ 2021

parents of the class 2020/21 should see the email which has been sent out to them. Please get back to the office if you have not received this email. Thank you.

## NEW - Confirmation Course 2021/22

We are looking forward to running a new Confirmation Programme for 2021/22, and this we hope to run in person. The programme will involve eight sessions on a Sunday evening, and a further seven social events. Some of the social events will give the candidates the opportunity to explore other parts of the Catholic Church outside of our own parish, while others will be to allow the candidates to relax with each other. Please note that all Sunday sessions and all social events are compulsory (subject to Covid restrictions)

### Sunday Sessions

Each Sunday session will begin at 4pm that day, and during that time the candidates will discuss elements of the Catholic faith. The session will stop in time for a Mass at 6pm. The Mass will be open to the whole parish, but the candidates will be encouraged to volunteer for the ministries at each mass. ([Full list of dates on website](#))

### Social Event

We will also be running seven sessions in addition to the Sunday sessions. All of these are compulsory, and with the exception of 18 March 2022, all are to be held on a Saturday. ([Full list of dates here](#))

### Fees

The cost of the Programme will be £50.00 per candidate. This includes a copy of YouCat's Youth Catechism, a donation to the course provider for the materials we will be using for the Sunday sessions, a donation to St. Augustine's Abbey, and to Tyburn Convent, as well as a return train ticket to London. We do not want anyone to be deterred from joining the programme because of the costs. If anyone is concerned about the cost, please speak to Amy in the Parish Office in confidence.

### Next Steps

We will be having an **introductory meeting at St. Richard's on Tuesday 21 September at 7pm**, where parents and candidates can meet the catechists and other candidates, discuss the programme in more detail, complete forms, and make the payment for the course.

## Our Parish Offertory

We are very grateful to all who are able to donate through standing orders, bank transfers and to support the offertory.

Restrictions still remain at masses on handing round the offertory baskets and for parishioners who normally donate this way, there are a number of options to continue regular giving:

1. Set up a standing order online
2. Make a single payment by online banking or by cheque
3. Make a donation through the Diocese JustGiving page

### **Donations via cheque**

Made payable to: St Richard's Chichester

Made payable to: St Peter's RC Church

### **Donations via bank transfer:**

Reference: surname and offertory

Name: RCD A&B St Richard of Chichester

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account No: 41076582

Name: RCD A&B St Peter's Wittering

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account No: 71077716

### **Donations via Credit / debit card**

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

**Quiet Day Wednesday 22 September** with silence and space to reflect, with materials on the theme of Harvest and Fruitfulness. Beautiful country house in the South Downs near Arundel. Cost £15. Optional sessions of spiritual direction available. Also **Individually Guided Retreat 10 to 12 October** and dates for **Therapeutic Breaks** at Sussex Heritage Centre, Arundel, BN18 9QY. Single ensuite rooms. For more details or to book see [www.sussexheritage.co.uk](http://www.sussexheritage.co.uk) or phone Maria on 01903 413606

**Part-time Catering Assistant (30 hours, term-time only) Oaklands Secondary School** The successful candidate will work with the students, teachers and support staff within the school canteen. The successful candidate will ideally have knowledge of working within a catering environment. Closing Date: 17th Sept 2021 Interviews: week commencing 20th Sept 2021 <https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/staff/vacancies/>

**Pilgrimage Walk in Arundel in honour of Our Lady** on Saturday 25 September 2021 at 11am to 2 pm, stopping at the remains of the ancient religious foundations of Arundel for short prayers. All welcome. Contact Lindsey Stratford on 01903 884567 or [aruncathfriends@btconnect.com](mailto:aruncathfriends@btconnect.com) or [www.arundelcathedralfriends.uk](http://www.arundelcathedralfriends.uk)

**St Wilfrid's Hospice** is looking for caring, compassionate nurses to be part of our supportive team looking after people near the end of their lives. If you are interested, please contact Linda Field (in-patient nurse lead [linda.field@stwh.co.uk](mailto:linda.field@stwh.co.uk) or Dr Dominic Whitehouse (consultant, [dominic.whitehouse@stwh.co.uk](mailto:dominic.whitehouse@stwh.co.uk))

**Thank you** to the kind person who took receipt of the altar linens at St Richard's from the laundry company and paid the bill for us.

*Please pray for our sick parishioners:*

Barbara Morris, Paul Robertson, Barbara Ruffles, Margaret Beazley, 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*

Date	Time	Church	online	Mass Intention
<b>Saturday 11 Sept</b>	8am	St Richard's		Steve Edwards RIP (Jan and Family)
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	Sheila Brown RIP (KSC Chichester)
<b>Sunday 12 Sept 24th Sunday in OT</b>	8.30am	St Richard's		Martin Tracey RIP
	9am	St Peter's		Mark Grabowski RIP (Gill and Geoff Breeze)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	Pauline Murray RIP
	11am	Our Lady		Molly Morgan RIP (Liz McCombe)
Monday 13 Aug St John Chrysostom	8am			Mass for the Holy Souls (R. France)
	12noon	St Richard's	✓	In Thanksgiving for the healing of Mathew Flanagan (Mary and Martin)
Tuesday 14 Aug <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	9.25-10	Our Lady		<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady		Catherine Davenport RIP
Wednesday 15 Sep <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	8am	St Richard's	✓	Marian Welch-Bostock RIP
	8-11	St Richard's		<i>Adoration</i>
	10-11	St Richard's		<i>Confession</i>
	6-6.45	St Richard's		<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	7pm	St Richard's		Thomas Thomas RIP
Thursday 16 Sep Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	8am	St Richard's	✓	Pauline Murray RIP
	12noon	St Richard's		Deceased members of the Doocey and Sharkey families
Friday 17 Sep	8am	St Richard's	✓	Deceased members of the Quick Family
	10am	St Peter's		Canon Peter Giffin RIP
<b>Saturday 18 Sep</b>	8am	St Richard's		In Thanksgiving (Emiteria Cauzerin)
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	Wellbeing of all Chichester KSC Members, and for all deceased members
<b>Sunday 19 Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	8.30am	St Richard's		Deceased members of the Vesey Family
	9am	St Peter's		Elizabeth and Nora Connick RIP (Seamus Connick)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	K M Philip RIP (Shaiby Philip)
	11am	Our Lady		Catherine Seabrook RIP