

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

**26 September 2021 (26th Sunday in OT)**

There is a wonderful tradition of diocesan pilgrimages to Lourdes, with people looking both for healing and for an opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus. I hope that nearer the next holiday season, when the pilgrimage will take place, we will have a chance to explore a bit more the message given to Bernadette Soubirous, which brings thousands of people to Lourdes. A few days ago it was the 175th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady in another region of France. Our Lady of La Salette revealed herself to two shepherd children Maximin and Melanie in a small hamlet in the French Alps. I would like to take this opportunity to write something about this French shrine and its story, which is less well known to the faithful in the UK. In 1846 Our Lady appeared wearing a crown of roses and weeping. She wept tears throughout the apparition over the loss of piety and the Catholic faith in France.

Our Lady lamented especially about people not going to Mass on Sunday, working on Sundays and profaning the Holy Name of Jesus. Our Lady told the children that unless people repented and turned back to God they would face terrible times of hardship and famine. Our Lady told the children to remember to say their prayers every day morning and evening.

The apparition is officially approved by the Catholic Church. A beautiful Basilica was built in honour of Our Lady in La Salette. Pope Leo XIII requested that the Basilica be consecrated to Our Lady on 21 August 1879. On this evening the Archbishop of Paris crowned Our Lady of La Salette in the Basilica. The same evening of 21 August 1879 Our Lady appeared in Knock wearing a magnificent golden crown accompanied by Jesus, as the Lamb of God, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist. The silent apparition lasted for two hours.

We should remember that the apparitions do not form part of the deposit of Faith—we are not obliged to believe in them—rather they are supernatural signs that require discernment. They provide us with the opportunity to grow in our understanding of how Providence works in the world and prompt us to reflect on our way of life and take action. God is working in mysterious ways and through the ministry of the saints and the care of Our Lady encourages us to align our lives with teaching of his Son. Ultimately He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

*Source: An Teaghlach Naofa*



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**Sunday 25/26 September 2021 - 26th Sunday in OT**

*First Reading Numbers 11:25-29*

If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

*Resp Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14*

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

*Second reading James 5:1-6*

The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

*Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*

Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name

*Children's Liturgy Online*

www.strichardchichester.co.uk/social-children-families

*Bidding prayers for the week*

http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/intercessions

**SVP (the St Vincent de Paul Society)** After the 7pm Mass on Wednesday 13th October at St Richards we will be holding an information Meeting for the St Vincent de Paul Society, which we hope to start up in our parish very soon. The SVP is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need.

We want to build on the wonderful work carried out by our Visiting Group, and other caring parishioners in our churches. Currently there are about 10,000 members in England and Wales who visit vulnerable or isolated people and offer them friendship and practical support. The demand for kindness, compassion and friendship has never been greater. Befriending is at the heart of what the SVP do.

We are particularly keen to have representation from all groups within our churches; all ages, genders, and from all our communities. We hope to see you at our meeting on 13th October.

### **CAFOD—Harvest Fast Day 1st October**

Next Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Next Sunday we will be having a second collection for CAFOD. If you are able to gift aid your donation then please use the CAFOD envelopes at the back of the church.

### **Confirmation Course 2021/22**

We are still able to take applications for the confirmation class of 2021/2022. Details, dates and application forms can be downloaded from our website:

[www.strichardschichester.co.uk/confirmation-registration](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/confirmation-registration) or can be collected from the parish office.

### **SCHOOL FORM SIGNING**

**School application forms for St Philip Howard and Bishop Luffa can be signed by Fr Tom at the following dates and times ONLY:** 27<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm; 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.15pm; 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm; 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 3.15pm; Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm

Please come along to the Presbytery with your form/s. If you are applying to St Philip Howard please remember to bring along a copy of your baptism certificate with you. If you are applying to Bishop Luffa we have the school supplementary forms at the church.

If you have a query about the school forms please call Amy at the parish office on 782343 only – Father Tom will not take queries about school forms outside of the 6 signing dates.

If you are applying for a place for St Richard's you can come along to one of these dates or wait for some other signing dates nearer the January deadline.

### **Open Days St Philip Howard & Oaklands**

**St Philip Howard Open Evening - Thursday, 30 September 2021: 4.30pm onwards**

In order to manage numbers, we'd kindly ask you to complete a booking form in advance to indicate when you hope to arrive (booking via link on website: [www.sphcs.co.uk](http://www.sphcs.co.uk)). Talks by the Headteacher, Mr Carter, will take place at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm. During your visit you'll be shown around the school the school by our wonderful children. Morning tours of the school are also available from 4 October - 22 October for you to see the school in action. Call the school office to make an appointment (01243 552055).

#### **Oaklands Catholic School**

Thursday 30th September, 5-8pm; 4 Stakes Hill Road, Waterloo, PO7 7BW. [www.oaklandscatholicsschool.org](http://www.oaklandscatholicsschool.org)

### **A (Quick) Journey Through the Bible**

begins next Thursday in St Peter's hall at 2pm. We will begin by looking at The Early World, and seeing what the Creation stories tell us about God and our relationship with Him, and with Creation. Everyone is very welcome.

### **Advent Day of Reflection**

Will be held on Saturday 27th November and will be led by Mgr Roderick Strange Professor of Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham and former Rector of the Beda College in Rome. He is a Catholic writer with much experience in giving retreats. All are welcome.

### **Barbara Morris RIP**

Barbara's funeral will be held at St Richard's on Friday 1st October at 11am. Parishioners and friends are invited to attend, and for drinks and light refreshments afterwards in the lower parish room.

### **No Mass St Peter's Friday 1st October**

Due to the clergy retreat and funerals we are sorry but there will be NO FRIDAY Mass on 1st Oct

### **Molly Morgan RIP**

Molly's funeral will be held at St Richard's Church on Thursday 30th September at 12 noon with refreshments afterwards in the parish halls. Molly requested that no-one should wear black to the Mass.

*Our parents Francis and Gillian Casey have been long standing members of the parish of St Richard for many years. Tragically we lost our wonderful Mum last year in a car crash. Myself and two of my brothers are taking part in the Great South Run in October in Mum's memory. We are raising funds for the road safety charity Brake, and Sanctuary in Chichester, the refugee charity Mum was heavily involved in. Any donations would be very gratefully received. Many thanks, Ellie Casey*

[http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JonathanCasey1/2?utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_campaign=fundraiser&utm\\_term=socialshare&utm\\_content=fundriasingpage](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JonathanCasey1/2?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=fundraiser&utm_term=socialshare&utm_content=fundriasingpage)

### **Grandparents' Groups:**

Within the Diocese we have several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. Remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to find likeminded people and unlimited support? It's a bit like that, chat over issues such as how to help your Grandchildren without upsetting your own children...or their spouse !! How to pass on your faith and find strength in praying about it all together.

If you are interested in joining or creating a group in you parish please do contact Katherine Bergin at [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

## 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.

## Extraordinary Minister Training / refresher

Would you like to have some refresher training as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion or would you like to be trained? If so, please pass on your request to Amy and one of the clergy will contact you to arrange a date.

## Harvest Festival / Foodbank

We have had a request from the Chichester District Foodbank for food for the Harvest Festival. They write: we can accept fresh fruit and vegetables. To drop your donations off, they are open Mondays and Thursdays between 8.30am – 3pm and Wednesdays between 9am – 12pm. gift aid envelopes are available. Please email the parish office for a list of the most wanted items.

## Parish Merger Update

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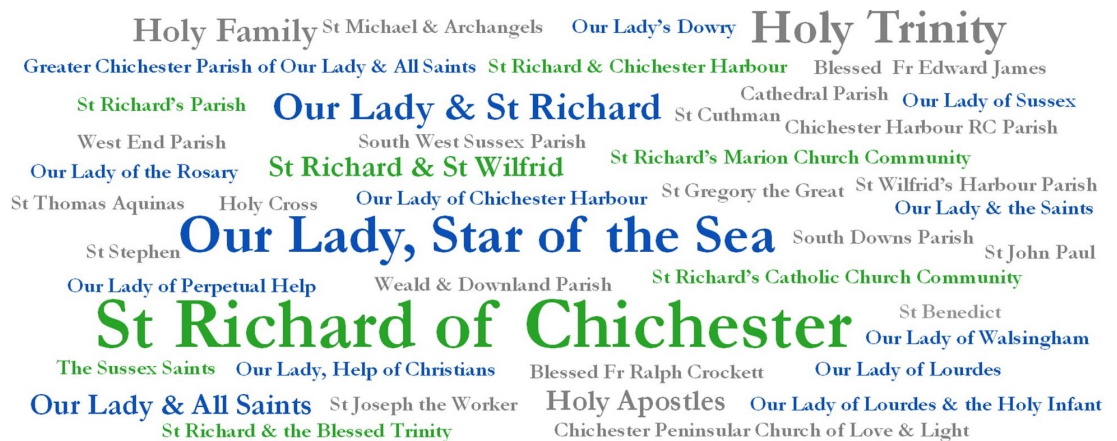
**Merger:** The Council of Priests met on 14 September and assented to Bishop Richard's proposal to merge our three current parishes into one new parish. The chosen date of the canonical merger is the Feast of All Saints which this year will be 31 October. It is the first formal step towards our united future. The actual adjustments will be spread over time.

• **Parish Name & Patron:** Many thanks to everyone who prayed, reflected and submitted suggestions for the name of the new parish. In the image above/below/wherever text size loosely correlates to the number of times a name was suggested. Fr Tom was pleased to note the devotion to Our Lady (under many titles) and our local saints. If a religious (rather than geographical) name is chosen in the end, a patron or patrons to inspire and watch over our whole parish will be a great blessing. Bishop Richard is giving the list of suggestions due consideration.

• **Finance:** Discussions are taking place across those responsible for Finance in Chichester, the Witterings and Selsey, about the future of parish financial arrangements.

• **Mass times:** Discussions about Mass times have not yet begun but we are aware that they are likely to bring significant change, and are likely to take effect next Spring. Bishop Richard has requested that part of the discussion be had at Deanery level, to ensure that the priests will best be able to support one another with cover.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Work is ongoing on the role and composition of a new whole-parish Pastoral Council and it is hoped that it will be established very quickly after the canonical merger.



## 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>

**Mivumoni Epilepsi Clinic** Fr Joe has sent us an update on the epilepsy clinic in Mivumoni. He writes: ‘Dear friends and wellwishers. Its been a journey together that started in Feb 02 and continues to today. 19 years in this journey with epilepsy in Mivuumi. Your donations have supported so many people over the years and you made their lives worth living because of getting them medication.

Since covid travel has become more restricted, and even patients coming to the clinic were restricted. So far we have no idea how many of our patients have died of covid. Our economic inflation has gone so high that the prices of drugs have gone up by 50%.” If you would like a full copy of Fr Joe’s report please contact Amy at the parish office.

*Please pray for our sick parishioners:*

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
Saturday 25 Sep	8am	St Richard’s		
	6pm	St Richard’s	✓	Martin Farrell RIP (Teresa and Family)
<b>Sunday 26 Sep</b> 26th Sunday in OT	8.30am	St Richard’s		Martin Tracey RIP
	9am	St Peter’s		Deceased relatives of Brian & Pat Lynch
	10am	St Richard’s	✓	John and Mary Kelly RIP
	11am	Our Lady		Martin Farrell RIP (Shelley, Ben
Monday 27 Sep St Vincent de Paul	8am	St Richard’s		Barbara Morris RIP (Susan Line)
	12noon	St Richard’s	✓	Molly Morgan RIP (Ziggy and Julia Janiec)
Tuesday 28 Sep	8am	St Richard’s	✓	Molly Morgan RIP (Susan Line)
	9.25-10	Our Lady	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>	
	10am	Our Lady		Fr Sebastian Kijak’s Mother RIP (Kinga Buckley)
Wednesday 29 Sep Feast of the Archangels	8am	St Richard’s	✓	Maureen Thomson RIP (Frank O’Donnell)
	8-11	St Richard’s	<i>Adoration</i>	
	10-11	St Richard’s	<i>Confession</i>	
	4.30pm	St Richard’s	Reception of the Body (Molly Morgan)	
	6-6.45	St Richard’s	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>	
	7pm	St Richard’s		Molly Morgan RIP (Jean French)
Thursday 30 Sep St Pius of Pietrelcino	8am	St Richard’s	✓	Mary Heather RIP
	12noon	St Richard’s	✓	Requiem Mass Molly Morgan Molly Morgan RIP (Visiting Group)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October St Therese of Lisieux	8am	St Richard’s	✓	In Thanksgiving (Jothis Siby)
	11am	St Richard’s		Requiem Mass Barbara Morris
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct The Holy Guardian Angels	8am	St Richard’s		Anurika Fernando RIP
	6pm	St Richard’s	✓	Barbara Morris RIP (Angela Horne)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	8.30am	St Richard’s		In Thanksgiving (Rozario Family)
	9am	St Peter’s		Ted Bailey RIP (Marie Haines)
	10am	St Richard’s	✓	Molly Morgan RIP (Marion and Will)
	11am	Our Lady		The wellbeing of Kerry (M&B Southward)