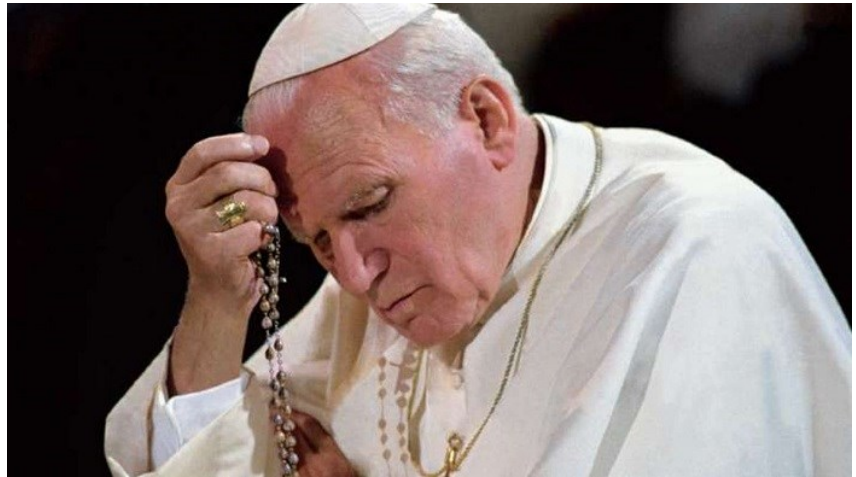


**3rd October 2021 (27th Sunday in OT)**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily since the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. Today, the first Sunday of October, is known as Rosary Sunday and we begin the tradition each Sunday for the month of saying together a decade of the Rosary before Mass.

The Rosary is Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarises the great mysteries of the Catholic faith; the Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary recites the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary centre on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and, added by Saint John Paul II in 2002, the Luminous.



**St John Paul II said that to recite the Rosary is to enter the School of Mary.**

During an event at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where he prayed the rosary with the faithful, Pope Benedict XVI gave this beautiful and timeless address, which deserves careful study:

'Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each Hail Mary.'

During this particular month may we discover anew the blessings that the rosary can bring into our lives. Rosaries are available at the Repository.  
With prayers and best wishes,

Deacon Jon.

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**Sunday 2/3 October 2021 - 27th Sunday in OT**

*First Reading Genesis 2:18-24*

A man and his wife become one body

*Resp Psalm 127 (128)*

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

*Second reading Hebrews 2:9-11*

The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified

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

*Gospel: Mark 10:2-16*

What God has united, man must not divide

*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** Last Friday (1st October) was CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. This Sunday (3rd October) 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.

### **First Holy Communion Masses at St**

**Richard's** at the following Masses:

6pm Mass on 9th October, 10am Mass on 10th October, 6pm 16th October and 10am Mass on 17th October we welcome the First Holy Communion candidates and their families for the First Holy Communion Masses.

Each candidate will have a reserved bench for themselves and their families, parishioners will have the remaining benches. We pray for the children as they take this big step in their journey of faith.

**Singing to resume at St Richard's** from next week singing will resume at the 10am Sunday Mass with full participation and use of hymn books.

*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)

### **Mass this Sunday at 6pm**

We will be celebrating an extra Mass this Sunday evening at 6pm at St Richards Church. The Mass is for young people, families and the Confirmation candidates in particular.

This will be held monthly moving forward.

### **Advent Day of Recollection**

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.

### **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.

### **Friends Café**

The Friends of St Richards School will be running a café in the lower parish room at St Richards every Friday morning in term time. Come along for a drink and a chat and to meet other people from your community. All very welcome including mums, dads and carers from the Nursery and the School. The first café will be held on the 8th October from 9am.

**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**: 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 now or wait for some other signing dates nearer the January

### **St Richards Catholic Primary School Open Days** **5th October and 2nd November at 1.30pm**

If you have a child due to start school in September 2022 please join us for one of our open days.

Call the school office on 01243 784549 or email [office@strichardsprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@strichardsprimary.co.uk) to arrange a tour

### **Marriage Preparation**

Please remember to pray for the success of our marriage preparation day this Saturday 9th October, which will take place in the parish rooms at St Richard's. Four couples will be taking part, in the course led by Fiona and Stephen O'Shea

## Quiz Night

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.

## 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.

## Oaklands School are recruiting an IT Technician (full time).

To work as part of  
the IT Support Team in the day-to-day delivery of high-quality IT Services and the  
development of new services to the school and external customers.  
[www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/staff/vacancies/](http://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/staff/vacancies/) **Closing Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

**Quiet Days Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 October** with peace and space to reflect in beautiful surroundings. Materials on  
the theme of Harvest and Fruitfulness. Cost £15. Optional sessions of spiritual direction available. Also **Individually Guided  
Residential Retreat 10 to 13 October** 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

## Parish Merger Update

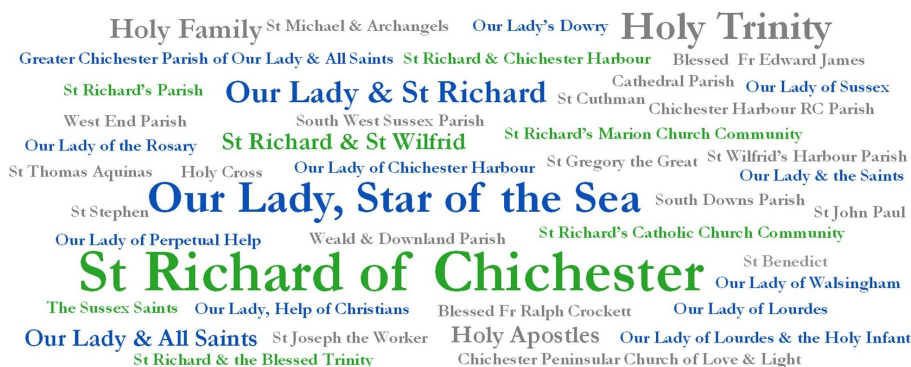
- **Date of Parish Merger:** The Council of Priests met on 14 September and assented to Bishop Richard's proposal to merge our three current parishes into one new parish. The chosen date of the canonical merger is the Feast of All Saints which this year will be 31 October. It is the first formal step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



Date	Time	Church	online	Mass Intention
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> <b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	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)
	6pm	St Richard's		In thanksgiving for hospital chaplaincy work of Una Dalrymple
Monday 4 October St Francis of Assisi	8am	St Richard's	✓	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	St Richard's		Barbara Morris RIP (The Visiting Group)
Tuesday 5 October St Faustina Kowalska	8am	St Richard's	✓	Molly Morgan RIP (Geoff and Gina Poulter)
	9.25-10	Our Lady		<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady		
Wednesday 6 October	8am	St Richard's	✓	Stephen Edwards RIP (Jan Edwards and Family)
	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		Anurika Fernando RIP
Thursday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary	8am	St Richard's	✓	Kieran Tracey RIP
	12noon	St Richard's		Barbara Morris RIP
Friday 8 October	8am	St Richard's	✓	The wellbeing of Nathaniel Kirkham
	10am	St Peter's		
Saturday 9 October St John Henry Newman	8am	St Richard's		Mass for the Holy Souls
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 10 October</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	8.30am	St Richard's		Joe and Bertha Silva RIP (The Family)
	9am	St Peter's		Winifred Waterson RIP (Pat Thompson)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>
	11am	Our Lady		The wellbeing of Tessa (M&B Southward)

*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*