

10th October 2021 (28th Sunday in OT)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Recently I wrote to you on the pressing need we have in today's world to renew our faith in INTERCESSORY PRAYER. Now I would like to stress once again, the importance of praying before the Blessed Sacrament. This, after all, is the main reason why we keep our churches open: We know Jesus is truly present.

We recall the words of the old countryman who, when asked by the Curé d'Ars, (St John Vianney) what he did when spending so long in church, simply replied "I look at Him and He looks at me." Fr Raymond Maloney SJ commenting on these words went on to say "For centuries the Tabernacle has been a channel of mysticism for many ordinary people who could not even spell the word."

In our parish we are blessed to have the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration. It relies on the generosity of parishioners who are prepared to commit themselves to one hour's Adoration every week. As with attendance at Mass, the Apostolate has suffered greatly from the lockdown. Now with people beginning to return, we can look forward to restoring all-day Adoration in the not too distant future. [Remembering the requirement of at least two people on every hour.] Meanwhile we continue with Adoration at St Richard's every Wednesday from the 8am Mass until 11am and from 6-.45pm until Mass at 7pm. ** Please see footnote. And on Tuesday 9.30am—10am at our Lady, and Wednesday at St Peter's from 9-12.

In advance, may I therefore strongly encourage former adorers to consider returning to their 'Hour with the Lord' and to invite others to join them. Apart from personal benefits and the blessing it will bring to your family, there are so many other intentions we should be praying for including: Vocations, an end to the pandemic, peace in our world, protection of the environment, and now our preparations for the Synod.

It was Pope St John Paul II who said "Our essential commitment to life is to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." Let us not forget these words.

May God bless you all

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Sunday 9/10 October 2021 - 28th Sunday in OT

First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones

Resp Psalm 89: 12-17

Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice

Second reading Hebrews 4:12-13

The words of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me.

Children's Liturgy Online

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

Bidding prayers for the week

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

** Footnote

This coming week due to a school event, we regret that Adoration at St Richard's on Wednesday 13th October will only be from 10-11am.

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.

First Holy Communion Masses at St Richard's

Saturday 9th October at 6pm:
Curtis, Joshua, Lochlan, Olivier, Teddy and William

Sunday 10th October at 10am
Daniel, Faye, Freya, Grace, Jasper, Lena, Luca, Saskia, Savannah, Thomas and William

Please pray for them.

The First Holy Communion Masses will be livestreamed to YouTube, as usual. The FHC children will not be visible while they receive Jesus but anyone who is reading intercessions will appear on the livestream.

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.

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 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



'Let all who are thirsty come...'
a moment for peace,
reflection and prayer

with music from
Taizé

Please join us
at Our Lady of the
Assumption RC church,
Fairfield Road,
Bosham

**Sunday 21
November**
at 4pm

Prayer Service with Music – Refreshments

Missio Red Boxes (St Peter's) It's that time of year again. Can holders of the Missio Red Boxes please bring them to church for emptying and counting? Please hand to Gill Breeze or leave in the Church porch where she can collect them after Mass. Thank You.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

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*

Assisted Dying Bill

The Assisted Dying Bill will have its second reading in the House of Lords on 22 October. Faced with suffering and illness, our response should be one of compassion which finds expression in high-quality holistic care and, for anyone who is dying, sensitive palliative, end-of-life care. The deep personal and societal facets of this subject are clearly and concisely discussed in a letter that Lord Hunt wrote on 3 October to the Telegraph:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/10/03/assisted-dying-will-always-open-bullying-exploitation/>

If this Assisted Dying Bill is passed (especially as it is textually very vague), the law and our society will not be able to protect the most vulnerable and the dying. As Bishop Richard made clear to us in his recent message: this Bill must be opposed in every way, by prayer and by contacting our politicians.

To re-read Bishop Richard's letter from last weekend please go to: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/bishop-richards-pastoral-letter-for-the-25th-sunday-of-the-year>

Or there are few copies at the back of the churches.

Extraordinary Minister Training / refresher 10th November at 7pm

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, we will be holding the training on Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm (preceded by Mass (7pm) and Adoration (6pm)).

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 or phone Maria on 01903 413606

Kathleen O Gorman RIP

Parishioner of Bognor. For many years Kathleen held a senior position in Catechetics in the Archdiocese of Westminster. After which she taught scripture at St John's Seminary. In the words of Mgr Gerard Ewing former rector of Wonersh "Kathleen was an amazing character, who had a great love for Wonersh—and we are indebted to her for all she has given and all she has been."

In our own deanery, Kathleen introduced the Stars of Mary masses, held regularly for those with learning difficulties and their families. She will be remembered by many of us with great affection and gratitude. May she rest in peace.

Kathleen's requiem Mass will take place at St Richards Top Road Slindon West Sussex BN18 0RG on Friday 15th October at 12 noon.

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: 14th Oct at 7pm; 18th Oct at 3.15pm; Oct 21st 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 deadline.

Journeying from Despair to Hope: 'Building support from parishes to prisoners and their families.'

An online event on 12th October, 5 pm to 6.15 pm. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/J1zTkUTiP7>

Confirmation 21/22 Please do get in touch with us if you want to join the confirmation course this year, this will be one of your last chances to join this year's programme.

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 9 October St John Henry Newman	8am	St Richard's		For the people of Maidenhead and Windsor
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	First Holy Communion Mass Mass for the Holy Souls
Sunday 10 October 28th Sunday in OT	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	✓	First Holy Communion Mass
	11am	Our Lady		The wellbeing of Tessa (M&B Southward)
Monday 11 October	8am	St Richard's	✓	Intentions of Daniel Tracey
	12noon	St Richard's		
Tuesday 12 October St Wilfrid	8am	St Richard's	✓	David Vincent RIP (Jane Isted)
	9.25-10	Our Lady		<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady		Barbara Morris RIP (Ziggy & Julia Janiec)
Wednesday 13 October St Edward the Confessor	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	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		Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 14 October	8am	St Richard's	✓	Ellen Tracey RIP
	12noon	St Richard's		
Friday 15 October St Teresa of Jesus	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	10am	St Peter's		
Saturday 16 October St Hedwig	8am	St Richard's		
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	First Holy Communion Mass Barbara Morris RIP Jean French
Sunday 17 October 29th Sunday in OT	8.30am	St Richard's		
	9am	St Peter's		
	10am	St Richard's	✓	First Holy Communion Mass Miriam McKenna Freeman RIP
	11am	Our Lady		Catherine Davenport RIP