

17th October 2021 (29th Sunday in OT)

When I learnt that the First Holy Communion in Chichester this year would be postponed to the Autumn, I was a bit upset that Coronavirus had caused yet another disruption to our parish life. Yet, this turned out to be another lesson about God's Providence, because the delay and the lowering of travel restrictions have meant that many families, especially those who live abroad, have been able to join their loved ones on this special occasion. God keeps on revealing his loving countenance to us and the Eucharist is the best way of discovering the power of his caring love, which sustains, guides and sometimes spectacularly saves us in times of distress. Last week we celebrated the memorial of Carlo Acutis, a 21st century teenager who had a great passion for the faith and a deep Eucharistic devotion. I would like to commend some of his sayings to the children making their First Holy Communion this year, and to their families. Blessed Carlos' words remind us that we are destined for great things, far beyond the mundane cares of daily life.

1. "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."
2. "By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."
3. "Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend."
4. "Jerusalem is right on our doorstep."
5. "All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies."
6. "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan".
7. "Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God."
8. "Not me, but God."
10. "The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy."
11. "Our soul is like a hot air balloon. If by chance there is a mortal sin, the soul falls to the ground. Confession is like the fire underneath the balloon enabling the soul to rise again... It is important to go to confession often."
12. "I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God."
13. "Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. The Infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever."
14. "The Eucharist is the highway to heaven."

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**Sunday 16/17 October 2021
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First Reading Isaiah 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, what the Lord wishes will be done

Resp Psalm 32

Nay your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading Hebrews 4:14-16

Our high priest is one who has been tempted in every way that we are.

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 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many

Children's Liturgy Online

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

Bidding prayers for the week

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

First Holy Communion Masses at St Richard's THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 16th October at 6pm:

Albie, Angus, Maisie, Zach,

Sunday 17th October at 10am

Amelia, Charlotte, Emilia, Emily, Felix, Mason, Nikola, Seth

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.

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 from 9am. All very welcome including mums, dads and carers from the Nursery and the School.

Station Masses for those who have

died: This last year has been a very challenging time for everyone, especially when our thoughts and prayers turn to those we have lost, whether through the time of the pandemic or before. Many of us have found it difficult to get to Church through lockdowns, to sit with the Lord and to share our thoughts or find comfort in His embrace. The limited numbers permitted at funerals may have meant that we were unable to be with friends and family at that special moment. With these challenges in mind, you are warmly invited to join a Station Mass this November for the intention of those lost. Join Bishop Richard as he offers Mass for your intentions, for your friends and loved ones. There will be Mass said in each Deanery across the Diocese throughout November 2021. Ours is on Tuesday 23rd Nov: Cathedral Deanery Station Mass at 6.30pm, Arundel Cathedral

Men's Breakfast

Brick Kiln Nursery 23rd October at 8am. We welcome David Robinson, ex Royal Protection Officer to the Queen and subsequently a regional security manager. David is a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) in The Church of England. We look forward to his inspiring talk. We meet again at the Brick Kiln Garden Centre which opens for us at 8am. Please order breakfast in advance. Online at <https://immanuel.churchsuite.com/events/ae8qdvuq> or by calling 07813 024585.

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

St Peter's Children's liturgy Started last weekend at St Peters and is available every Sunday. All welcome.

Advent Day of Recollection Will be held on Saturday 27th November to 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.

St Peter's First Holy Communion Programme 2021/2022

The First Holy Communion preparation at St Peters only will start on Sunday 24th October. If you are interested in joining the programme please call either: Pat 07876 316326 or Sylvie 0794 8826339

The other churches will be starting their 2021/22 First Holy Communion Programme later in the year. Details will be given soon.

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.

Due to clergy Diocesan safeguarding training, that requires all clergy of the Diocese to attend, there will be **no Mass at St Peter's on Friday 22nd October at 10am.**

Missio Red Boxes (St Peter's) 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.



'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

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 0207821 9755 or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a direct debit and gift aid your donation, if possible.

There are also Missio envelopes at the back of each of the churches to gift aid your donation.

Merger Update

Merger date: As previously announced, it is expected that Bishop Richard will issue the decree establishing the new parish on 31 October, the Feast of All Saints. As yet, we do not know what name he will give us.

Parish Pastoral Council: Plans for a new whole-parish Pastoral Council will be shared with the parish immediately after the merger, with nominations for members sought from all the churches.

Parish Finances: The finance committees of the three existing parishes have begun to work together on the financial merger of the parishes, and agreed that Chichester and Selsey's finances, and their finance teams, will merge soon, with a target of the end of 2021. The finances of the Witterings will remain separate for another year and David Field will kindly continue to take care of them. We will keep you updated on progress and on the eventual implications for parishioners' planned giving.

Mass times: discussions have begun about what implications Fr Maksym's departure from Selsey next year will have for the Mass times in all four churches. Please be reassured that there is *no* expectation that any church will cease to have a Mass that fulfills the Sunday obligation, and it is expected that each church will have at least one regular weekday Mass. Decisions about Mass times will largely be made based on logistics, due to the distances our priests have to drive between our churches.

Remedios Roblin RIP In your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of 8.30am Mass parishioner Emmy Roblin who died last week. A well known and always smiling face at St Richards she was a reader and extra-ordinary minister. We pray too for her grieving family. Her funeral will be held at St Richard's on Thursday 21st October at 2.15pm. All welcome.

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)).

St Peter's Flower Rota If anyone would like to join the flower rota for St Peter's for 2022 please could you let Erna know on 01243 672374.

St Peters Jumble sale

Saturday 30th October at 2pm, donations please. Further information from Sylvie 0794 8826339

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: 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. If you are applying to Bishop Luffa we have the school supplementary forms at the church. [No signing of forms outside these dates]

Empowering Vulnerable Children EVC Uganda

Ted Fawcett has been in touch with us to thank us once again for welcoming them to our parish when they made an appeal last month. Including the gift aid they raised £2,288.46 from their appeal, and several people took out child sponsorship.

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 |
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| 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 | | Barbara Morris RIP (Sue and Derek Pennicott) |
| | 9am | St Peter's | | |
| | 10am | St Richard's | ✓ | First Holy Communion Mass Miriam McKenna Freeman RIP |
| | 11am | Our Lady | | Catherine Davenport RIP |
| Monday 18 October St Luke | 8am | St Richard's | ✓ | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| | 12noon | St Richard's | | |
| Tuesday 19 October St Philip Howard | 8am | St Richard's | ✓ | |
| | 9.25-10 | Our Lady | | <i>Adoration and confessions</i> |
| | 10am | Our Lady | | |
| Wednesday 20 October | 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 | | Yvonne Plummer RIP (Jean French) |
| Thursday 21 October | 8am | St Richard's | ✓ | Jose Isaac RIP (Jothis Siby and Family) |
| | 2.15pm | St Richard's | | REQUIEM MASS – Emmy Roblin RIP |
| Friday 22 October St John Paul II | 8am | St Richard's | ✓ | Irene Carter RIP (Mary and Martin Downy) |
| Saturday 23 October | 8am | St Richard's | | |
| | 6pm | St Richard's | ✓ | Barbara Morris RIP (Angela and Mike Horne) |
| Sunday 24 October 30th Sunday in OT | 8.30am | St Richard's | | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| | 9am | St Peter's | | |
| | 10am | St Richard's | ✓ | Tony Mornement RIP |
| | 11am | Our Lady | | Wellbeing of Alastair (M&B Southward) |