

Church Newsletter: St Richard of Chichester; St Peter's East Wittering; & Our Lady, Bosham
24th October 2021 (30th Sunday in OT)



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Following the meetings earlier this year at St. Richard's, Our Lady of the Assumption, St. Peter's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. Wilfrid's, together with the subsequent meeting of the Council of Priests, I am now able to confirm that the parishes of Chichester & Bosham, The Witterings and Selsey will be conjoined into one parish with effect from 1st November this year.

I am mindful that there has been a consultation across the parishes regarding a title for the new entity. Having seen the consultation and given the matter some thought, I am pleased to announce that the new parish will bear the title: *Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex*. This will not affect the titles of any of the churches in the parish, which will remain unchanged.

Now that the parish is one, the priests of the parish share equally the responsibility for the whole parish, with Canon Tom Treherne as Moderator of the parish.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the time that you gave to the meetings earlier in the year and the various meetings and consultations that have taken place in recent months.

Please be assured of my prayers as you continue to work together with Canon Tom, Fr. Sebastian, Fr. Maksym and Deacon Jon for the building of the Kingdom of God in this part of the Diocese.

With every Blessing,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+Richard'.

Sunday 16/17 October 2021 29th Sunday in OT

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

I will guide them by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

Resp Psalm 125

What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second reading Hebrews 5:1-6

'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever'

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Go; your faith has saved you

Bidding prayers for the week

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

Change of time for midday Mass at St Richard's

Now that the restrictions have been lifted we have started training our altar servers. Our hope is that by the start of Advent, if not before, servers will again be assisting at our midday masses on Mondays and Thursdays. However this will mean going back to previous time of 12.15pm rather than 12 noon. Parishioners will be informed before this takes place.

Parish Bereavement Mass 13th November at 12.15

We remember those dear to us who have died over the past year, at our parish bereavement mass being held at St Richard's on 13th November at 12.15pm.

Parishioners who have lost loved ones over the year will be personally invited to attend. But if you have lost someone dear to you over the year and you would like their name to be included on the list of those prayed for then please let Amy know in the parish office.

We will read out the names of our dearly departed and light a candle in memory of each of those who have died over the past year.

There will be refreshments afterwards in the lower parish room.

Blessing of the Graves

The annual blessing of the graves will take place at Bosham burial ground on Sunday November 7th at 12.30 pm. All are welcome to join us for this service of remembrance which will also include those who have been cremated.

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

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.

New Sacristan at St Richard's

Kevin Parsons has kindly agreed to be our new sacristan. A well-known face at our daily mass, Kevin is a devout very reliable parishioner most generous with his time. I am confident he will maintain the very high standards set by Madonna Theodore.

This gives me the opportunity to thank Madonna for her many years of devoted service. She was already Sacristan when I first came to St Richards in 1984! Not everyone may realise how much is involved in being a sacristan not just putting things out for Mass! Lack of space prevents me from listing the many areas of her work often ably assisted by her daughter Rachel.

For many years Madonna has not enjoyed robust health which is the main reason for her wishing to step down. Let us pray that she will now be able to enjoy a well-earned rest. We look forward to seeing her often in the future.

Fr Tom

COP26 and CAFOD

A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

Conference of St Vincent de Paul

Many thanks to all those who attended our recent meeting. Please note our follow up meeting will be on Tuesday 16 November at 7pm in the parish room. We hope everyone can make it.

Confirmation Mass Next Sunday

Please pray for the young adults in our parish and deanery making their confirmation next Sunday at 3pm at Arundel Cathedral.

THIS Sunday is World Mission Sunday

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday when 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.

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.

Lift needed to Our lady of the Assumption

Bosham Parishioner, Angela Griffith would be grateful for a lift to Mass at our Lady of the Assumption if anyone would be able to give her a lift. She would also need to bring along her mobility aid walker with her in the car.

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).

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

Needlecraft Drop in morning Each first Saturday of the month we will be holding a friendly drop-in needlecraft morning at Our Lady of the Assumption Bosham. From 10am-12noon. All welcome just bring along the project that you are working on.

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

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.

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

Ministry of Consolation: Do you have a good ear for listening? Are you able to support people who are going through a difficult time? Do you feel you are able to journey with those who are experiencing the loss of someone important in their life?

If the answer is yes to these questions, you might be interested in joining the Diocesan Ministry of Consolation team of Bereavement Befrienders?

We will be running a training course on each Wednesday through January and February 2022 to prepare you for this Ministry. You will need to attend all the training days to be commissioned and each day will run from 10.00 am to 1.30 via Zoom.

If you would like to find out more details, please email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

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 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)
Monday 25 October	8am	St Richard's	✓	Emmy Roblin RIP (Richard France)
	12noon	St Richard's		Health and Wellbeing of Danuta and Waldemar
Tuesday 26 October SS Chad & Cedd	8am	St Richard's	✓	Louise Rose de Wiever RIP
	9.25-10	Our Lady	<i>Adoration and confessions</i>	
	10am	Our Lady		
Wednesday 27 October	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	8-11	St Richard's	<i>Adoration</i>	
	10-11	St Richard's	<i>Confession</i>	
	9-12	St Peter	<i>Adoration</i>	
	6-6.45	St Richard's	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>	
	7pm	St Richard's		Wellbeing of Nathaniel Kirkham
Thursday 28 October Ss Simon & Jude	8am	St Richard's	✓	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	St Richard's		
Friday 29 October	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	9.30-10	St Peter's	<i>Confession</i>	
	10am	St Peter's		
Saturday 30 October	8am	St Richard's		
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	Michael Connaughton RIP (Bernadette Watson)
Sunday 31 October 30th Sunday in OT	8.30am	St Richard's		
	9am	St Peter's		Nonnie Lewis RIP (Sarah Lewis)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	
	11am	Our Lady		Molly Morgan RIP (M&B Southward)
All Saints	3pm	Arundel Cat		Confirmation Mass for the Deanery

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All latest info: www.strichardschichester.co.uk

Online Masses:

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

Regular news and insight:

<http://www.facebook.com/strichards.parish>

<https://www.instagram.com/st.richard.church.chichester>

Urgent safeguarding issues: 01273859708

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