

# Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex

7th November (32nd Sunday in OT)



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel today (longer version) highlights the increasing tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. We hear Jesus warning his followers not to follow the example of the scribes in drawing attention to themselves with their ostentatious behaviour.

The temple in Jerusalem was the focus of Jewish worship at the time of Jesus and a great centre of pilgrimage. Like any pilgrimage site today, locals and visitors alike are encouraged to donate towards the upkeep of the site. It is thought that within this area of the temple, there were 13 wooden boxes for collecting money. Coins would be dropped through a bronze trumpet-shaped receptacle, and you could tell the size of the coin by listening to the sound that it made when the money was deposited, so there was no way to hide the size of your contribution.

Jesus points out a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions - two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her *livelihood* rather than her *surplus*. Jesus hopes that his followers will take their cue from this example of real piety and not from the scribes' hunger for status and honour.

Every day demands are made on us. We are called to be generous with our love, our forgiveness, our patience, and our resources. The good news is that when we do respond out of love, Jesus will be our constant support.

With prayers and best wishes for the week ahead,

Deacon Jon

## Sunday 7 November - 32nd Sunday in OT

*First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16* Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied.

*Resp Psalm 145* My soul, give praise to the Lord

*Second reading Hebrews 9:24-28* Christ our high priest, has done away with sin by sacrificing himself.

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

*Gospel: Mark 12:38-44* This poor widow has put more in than all

*Bidding prayers for the week*

[www.strichardschichester.co.uk/intercessions](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/intercessions)

## Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Peter Thorpe, Mary Eveleigh, 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*

### **Praying for the soul of our dearly departed**

In November, in all our churches we put out the Book of the Dead, a folder for you to write down the names of loved ones who have passed away, to be prayed for on a specific date (usually either the date of the birthday or the date of their death). If you are unable to get to the church, please contact Amy in the parish office to write down the names of loved ones for you.

**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.

### **Conference of St Vincent de Paul**

Please note our next meeting will be on Tuesday 16 November at 7pm in the parish room.

### **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 the author of several books and many articles. Next week we will publish a timetable. All are welcome.

**Men's breakfast 27th November.** We welcome Mark McDermott, formerly a firearms officer in the Hampshire constabulary. We look forward to his inspiring talk. We meet at the Brick Kiln Garden Centre which opens for us at 8am. Breakfast needs to be pre-ordered Cost £9 <https://immanuel.churchsuite.com/events/hpzeau8s> or call Peter on 07813 024585 As always, we welcome all men irrespective of faith or none. It's an excellent opportunity to bring along non-Christian friends and neighbours to join us for breakfast, fellowship and to hear a stimulating and maybe life changing talk.

### **Philip Howard Are Recruiting**

Please visit the St Philip Howard Catholic School website [www.sphcs.co.uk](http://www.sphcs.co.uk) for exciting teaching and support opportunities currently being advertised. Visits from prospective applicants are always very welcome We have the current opportunities available: Head of Physics; Teacher of Physics; Reprographics & Admin Assistant; Inclusion Secretary; Female PE Teacher - Maternity Cover

### **SPH 6th Form**

We are welcoming visitors to our Sixth Form Open Evening Register your interest in attending at [www.sphsixthform.co.uk](http://www.sphsixthform.co.uk) or phone 01243 558218. Join us at 6.00pm on Thursday 11 November to find out more.

In your charity: pray for the repose of the soul of Pauline White who died recently and remember David and the family. The date of the funeral has not yet been settled.

### **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 should have received a personal invitation. 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 call out their names 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.

### **Families at Mass**

At the 10am Mass at St Richards on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup> we will be having Children's classes held in the parish halls during the Mass.

There will be 2 different sessions: one for the 3-7 years and one for the 8-11 year olds (roughly). And as this will all be new/unfamiliar to the children, any parents / carers are very welcome to come out with their children and sit with them during the sessions. We hope very much to see you there.

### **The Chichester Foodbank**

will be collecting at Tesco Extra from Thursday 18th until Saturday 20th November.

Tinned meat and vegetables, jars of cook-in-sauce and long life milk or fruit juice are always needed.

Christmas luxuries are welcomed at this time.

Tesco will then top up the donation by 20% in cash.

### **Retired Priests fund Second Collection**

We have our annual collection for the retired priests of our diocese this weekend. It is our opportunity to give financial support to the priests who have offered decades of service to their parishioners. Your donation can be gift aided using your church envelopes and church gift aid numbers.

The family of Molly Morgan RIP would like to invite her friends of the Parish to attend her burial of ashes in the Bosham Burial ground on Thursday 18th November at 11am.

## NEW Parish Pastoral Council - Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex

Fr Tom is seeking to appoint members to a new Parish Pastoral Council, to help him and the other clergy in their task of guiding our new parish and pursuing the mission to preach the Gospel to the world around us.

Councillors are needed **from all of our four churches** and to cover all aspects of parish life, from the spiritual, to the social, to the financial, and everything in between. We need councillors who have an interest in the life of our parish, our recovery from the effects of the pandemic, the development of a truly united new parish community that can share resources and skills across our four churches, and how we reach beyond our communities to share the Good News – and **the fresh perspective** of parishioners who have not served on such bodies at our churches before is **as needed as the experience** of those who have. If any of that sounds like you, please do nominate yourself to be a member of the Council. And if you know anyone else who would be well suited to this role, please encourage them to nominate themselves.

To nominate yourself, please visit [www.strichardschichester.co.uk/ppc](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/ppc). Alternatively, email [chichester@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:chichester@abdiocese.org.uk) or write to Fr Tom at St Richard's Presbytery with your full name, e-mail address (if you have one), phone number and which church you usually attend. Please also include a paragraph explaining why you would like to be a member of the Pastoral Council, what your particular interests are and what you feel you would bring to the Council.

Once the deadline for nominations has passed, Fr Tom and his team will select from among those received, to create as rounded and representative a Council as possible. Councillors will ordinarily be appointed to **serve a three year term**, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. **Meetings will take place quarterly** and the venue will rotate between the four churches. The full Terms of Reference are available at [www.strichardschichester.co.uk/ppc](http://www.strichardschichester.co.uk/ppc) or on request from the Parish Office in Chichester.

*St Paul VI said: "It is the function of the pastoral council to investigate everything pertaining to pastoral activities, to weigh them carefully and to set forth practical conclusions concerning them so as to promote conformity of the life and actions of the People of God with the Gospel" and Pope Francis recalled that the purpose of such a Council "should not be ecclesiastical organization but rather the missionary aspiration of reaching everyone".*

In the new year, Fr Tom will also look at the stewardship of day-to-day activities in each individual church and seek either to create local groups or to build on the work of existing formal or informal groups in our churches.

## 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 6 November	8am	St Richard's		Eileen Matuszeski RIP (Eileen Killick)
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	Deceased members of the Chichester Catenians
<b>Sunday 7 November 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	8.30am	St Richard's		Health and wellbeing of Martin Simpson
	9am	St Peter's		Mary de Brunner RIP (Leon de Brunner)
	10am	St Richard's	✓	Deceased members of the Sharkey and Doocey families (Mary Doocey)
	11am	Our Lady		Frank du Moulin RIP
	6pm	St Richard's		
Monday 8 November	8am	St Richard's	✓	Edward Wood RIP
	12noon	St Richard's		John Frost RIP
Tuesday 9 November Consecration of the Lateran Basilica	8am	St Richard's	✓	Mass for the Holy Souls (R.France)
	9.25-10	Our Lady		<i>Adoration and confessions</i>
	10am	Our Lady		
Wednesday 10 November St Leo the Great	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 11 November St Martin of Tours	8am	St Richard's	✓	
	12noon	St Richard's		T K George RIP
Friday 12 November St Josephat	8am	St Richard's	✓	In thanksgiving. For blessings and wellbeing of Anna
	9.30-10	St Peter's		<i>Confession</i>
	10am	St Peter's		Rose Street RIP (Adrian Street)
Saturday 13 November	8am	St Richard's		
	12.15pm	St Richard's		Parish Bereavement Mass – for the souls of our dearly departed
	6pm	St Richard's	✓	Eileen Wood RIP
<b>Sunday 14 November 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	8.30am	St Richard's		
	9am	St Peter's		Mass for Deceased parishioners of St Peters
	10am	St Richard's	✓	Health and wellbeing of Barbara Ruffles
	11am	Our Lady		People of the Parish

### **PACT: Operation Elf:**

Bishop Richard writes: 'In the last part of this difficult year, we can begin to look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. For those families where a parent is in prison, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. Through PACT's Operation Elf, parishes and individuals can support prisoners to give a gift to their child, sharing a little love and joy and strengthening the family bond. This simple act can nurture the hope that redemption and a fresh start is possible.'

Register at [parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk](mailto:parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk), buy a Gift card with the value of £10, and post to PACT. Full guidance and details at [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk) 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*