

Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex

5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this weekend's Gospel, John the Baptist challenges us in two ways. Firstly, we are exhorted to prepare a way for the Lord. Is the road for the Lord to our heart and mind straight and smooth or are there valleys and mountains in the way? In the midst of our busyness, can we hear the 'cry of the Lord?' Are we open to the salvation of the Lord, or does Advent just mean a countdown to Christmas rather than a time of contemplation, prayer and joyful anticipation? John the Baptist also encourages us to repent; to take time to consider what actions, behaviours, relationships, thoughts or words there are that separate us from true union with Christ.

This time of personal examination can be strengthened, and those obstacles cleared, through the sacrament of reconciliation or confession. There are increased opportunities for this across the parish during Advent and they are listed towards the end of this newsletter. During an address in September whilst visiting Slovakia, Pope Francis had these encouraging words to say about confession:

'One does not go to confession as chastised people who must humble themselves, but as children who run to receive the Father's embrace. And the Father lifts us up in every situation, He forgives our every sin. Hear this well: God always forgives! Do you understand? God always forgives!" One is not going to a judge to settle accounts, but "to Jesus who loves me and heals me.'

With prayers and best wishes for a blessed Advent,

Deacon Jon.

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First Reading Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation

Resp Psalm 125

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

Second reading Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

May you become pure and blameless in preparation for the day of Christ

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

The call of John the Baptist

Bidding prayers for the week

www.strichardschichester.co.uk/intercessions

St Richards School Advent Fayre

This Saturday 4th December 12-4pm. All welcome.

Pauline White's Funeral will be held at St Richard's on Tuesday 7th December at 12 noon with refreshments afterwards in the lower parish room for her friends of the parish. The reception of the body will take place on Monday 6th at 4.30pm.

Synod 2021-23 How can we improve our communion, participation and missionary activity within our church and in the wider community? Make a difference by joining us on Tuesdays at 10.45 (following Adoration and Mass) at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham as we consider Pope Francis's invitation to become a truly welcoming and missionary church.

Chichester - Children's Liturgy At the 10am next weekend we will be having special classes for our children during Mass. All very welcome—there will be 2 classes one for the 3-7 year olds and one for the 8-11 (roughly) Mums, and Dads are welcome to come out with their children too if they need to.

St Richards School Supplementary School

Form Signing If you are applying for your child to attend St Richard's Primary School from September 2022 and you would like Fr Tom to testify that you attend Mass, please come along to the parish office on either Monday 6th December at 7pm or Thursday 6th January at 3.15. Please remember to bring a photocopy of the baptism certificate with the form.

Hospital Pastoral Care in Chichester

If you/your relative/friend is going to be in hospital in Chichester, please contact Amy at the parish office in advance. chichester@abdiocese.org.uk or 782343

Bosham - Table Top Sale After the 11am Mass next Sunday 12th December we will be holding a table top sale in the Narthex at the Church. All contributions for the sale must be new, and can be left in the box in the sacristy.

Selsey Christmas Fayre: Will be on Saturday 4th December from 09:00am to 12:00am. Please leave your donations of Bottles, chocolates, biscuits, shortbread and Christmas gifts in the Presbytery. Helpers to set up, help on the day and clear up afterwards will also be much appreciated. Please contact Bridget to volunteer on 07738 761875.

St Vincent de Paul Society

We have decided this is not the time to go forward with the SVP. We are most grateful for the interest shown and for those who have attended our meetings. Some parishioners will be disappointed but it is good to know that much of the work of the SVP is already being ably covered by the Visitors Group and our Parish Community Fund.

Foodbank There are many collection points for the Foodbank both in the larger supermarkets and in the porch at Selsey Church. Please donate if you possibly can. Tinned food, instant coffee, jars of pasta sauce, tinned meat and long life juice are particularly welcome.

Pope Francis' Synod As part of Pope Francis' Synod, the Cathedral is hosting the Zoom group meetings for the deanery. All the meetings will run in the evening from 7:30 - 9:00 on the following dates: Sun 5 Dec, Thur 9 Dec; Mon 13 Dec We are using MailChimp to manage the sign up process - please [click here for the form](#). Alternatively, you can email edward.hopkins@abdiocese.org.uk.

Email newsletter If you would like an email copy of this newsletter to be sent to you each week then either sign up online or contact Amy at the Parish office www.strichardschichester.co.uk/newsletter.html

Long standing Regular Church Events in Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex

Event	Location	Day	details
Toddler Group	Chichester Parish-Rm	Mon (term time)	Monday 8am in term time
Coffee and Chat	Bosham Narthex	Wed 4th of mth	10-12 Ecumenical local group meet socially
Together Time Thursdays	Selsey Hall	Thu	1:30-3pm. Transport can be arranged
Coffee after Mass	Witterings Parish Hl	Fri	10.45 - 11.30 Meet other parishioners for a chat
Friends' Cafe	Chichester Parish-Rm	Fri (term time)	Nursery & school parents coffee and a chat from 8.45-10
Needlecraft group	Bosham Narthex	Sat 1st of Mth	10-12 noon. Bring along project to work on.
Coffee after Mass	Witterings Parish Hl	Sun	9.45-10.30 approx Meet other parishioners for a chat
Coffee after Mass	Chichester Parish-Rm	Sun	10.45-11.30 approx Meet other parishioners for a chat
Coffee after Mass	Bosham Narthex	Sun	12 -12.30 approx Meet other parishioners for a chat
Rosary Group	Witterings - Church	Mon	10-10.30 come and say a decade of the Rosary
Tuesday Group	Bosham Narthex	Tue	10.45-12.15 Focussed discussion over coffee
Rosary Group	Chichester Parish-Rm	Fri (term time)	9am come and pray the Rosary together
Choir practice	Chichester - Church	Thu	7pm. Please contact Amy at the office
Choir practice	Bosham - Church	Fri	6.30-7.45pm Please turn up or enquire on Sunday

Advent Reconciliation Service

Our parish Advent reconciliation service will be held at St Richards at 7pm on Tuesday 21st December when many priests of our deanery will be joining us for the sacrament of forgiveness.

Other deanery reconciliation services for those who cannot join us: Arundel - Sunday 5th December at 4.00pm Bognor - Tuesday 14th December at 7.30pm, Midhurst - 18th 10am Petworth - 11th 12 noon; Storrington - Sunday 12th 4.00pm,

Parish Community Fund Christmas Appeal

Many families within our extended Parish Community are experiencing real financial hardship. Thanks to your generosity over the past couple of years, we have been able to offer some support to many of the most needy families. Up until now the requests for help have come from our Catholic schools. Budgets are being squeezed for us all and Christmas will be a difficult time for many. We aim to reach out with help in the form of food vouchers. These will go to families who find themselves unable to fulfil their most basic needs. Families who have received help from the Community fund have been so grateful and moved by the generosity and support of parishioners.

If you are able to support this appeal please donate via bank transfer or cheque. Via Bank Transfer: Name: **RCD A&B St Richard of Chichester** Sort Code: **40-05-20**, Account No: **41076582** Reference: **Par Cm Fd * and add your surname** Please add your name if your donation is eligible for Gift Aid. Please make cheques payable to 'St Richards Chichester'

Career in Teaching in Catholic Education?

Bosco Sussex Teacher Training are recruiting applicants to train in a range of primary and secondary subjects. We are looking for recent graduates, career changers or those wanting to re-start their working career to share their knowledge, skills and experiences with young people in our communities. Join the Zoom Meeting: Topic: Get into Teaching with Bosco Teacher Training – James Field/Graham Jones Dec 8th at 6pm <https://zoom.us/j/8401674162>
pwd=aWhQSXVVazZVZUVMsDFwdDN2MmhkZz09
Meeting ID: 840 167 4162 Passcode: Bosco

Selsey Church Cleaning There will be a pre-Christmas cleaning session of the church on the 18th December at 10:00am. (January's clean will revert to the last Saturday of the month i.e. the 29th at 10:00am.)

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

Donations viacheque:

Made payable to:
St Richard's Chichester
St Peter's RC Church
Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid Selsey

Name: RCD A&B Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid, Selsey
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Account No: 41076590

Missio Appeal Bosham, Chichester, Witterings

This weekend we welcome Fr Gerry and Fr Vincent to 3 of our churches to give an appeal for the work of Missio.

First Holy Communion Bosham, Chichester and Selsey

In Selsey this weekend (Sunday 5th Dec) after the 10am Mass there will be a meeting for the parents and children who want to make their First Holy Communion next June. We will talk about the course and commitment required. For more info contact Cathy on 0795 160 1493 cath6003@gmail.com.

For St Richards and Bosham we are also planning for the new programme, we invite families who would like to put their child forward to contact the office to register. You will be contacted once the list of dates are finalised so that you will be able to put them in your diary. The programme begins mid-January with a parents' / carers' meeting. We look forward to welcoming you, but please introduce yourself to the clergy next time you are at Mass so that we can put a face to the name. It is a vital part of your child's preparation to experience the beauty of the Mass with

New Parish Pastoral Council

Nominations have now closed for the Parish Pastoral Council. Many thanks to everyone who has submitted a nomination. Fr Tom and the team will look at them next week, with a view to building the most balanced team possible, and nominees will be contacted as soon as possible. It is hoped that the first meeting will be in January.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration

Please note that due to the current lack of heating at St Richards Church. Wednesday morning Adoration has been temporarily stopped. Our church will meanwhile remain open and the opportunity for confessions 10-11 will continue. The Holy hour with confessions at 6pm before the 7pm mass will also continue. We must pray for the day when we can return to our full day of Adoration.

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

Masses				
Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 4 Dec	Chichester	8am		Edward Lipski RIP (Urszula Lipska)
	Selsey	5pm		Deceased Members of the Pinto Family
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba
Sun 5 Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	Chichester	8.30am		In Thanksgiving (John Family)
	Witterings	9am		Jennifer Lee RIP (Robert Lee)
	Chichester	10am	✓	Anurika Fernando RIP (Fernando-Goonetilleke Family)
	Selsey	10am		The People of the Parish
	Bosham	11am		Deceased relatives of M&B Southward
Mon 6 Dec St Nicholas	Chichester	8am	✓	The intentions of Kenneth Tracey
	Selsey	10am		For Richard Dennet
	Chichester	12.10pm		REQUIEM MASS Daniela Brodowska RIP
Tues 7 Dec St Ambrose	Chichester	8am	✓	Health and wellbeing of Katie Shrubbs
	Selsey	10am		
	Bosham	10am		Health and Wellbeing of Barry Buck (C&J Hutchings)
	Chichester	12noon		REQUIEM MASS Pauline White RIP
Wed 8 Dec Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Chichester	8am	✓	In Thanksgiving (John Family)
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	7pm		Rorate Mass Intention of Sylvia Gregor and wellbeing
Thur 9 Dec	Chichester	8am	✓	Mass for the Holy Souls (Richard France)
	Selsey	10am		
	Witterings	11am		REQUIEM MASS – Nora Pringle RIP
	Chichester	12.15pm		Molly Morgan RIP (David and Thersea Owgan)
Fri 10 Dec	Chichester	8am	✓	Arthur and Bridget Hutchings RIP (C&J Hutchings)
	Selsey	10am		
	Witterings	9am		Peter Davey RIP
Sat 11 Dec	Chichester	8am		In Thanksgiving (Emiteria Cauzerin)
	Selsey	5pm		Poppy Topp RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Trafficked and abused children (C&J Hutchings)
Sun 12 Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent 'Gaudate Sunday'	Chichester	8.30am		Mrs Eve Goble RIP (Frank O Donnell)
	Witterings	9am		Veronica Brown RIP (G&G Breeze)
	Chichester	10am	✓	James Joseph Kilcoyne RIP (Mary Noble)
	Selsey	10am		The People of the Parish
	Bosham	11am		Wellbeing of Lucy, Tim and Family (MB Southward)

Please note that Mass times will change when Fr Maksym moves on from our Parish after Easter 2022. We will be introducing a Sunday evening Mass at 6.30pm at St Richards, Chichester in January.

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am
Chichester	Wednesdays 6-6.45pm & by appointment	Wednesdays 6-6.45pm
Selsey	20 minutes before Mass each day	Wednesdays 10.30-11.30am
Witterings	Fridays 9.25 – 10am	Wednesdays 9-12

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Agnes Martin, Cyril Wass, David Mortby, David White, Dennis Chiles, Eamonn Hackett, Frank O'Donnell, Gerald McGregor, Gerry Beurgoyne, Helena Denis, Jan Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Jill Serna, Joanne Donoghue, Kay Howlett, Magda Gallanti, Majella Taylor, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foreshew, Nell Collins, Nell Hassett, Nicola and Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Nicola Coutts, Patrick Hill, Paul Carney, Peter Habgood, Peter Thorpe, Rene Coutts, Rita Rooke, Robin Bowker, Samantha Holloway, Susan Line, Tom Lott, Tony Crist, Tony Whiting, Valerie Davis-White, Walter Hoppe,
Please let the office know of any changes