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7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17 *Let someone else take his office*

Responsorial Psalm 103 The Lord has set his swap in heaven

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16 *Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.*

Gospel Accl: *Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 17:11-19 *Father, keep those you have given me true to your name.*

Bidding prayers: www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions

Dear Brothers and Sisters

As I mentioned on Ascension Thursday, we have entered a very special time of the year. The church is inviting us to join with Mary, our Mother, and the Apostles 'in the Upper Room', to prepare for Pentecost. It is a time to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church, and on ourselves in

particular. We are being asked to make time this week to reflect on how God is calling each one of us to be more active in the shared mission of the church.

Our Novena to the Holy Spirit takes on added significance this year as we try to respond to Bishop Richard's call to play an active role in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Each one of us is being invited to reflect on our own gifts. To ask ourselves: Do I recognise what these gifts are? Could I be more generous in sharing them? Am I trying to develop and deepen them?

This coming week also concludes the special month of prayer for vocations in Arundel and Brighton. Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan and vocations for the priesthood and religious life are closely linked for as Cardinal Cormac often used to say "a more active lay faithful demands that we have more, and not less, priests."

There is a very clear message here for us all. Each one of us has a unique part to play in the mission of the church; we depend on each other and we all have a responsibility to encourage and support each other, especially our young people, in the discernment and living out of our individual vocation.

We are not alone. We are a Eucharistic Community centred on our Risen Lord, truly present at the Mass. The scene of the Upper Room with Mary and the Apostles united in prayer, is a powerful reminder of how much we need the Mother of God and each other if we are truly to become what God intends us to be, a missionary church.

May God Bless us all at this special time,

Fr Tom



**Our Lady & the Saints
of Sussex**

12th May 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

PARISH DAY MASS This year our whole parish will celebrate their annual Mass together on **7th July at 11am**. As usual, it will be held on the school field of St Richard's and it will replace the weekend Mass for all other Masses and churches (except the Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6pm)

Please bring a picnic and something to sit on. (Teas and coffees will be served, but food stalls will not be available this year). This is our opportunity to celebrate Mass together as a whole community, and where the children and young people will be awarded with their certificates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Please consider helping out. We would like people from all churches to contribute where possible, and specific requests for help will follow.

Children's Liturgy

At **St Peter's**, children's liturgy is available every week. Your child will be called to join in during mass.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Johny

Joseph. We are very sad to announce the sudden death of Johny just one year after the death of his beloved wife, Regi. We pray for Mariya at this very difficult time. Johny's funeral will be held at St Richard's on 24th May at 11am.

Tuesday Discussion Group at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham (follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Does the church hate women? Many would say that they are disadvantaged: does the evidence show this? Join us as we listen to a fourth talk from the Word on Fire Institute discussing women in the life of Jesus and the church over refreshments, followed by discussion. All most welcome.

Friday Faith Cafe at St Peter's Join us for tea and coffee in the hall after the 10 am Mass next Friday during which we will explore *The First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: Living the Gospel*. Everyone is very welcome so do come and join us.

Service of Christian Unity Sunday

26th May 2024 - 3pm at St Paul's Church, Chichester, PO19 6FT. Followed by refreshments. This year, we highlight our local missionary activities.

Tea for those suffering a loss, Sunday 12th May 3.00pm - 4.30pm at Our Lady Bosham. All parishioners welcome to meet friends from the parish and members of the Ministry of Consolation.

Prayer Service for Vocations We invite you join us for a service of readings, prayer, and music on Thursday 23rd May at 2:30 pm at St Peters to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Refreshments in the hall following the service.

Parish Pilgrimage Walsingham 25-27th Sept

Thanks to those who have put their views forward on the proposed pilgrimage in September. Application forms will be out by May 18th. No application can be considered without a deposit securing the booking.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ABORTION LAW: PLEASE ACT NOW

Four proposed amendments to abortion law will probably be considered and decided by MPs this Wednesday, 15th May. There will be a prolife rally outside Parliament on the day, starting 11am. Please join us if you can. Also, if you have not yet done so, please contact your MP and ask them to support NC15 (lowering the time limit) and NC41 (increasing protection for Downs babies) and oppose NC1 and NC40 (effectively permitting abortion to birth). For further information and facilities to do this really quickly: For NC1, NC15 and NC40, click the "take action" buttons here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/news/press-release-parliament-to-vote-on-lowering-abortion-time-limit-on-15-may>

For NC41 see: <https://dontscreenusout.org/timeforchange/>

Then please keep this in your prayers. Thank you.

Cake and Plant Sale Saturday 11 May 10 to 11am

at St Richard's Catholic Church, Top Road, Slindon, BN18 0RH in support of Pro Life causes. Everyone welcome, also donations. Please phone Maria on 01903 413606 for collection.

Friends of Fr Chris Ingle are invited to his Ruby Jubilee Mass on Friday, 17th May at 6pm at St Michael's, 19 Hayling Rise, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 3AL. If you would like to attend, please rsvp to Fr Chris on worthing@abdiocese.org.uk. Fr Chris was ordained in Selsey, and his family lived in Sidlesham.

The Monthly EVENT takes place at Our Lady of The Assumption Church, Bosham on the third Thursday of the month and parishioners from all our 4 churches are welcome to come along. It commences at 12.15 with Mass/prayers followed by a lunch of sandwiches/sausage rolls/cake/tea and coffee, including a raffle ticket. The cost is £3 to cover expenses. This is then usually followed by a presentation/talk, quiz or DVD lasting around 30-40 minutes. If mobility is difficult, transport can be provided, if requested.

This month's Event takes place on 16th May, and there will be a Marian presentation by John Hutchings, entitled 'Lovely Lady dressed In Blue.'

Please contact Tony if you require transport on 07941949760 (preferred) or 01243 781040 by Tuesday evening 14th May.

Santa Marta Group – Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Presentation – Sat 29 June at St Peter's Hall, Shoreham Places can be booked through the events page on the Diocesan website. If you wish to discuss before booking please contact Tessa Ricketts, tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk

The Catholic Church's annual Day for Life is on **Sunday 16th June** (in addition to being the Feast Day of St Richard) . The focus this year will be on assisted suicide. Resources to come. See: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

Christian Aid Week 12 - 18 May 2024 For over 75 years, Christian Aid has stood side by side with many of our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none, working collaboratively through partners rather than governments, to tackle the root causes of poverty, to provide communities with hope and to speak out loudly and clearly against the injustice of poverty. Current emergency campaigns include the Middle East crisis; the Libya floods; the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and the devastating impact of the Turkey/Syria earthquakes. Community development includes facilitating access to healthcare and education; helping communities become more resilient to shocks such as climate change and hurricanes; and being able to sell their produce for a fair price.

The Chichester Christian Aid Committee, made up of representatives from many of the city's churches, including our own, works through them to raise funds and awareness. We're happy to talk to any groups and of course we always welcome volunteers! You may know us through our Advent and Lenten soup lunches and our Christian Aid week envelope collections. This year, during Christian Aid week, we're distributing envelopes to churches. You are welcome to pop some money into an envelope (don't forget the Gift Aid declaration if that's relevant!) and take it to the parish office or to donate, if you can, to Christian Aid directly: [Christian Aid Week - Donate](#) .

Fr Tom was very grateful to receive on behalf of our parish, a most generous cheque from the Chichester Catenians of £2000 for our parish Community Fund.

Our Parish Offertory

via bank transfer:

Name: Saints of Sussex

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account No: 41076582

Reference: offertory

Via cheque made payable to: Saints of Sussex



Donations by Credit or Debit card

Can be made in person via the terminals in all our churches, or by scanning the QR code above to donate online.

For regular giving by bank standing order and for information on gift aid visit:

www.saintsofsussex.com/regular-giving.html

Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex Offertory collections and other fund raising

Offertory	March 2024
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	£4841
Bankers Orders	£7557
Credit and debit card transactions	£877
Total	£13,275
Gift Aid Rebate	£0

In addition, generous donations in March totalled £695 for the Parish Community Fund, £406 for Sanctuary, £588 for Easter Flowers and £830 for Holy Places. Donations for Ukraine are still very welcome. Please remember to gift aid your donations if you are eligible, they are very valuable to the Parish. Thank you all for your continuing generosity.

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 11 th May	Chichester	8am		Special intention
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Maurice Pollock RIP (Judy and Gerald)
Sun 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter	Witterings	9am		
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Pat Ware RIP (Marion and Will and Family)
	Selsey	11am		Edmund Hughes RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	6.30pm		Dr Anthony Eisinger RIP (Clare Apel)
Mon 13 th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Chichester	10am	✓	Special Intention for all those taking A Levels
Tues 14 th May <i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Bosham	10am		
Wed 15 th May	Chichester	7pm		C M Jose RIP
Thur 16 th May	Chichester	8am	✓	Frank and Rose Lawrenson RIP
Fri 17 th May	Chichester	8am		Regi Johny RIP
	Witterings	10am		
	Selsey	12 noon		Funeral Mass: Gerry Burgoyne RIP
Sat 18 th May	Chichester	8am		Special Intention
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Saji Kallumkal RIP
Sun 19th May Pentecost	Witterings	9am		
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Pat Ware RIP (Ray and Jan Webb)
	Selsey	11am		Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Bosham	11.30am		Pat Ware RIP (Marion and Nick Coombes-Shrubb)
	Chichester	6.30pm		In Thanksgiving Alvina Siby

Fr Tom, Fr David, and Dc Jon will be away from midday on Tuesday until late afternoon on Wednesday—
One of the topics we will discuss will be the transition from a Deanery to a single moderated Parish.

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
Chichester	Wed 6-7pm (this week) & Sat/Sun after Mass	Wed from 8.30am – 8pm
Selsey	Wed 9.30-10am	Mon 9.30-10.30 & Wed 9.30-10am
Witterings	Fri 9.30-10am	Wed 9.00-12noon

Please pray for our sick parishioners: Agnes Martin, Annabel Cottrell, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Brendan Martin, David Mortby, Denise Turner, Gerald McGregor, Jean Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Jill Serna, John Partridge, Hilary Huffell, Kinga Buckley, Kitty Hall, Lois Bleasdale, Magda Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foreshew, Nell Hassett, Norah Hough, Paul Carney, Fr Peter Johnstone, Ruiyang Xu, Rita Rooke, Roger Cluff, Sheila Lyons, Simon Buckley, Susan Line, Tony Morris, Valerie Davis-White, *Please let the office know of any changes*