

# Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

## 8th May 2022

4th Sunday of Easter



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### Regular news and insight:

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### Online Masses

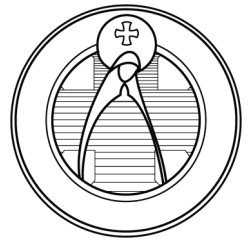
[youtube.com/c/SaintofSussexParish](https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintofSussexParish)

### Urgent safeguarding issues:

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Dear sisters and brothers in the Risen Lord,  
On this Vocations Sunday, I would like to encourage you to join the **Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration**. This international Apostolate founded in America, by Owen Traynor, a devout Catholic layman, was established by decree in Rome on the 2nd June 1991, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Our own diocese joined the Apostolate in 2013 (although some of our parishes had already been active members).



Its primary intention is for participants to pray for the conversion and renewal of their local parish, and for God's blessing on the ministry of their clergy, from which we can be confident that vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life will follow. No-one is excluded from taking part in the Apostolate since those who are unable to be physically present, especially the sick and housebound, can be united with us by keeping their 'Hour' at home, in effect by becoming adorers by desire. It is vital to understand that the Apostolate stands or falls on the fidelity of participants to their weekly hour with the Lord.

It should come as no surprise that vocations in Ireland have until recently invariably come from parishes committed to the Apostolate. Priests themselves have often said they heard God calling them when at prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Sadly, the Apostolate has greatly suffered from the effects of the pandemic, as in the case of St Richard's.

I strongly believe that NOW is the right time for our parish to revisit the Apostolate with a view to extending the hours of adoration. With the minimum requirement of 2 people on every hour it should not be too difficult for us to have all day adoration on Wednesdays: 8am Mass until the evening Mass at 7pm. More information will follow soon. Meanwhile, may I please invite you to join me in praying for a good response. We can be confident that this will lead to future vocations for our parish, and will also bring many blessings on the participants and their families.

*Fr Tom*

### 4th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

*First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52*

We must turn to the pagans

*Responsorial Psalm 99*

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

*Second Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17*

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

*Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

*Gospel: John 10:27-30*

I know my sheep and they follow me.

*Intercessions*

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**Parish Day Mass 2022** On Sunday 3 July, the whole parish is warmly invited to join Bishop Richard and our clergy for Mass on St Richard's School field at 11am. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring our parish together as a whole for the first time, for Mass and then for lunch afterwards. During the Mass, our First Holy Communion children will receive their certificates from Bishop Richard, who will also bless our parish nursery building on its 25th anniversary. The only other Sunday Masses celebrated in the parish that weekend will be the 5pm Mass in Selsey on Saturday and the 6.30pm Sunday Mass in Chichester. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please email the Parish Office. Please also pray for sunshine!

**Season II of Invited** We journey through the Easter season towards Pentecost. Visit W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited> to participate in our parish small group first sign up using the above link and you will be sent the film link every Monday to watch at home in your own time. We meet every Thursday at 7.15pm in the Parish rooms at St Richard's Church to discuss the film and testimony that will be aired on the Monday before. These engaging films lead us on a journey on what it means to be a disciple, Pentecost, giving us a focus on the Holy Spirit active in our lives.

**St Peter's is celebrating the Royal Jubilee** with afternoon cream tea on Sunday 5th June for the 4 churches. 3.00pm - 5.00pm. Details and information, Erna, 672374.

### **St Richard's Nursery School**

Our parish nursery has a few spaces left for this September. If you would like to come and have a look around or to speak with someone at the nursery then please call 01243 776728 or look at the website for more information [strichardsnursery.org](http://strichardsnursery.org) It is a term time nursery with spaces in the older year group (children who are turning 4 years between 09/2022 to 08/2023), and in the younger group (those children who are turning 3 years between 09/22 to 08/23).

### **Men's Breakfast 8.00am Saturday 28 May 2022**

Brick Kiln Nursery & Garden Centre, Bognor Road, Merston, Chichester PO20 1EJ. Lord Michael Hastings CBE, Independent Peer; Chancellor, Regents University; Professor of Leadership, Stephen R Covey Institute; vice president of UNICEF; Governor of the prestigious MPESA Academy in Kenya and Chair of the SOAS Board of Trustees. He was also former Head of Public Affairs at the BBC and Global Head of Citizenship for KPMG. To book breakfast in advance <https://immanuel.churchsuite.com/events/ulwneuiy>

### **Next Sunday 15th May at 6pm we have our annual Unity Service at Chichester Cathedral**

A big change! Normally our United Service coincides with Unity Week in January. This year for the first time the local clergy of Chichester have decided along with many other churches to go for a date nearer Pentecost. As a parish we will be very involved this year, not only providing the speaker: Fr John McGee OSB from Worth Abbey but also our Taize choir will contribute to the music. Please make a special effort to join us as we come together with our Christian friends to pray for peace. And do stay for refreshments afterwards.

### **Pilgrimage to Arundel**

This year's Confirmation Group will be making a pilgrimage from St. Richard's to Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 21 May, and everyone is welcome to join us. We will be leaving St Richard's promptly at 9am, arriving at the Cathedral at around 3pm. From there, you will need to make your own way home. Please wear sensible shoes (preferably walking boots) and bring a packed lunch, plenty of water, a waterproof, sun cream and blister plasters. Anyone under 18, other than the Confirmation candidates, will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you have any questions, please speak to Father Sebastian.

**The Next Meeting of difficult questions** will take place on 15th of May, 11 am at St Wilfrid's, Selsey. At the last session we had a long and ardent discussion about celibacy which meant that we didn't have time to discuss the issue of female ordination. So at the next session we will tackle two thorny issues:

- Is the Pope still considered to be infallible in his teaching and leadership?
- Female ordination to the priesthood in the Catholic Church.

### **First Saturdays Devotion**

After the 8am Mass on Saturday morning at St Richard's Chichester we will be praying the first Saturdays devotion. We will be praying five decades of the rosary. All welcome.

### **Rome at Home - World Meeting of Families June 2022**

"a parish is called to be the presence of the church in a community providing a place where people can hear God's word, grow in discipleship and extend themselves in love to the needy and the poor, bringing families together" *Pope Francis*. The World Meeting of Families will offer an opportunity to remember those families that have fallen away during the pandemic. More details to follow.

**St Wilfrid's Selsey**, meeting to discuss developing a future Taize Service will take place on Tuesday 17th May @2pm - 4pm. Contact Margaret England 07956 883959 to book a place in the parish hall.

**Lifecentre is a faith-based charity** working in West Sussex to support survivors of rape and sexual abuse. We offer therapy and helpline support for survivors. On **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon**, staff, volunteers, supporters, NHS workers and Police will publicly remember the six women who are raped or sexually abused in Sussex every day. We will be organising a procession from Chichester Cross to Priory Park— where we will be highlighting this important issue with a vigil (for the six women who will be victims on that day). The end goal is to break the silence that so often exists around this topic. To encourage survivors to talk – to a loved one, a counsellor, a police officer – and to encourage all of us to be willing to talk to anyone who might need help.

## Reflections Event

An opportunity to view 200 Forget me Not Sculptures at Chichester Festival Theatre Friday 13th May 2022 10:30-14:00. Leave a reflection of someone you have lost during the pandemic. These will be compiled into a Book of Reflections. More info contact Karen Pirks 07824 376 760. This is a free event Selsey Community Forum working in Partnership with Sage House, Tangmere.

### 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 8.50 - 10.50am in term time
Together Time Thursdays	Selsey Parish 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
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	Selsey Parish Hall	Sat & Sun	First weekend of the month 5.45 (Sat) 10.15 (Sun)
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 discussion and 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
Needlecraft group	Bosham Narthex	Sat 1st of Mth	10-12 noon. Bring along project to work on.
Coffee and Chat	Bosham Narthex	Wed 4th of mth	10-12 Ecumenical local group meet socially

### Our Parish Offertory

#### For donations via bank transfer:

**Name: Saints of Sussex**

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account No: 41076582

Reference: surname and offertory

This account name is required if you are setting up a transfer to this account for the first time.

#### St Peter's Wittering (until Dec 2022):

Name: RCD A&B St Peter's Wittering

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account No: 71077716.

Reference: surname and offertory

#### Donations via cheque

Made payable to: Saints of Sussex; or St Peter's RC Church

#### Donations by Credit or Debit card

Can be made in person via the terminals in Chichester and Bosham.

Offertory	March 2022
<b>Cash/Cheques/Envelopes</b>	
Our Lady of the Assumption	£437
St Peter's	£623
St Richard's	£1,269
St Wilfrid's	£1,300
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	£7,284
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	£613
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,526</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£7,691</b>

Second collections and generous donations enabled the parish to send £6933 for Ukraine. Donations for Ukraine are still very welcome. Please also note the gift aid sum, which was achieved simply by eligible parishioners gift aiding their offertory and other contributions.

Thank you all for your continuing generosity.

<b>Masses and services</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>online</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Chichester	8am		
	Selsey	5.00pm		Deceased members of the Pinto family
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Pat Twomey RIP (Lehane and Carter Families)
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>fourth Sunday</b> <b>of Easter</b> <i>Good Shepherd</i> <i>Sunday</i>	Chichester	8.30am		For a very special birthday intention
	Witterings	9am		Robert Clarke RIP (Maureen Savage)
	Chichester	10am	✓	Angela Griffith RIP (Ray, Jan and Family)
	Selsey	10am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11am		Carol Knight RIP (M&B Southward)
	Chichester	6.30pm		For the People of the Parish
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Chichester	8am	✓	In Thanksgiving
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	12noon		Ellen O'Sullivan RIP
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Chichester	8am	✓	Simon Thorpe RIP (Jan and Anthony Thorpe)
	Selsey	10am		Alice Poppy RIP
	Bosham	10am		Josephine Fagan RIP (Joe and Elizabeth McCaughey)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Selsey	10am		Anne Scripture wellbeing
	Chichester	7pm		Angela Griffith RIP (Jean French)
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Carthusian Martyrs</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Rachael Steele RIP (Lock Family)
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	12.15		Mary and Geoff's Intentions (Maura Doocey and Family)
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Selsey	10am		God's blessing for Antonia Moffat
	Witterings	10am		Lucy Billington RIP (Marie McNearney)
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> May <i>St Matthias</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Selsey	5.00pm		Deceased members of the Purse family
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Jean Darby RIP (Judy and Gerald McGregor)
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of</b> <b>Easter</b>	Chichester	8.30am		In Thanksgiving
	Witterings	9am		Kath and Dai Pook 50th Wedding anniversary
	Chichester	10am	✓	C M Jose RIP
	Selsey	10am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11am		Angela Griffith (Marion and Nick Coombe-Shrubb)
	Chichester Cathedral	6pm		Unity Service for Peace - Ecumenical
	Chichester	6.30pm		

	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Bosham</b>	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am
<b>Chichester</b>	Wednesdays 10-11am & 6-6.45pm & by appointment	Wednesdays 6-6.45pm
<b>Selsey</b>	20 minutes before Mass each day	Wednesdays 10.30-11.30
<b>Witterings</b>	Fridays 9.25 – 10am	Wednesdays 9-12

**Please pray for our sick parishioners:** Adrian Stringer, Agnes Martin, Cyril Wass, David Mortby, David White, Eamonn Hackett, Frank O'Donnell, Gerald McGregor, Gerry Beurgoyne, Helena Denis, Jan Thorpe, Jean Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Jill Serna, Joanne Donoghue, Hilary Egan, Kay Howlett, Kinga Buckley, Magda Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foresheaw, Nell Hassett, Nicola and Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Nicola Coutts, Patrick Hill, Paul Carney, Peter Habgood, Rene Coutts, Richard France, Rita Rooke, Roz Davies, Susan Line, Tony Crist, Tony Whiting, Valerie Davis-White, Walter Hoppe, *Please let the office know of any changes*