

Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

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5th Sunday of Easter



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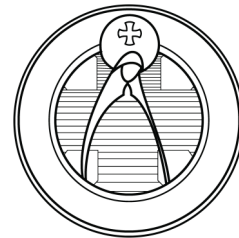
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Over the last couple of years the practices and routines of the Church has been disrupted. God however continued to work in mysterious ways in the hearts of his faithful, on both personal and communal levels. This Sunday, it will be expressed in the first canonisation since the beginning of the pandemic. Among 10 people who will be officially recognised as saints is **Charles de Foucauld**, a soldier, explorer, Catholic revert, priest, hermit, and religious brother, who served among the Tuareg people in the Sahara desert in Algeria. De Foucauld was born in Strasbourg in 1858. He was raised by his wealthy and aristocratic grandfather after being orphaned at the age of six. He joined the French military, following in the footsteps of his grandfather. Having already lost his faith, as a young man he lived a life of indulgence and was known to have an immature sense of humour. De Foucauld resigned from the military at age 23, and set off on a dangerous exploration of Morocco. Contact with strong Muslim believers there challenged him, and he began to repeat to himself: **“My God, if you exist, let me come to know you.”** After exploring the oases of Southern Algeria and Tunisia, he returned to France in 1886. The warm, respectful welcome he received from his deeply Christian family encouraged him in his search for God and under the guidance of a priest he returned to the faith and the sacraments at the age of 28.



“As soon as I believed in God, I understood that I could not do otherwise than to live for him alone,” he wrote.

De Foucauld realized a vocation to “follow Jesus in his life at Nazareth” during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He was a Trappist monk in France and Syria for seven years. He also lived as a hermit for a period near a convent of Poor Clares in Nazareth.

He was ordained a priest in 1901 at age 43 and left for northern Africa to serve among the Tuareg people, a nomadic ethnic group, saying he wanted to live among “the furthest removed, the most abandoned.”

In the Sahara he welcomed anyone who passed by, whether Christian, Muslim, Jewish, or pagan. He was deeply respectful of the faiths and cultures he lived among. During his 13 years in the Sahara he learned about Tuareg culture and language, compiling a Tuareg-French dictionary, and being a “brother” to the people.

The priest said he wanted to **“shout the Gospel with his life”** and to conduct his life so that people would ask, **“if such is the servant, what must the Master be like?”** In 1909, he wrote, **“My apostolate must be the apostolate of goodness. In seeing me, people should say to one another: ‘Since this man is so good, his religion must be good.’”** De Foucauld was the inspiration for the founding of several lay associations, religious communities, and secular institutes of laity and priests, known collectively as “the spiritual family of Charles de Foucauld.”

Let us pray in the run up to the Pentecost Sunday that the Holy Spirit gives us the passion to live out our faith and persevere on our journey to discover Jesus in our lives.

Fr Sebastian

Holy Family Sisters of the Needy

Sister Florence and Sister Mary John are coming to our churches to make an appeal this weekend for funds for their work. Their mission with God's help and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary is to dispense God's love to the poor and needy indiscriminately to help them be self-reliant. The charity started up in Nigeria after the civil war of 1983, but today they work in a number of countries including Britain.

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.

Witterings Summer Fayre Date for your Diaries

St Peter's, Witterings will be holding their summer fayre on Saturday 23rd July 12-3pm. Details to follow about what help is needed.

Coffee Morning and Cake Sale Saturday 4th June 10.30 to 12 noon

Lower Parish Room, St Richard's Catholic Church, Cawley Road, Chichester. Come and enjoy coffee and cake in support of Pro Life causes. Tombola, home-made produce, plants and bric a brac stalls. Everyone welcome, also donations. Phone Maria on 01903 413606 for collection.

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.

The Event - Thursday 19th May

The Visiting Group is holding the next Event on Thursday 19th May at the Church in Bosham. Following the 12.15 Mass there will be a light lunch and Part 2 of the 'Knock Apparitions' shown on DVD. Everyone very welcome. If you need help with transport, please contact Tony Hodgekiss on 01243 781040

The paradox of abundance - CAFOD

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food, and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the current global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information,

This Sunday 15th May at 6pm we have our annual Unity Service at Chichester Cathedral

Normally our United Service coincides with Unity Week in January but this year along with many other churches we have gone for a date nearer Pentecost. Our parish will be more involved this time, not only providing the speaker: Fr Martin McGee OSB from Worth Abbey, but also our Taize choir. Do make a special effort to come as we join with our Christian friends to reflect on the refugee crisis and to pray for peace. Refreshments will follow.

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, with a short break for lunch and to celebrate Mass at St Richards in Slindon at 12 noon, 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.

Parish Mass for Ukrainian Refugees 22nd May.

At 2pm Fr Max will be celebrating Mass for the intentions of Ukrainian refugees in this country and around the world, for their health and wellbeing. The Mass will be celebrated at St Richards Church Chichester. Come and show your solidarity.

The A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage need more helpers to join this year's trip. Can you help? 29th July 2022 to the 4th August. They need more helpers who are fit and well. Subsidies are available for helpers to meet the costs of the pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage office is happy to answer any questions prior to applying 01403 740110 office@ablourdes.org

The Next Meeting of difficult questions will take place this Sunday (15th of May) at 11 am at St Wilfrid's, Selsey. At the last session we didn't have time to discuss the issue of female ordination, so this time we will tackle the following:

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

Due to the Jubilee Bank holiday celebrations there will be **no Needlecraft Group at Our Lady in Bosham** on Saturday 4th June. We will meet up again as normal on 2nd July. All welcome.

5th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27 They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm 144 I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5 A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13: 31-33 In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

Intercessions www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions

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.

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	April 2022
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
Our Lady of the Assumption	£236
St Peter's	£990
St Richard's	£1,269
St Wilfrid's	£1,060
Bankers Orders	£5,714
Credit and debit card transactions	£749
Total	£10,018
Gift Aid Rebate	£1,451

These figures do not include the Easter offerings for the Clergy. In additions second collections and generous donations totalled £4,081 for Ukraine, £1,742 for Father Joe and £863 for the Holy Places. 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.

Masses and services

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 14 th May <i>St Matthias</i>	Chichester	8am		Intentions of Carmella Kelly
	Selsey	5.00pm		Deceased members of the Purse family
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Jean Darby RIP (Judy and Gerald McGregor)
Sun 15 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	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		
Mon 16 th May	Chichester	8am	✓	Holy souls in Purgatory
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		Special intention for all GCSE students
Tue 17 th May	Chichester	8am	✓	Geoffrey Bowen RIP (Maura Doocey and Family)
	Selsey	10am		Jean Neagle, the needed graces
	Bosham	10am		
Wed 18 th May <i>St John I (pope)</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	For the health and wellbeing of Richard France
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	7pm		
Thur 19 th May <i>St Dunstan</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	In Thanksgiving (Siby Family)
	Selsey	10am		wellbeing of Zina Neagle
	BOSHAM	12.15pm		THE EVENT
Fri 20 th May	Chichester	8am	✓	For the intentions of all the GCSE students
	Selsey	10am		
	Witterings	10am		Intentions of David Lock
Sat 21 st May	Chichester	8am		
	Selsey	5.00pm		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	In Thanksgiving (Siby Family)
Sun 22 nd May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Chichester	8.30am		Charles Anthony McCarthy RIP (Ray and Alice McCarthy)
	Witterings	9am		Mona Culliton RIP (the Tourlmain Family)
	Chichester	10am	✓	The wellbeing of Richard France (M&B Southward)
	Selsey	10am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11am		Angela Griffith RIP (Kinga Buckley)
	Chichester	2pm		Mass for the intentions of all Ukrainian Refugees
	Chichester	6.30pm		

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am
Chichester	Wednesdays 10-11am & 6-6.45pm & by appointment	Wednesdays 10-11am & 6-6.45pm
Selsey	20 minutes before Mass each day	Wednesdays 10.30-11.30
Witterings	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, Hilary Huffell, Kay Howlett, Kinga Buckley, Magda Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foresheew, 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*