

**Parish of Our Lady &
the Saints of Sussex**
22nd May 2022
6th Sunday of Easter



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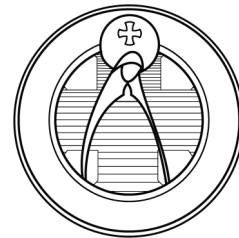
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This coming Thursday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. We confirm our belief in this glorious mystery in the Nicene Creed, 'He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.' We believe that Jesus' earthly life reached its culmination when He passed from this world to the Father.



In today's readings we have two stories of Jesus' final departure. Both narratives are written by Luke. Luke brings his Gospel to a close with the story of Jesus' Ascension. He also opens his first book, the Acts of the Apostles, with the story of the Ascension. In doing this, Luke tells us that Jesus' return to his father is the completion of His mission, while at the same time it makes the beginning of a new age, that of the Church. The Ascension is an ending and a beginning.

It is important to understand that the Ascension does not mean that Jesus has departed from us. He has not abandoned us or left us orphans. Otherwise, after the Ascension, the disciples would not have returned to Jerusalem with great joy, as Saint Luke tells us (24:52). He is close to each one of us forever.

Christ sends us the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ continues to be with us, sanctifying us and giving us life. He acts through the Holy Spirit in the Church and in our souls. He guides us and leads us to the Father.

Jesus is present to us in His word and in the sacraments. Jesus is visibly present in the Church in "a sacramental manner." We think especially of His presence in the Holy Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we participate in the new life of Christ's Body glorified by the Spirit. Christ's holy Body and Blood is our food on our journey to the Father's house.

As we meditate on the mystery of Our Lord's Ascension, we also remember His words to the disciples immediately before His Ascension. He not only promises the Holy Spirit, He commands the disciples to go forth as missionaries to the ends of the world. He gives them the charge of evangelisation and gives them the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish this mission.

It is at this time of year that we particularly pray for our young parishioners, and their families, who are preparing to soon receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.

Deacon Jon

Masses across the parish for the Ascension of the Lord

Wed 7pm St Richard's, Chichester (Vigil)

Thurs 8am St Richard's, Chichester

Thurs 9.05am St Richard's, Chichester (School Mass)

Thurs 10am St Peter's, Witterings

Thurs 10am St Wilfrid's, Selsey

Thurs 12.15pm St Richard's, Chichester

Thurs 7.30pm Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham

6th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2 It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves not to burden you with anything beyond the essentials.

Responsorial Psalm 66 Let the peoples praise you O God, let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14 He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:23-29 A peace the world cannot give is my peace to you.

Intercessions www.saintsofsussex.com/
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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. There will also be horse racing. Please come along to cheer your favourite of 6 horses. Proceeds to fund for Ukraine. Many tombola prizes. Unwanted gifts/ donations Erna happy to collect. 672374

Date for your Diaries

Sunday 17th July at 4pm Taize service to be held at St Wilfrid's Selsey at 4pm.

All You Ever Wanted to Know About the Mass.....

What is the Mass? It is the centre of our lives as Catholics, but how much do we really understand what is happening? Coming soon – a series of DVD presentations at St Peters church. More information to follow.

Selsey Book of Reflections

You can still add your reflections to the Book of Reflections (collated in June). Remember and reflect on those lost during the pandemic, and who we may not have had opportunity to say goodbye as they were in hospital or care home. Just write a reflection on the card or paper, add copy of photo if you would like, poem or blessing/prayer. 20-30 Forget Me Nots permanently placed in an accessible area for future reflection in Selsey as part of the wider initiative.

Bosham Parishioners Please note

On Sunday 5th June, Delling Lane will be closed, and so access to Our Lady of the Assumption will only be via Walton Lane

St Richard's Day Mass, Chichester Cathedral

Thursday 16th June [10.30am](#).

Once again we are most grateful we can have our annual Patronal St Richard Feast Day Mass at Chichester Cathedral. We look forward to welcoming staff, governors and children from our school. As usual we will be joined by priests from our deanery. Everyone is most welcome (no need to book)

Volunteers to hand out orders of service and generally to make people feel welcome will be much appreciated.

Selsey Food Bank Update

A few weeks back we received a 'Thank you note' from Chichester Food Bank, confirming that St Wilfrid's Church had donated 558.90 Kg of Food during 2021. Thank you so much for your generous support. The donations have made a huge difference to the people of Selsey. If you are able to donate any tinned food: vegetables, tomatoes, fish, meat; tea, coffee, long life milk, juice cereals and toiletries, these would be very much appreciated. Please leave your donations in the basket just inside the church doors.

Parish Mass for Ukrainian Refugees THIS Sunday (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. More helpers who are fit and well are required. 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 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. Yet 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, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

Coffee and Chat

The next meeting is on Wednesday May 25th 10.30 - 11.30 at Our Lady of the Assumption. All welcome to join us for a cup of tea/coffee and friendly chat.

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.

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>

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 four churches together for the first time, for Mass and then for lunch afterwards. Our First Holy Communion children will be receiving 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!

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.

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*

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 21 st May	Chichester	8am		Therese Walles RIP (Fernando-Goonetilleke Family)
	Selsey	5.00pm		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	In Thanksgiving (Siby Family)
Sun 22nd 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		
Mon 23 th May	Chichester	8am	✓	For the health and wellbeing of Richard France
	Chichester	12.15pm		Memorial Mass for Michael O'Neill RIP (Chichester Catenians)
Tue 24 th May	Chichester	8am	✓	Mary Doody RIP
	Bosham	10am		
Wed 25 th May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Chichester	7pm		Vigil Mass of the Ascension
Thur 26th May The Ascension of the Lord	Chichester	8am	✓	Mrs Timlick RIP
	Chichester	9.05am		School Mass
	Selsey	10am		
	Witterings	10am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		Deceased member of the Doocey and Sharkey Families (Maura and Family)
	Selsey	6pm		
	Bosham	7.30pm		
Fri 27 th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	James Patrick Roger Gaunt RIP (Gaunt Family)
	Selsey	10am		
	Witterings	10am		
Sat 28 st May <i>Blessed Margaret Pole</i>	Chichester	8am		Thomman Mani RIP
	Selsey	5.00pm		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Charles Anthony McCarthy RIP (Kissane Family)
Sun 29th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	Chichester	8.30am		Mathew Thressiamma RIP (Shaiby Philip)
	Witterings	9am		Peter Forster RIP (Margaret Fecher)
	Chichester	10am	✓	Fr Paul Arnauld RIP (Peter and Eileen Fitzgerald)
	Selsey	10am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11am		Angela Griffith RIP (Aldred Family)
	Chichester	2pm		
	Chichester	6.30pm		James Bailey RIP (Marie Haines)

	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