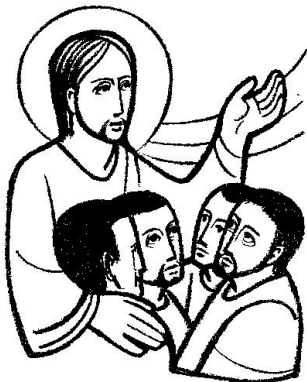


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7th Sunday of Easter



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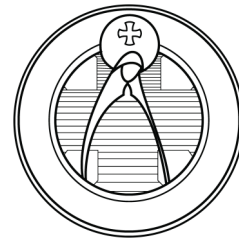
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

As some of you may have heard, the Bishops of England and Wales have recently issued a statement: **Catholics should return to Mass in person at Pentecost.** They state that “the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.”

Our Bishops go on to say that while parishioners have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services **“virtual viewing of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday obligation.”**

To reassure those who may still not feel safe enough to return to mass they remind us that the Sunday obligation does not apply to the elderly and sick. Hopefully the housebound can still gain spiritual comfort from the streamed masses and from having Holy Communion brought to them.

In our parish I know how much you have appreciated the online streaming, which is here to stay. In recent weeks, though, it has been a joy to see so many of our families returning to Mass. Thank you for the encouragement you have given us.

Last week, I was very moved when a parishioner said to me with deep emotion “How much I miss the mass.” I realised he truly meant it.

There are 2 reasons why we regret missing mass, either it is because we see it as an obligation which we have failed to keep, or because we **really** miss it. In other words we feel a profound sense of loss which comes from being separated from the Lord, and the community, at the altar.

Let us pray for one another that, as time goes on, our motivation for coming to mass will be less to do with rules and obligations and more to do with the heart.

God bless you All in this holy season as we prepare for the great gift of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Tom

7th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60 The stoning of Stephen

Responsorial Psalm 96 The Lord is king, most high above all the earth

Second Reading: Apocalypse 22:12-14 Come Lord Jesus

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! I will not leave you Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:20-26 May they be completely one.

Intercessions www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions

We celebrate and pray for everyone in our whole parish family as we prepare for the World Meeting of Families June 22-26



In the next few weeks we will be asking you to write down your most heartfelt prayers for your friends and family. We hope everyone will want to be involved.

The prayers will be placed in a special box in each of our four churches. Bishop Richard will then bless the four boxes of our prayers at the Parish Day Mass on 3rd July. The prayer boxes will be available from next weekend. If you are unable to get to mass but wish your own prayers for friends or family to go in there, then please email them / post them to Amy at the parish office.

Prayer for the Celebration

We thank you for the great gift of the family and every individual within the family.

May they rediscover each day the grace they have received.

And as small domestic churches

may they know how to witness your presence and to the love which Christ loves the church.

Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness

upon which you call them, so that they might experience

your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love.

Lord grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the church

as a call to become missionary disciples in the service of life and peace

Amen

Bank Holiday this Thursday and Friday

It will follow the normal bank holiday schedule:

Thursday 10am Mass in Chichester, 10am Mass in Selsey

Friday 10am Mass in Chichester, 10am Mass in Selsey

Next Saturday and Sunday mass times will be as normal

First Saturdays Devotion (4th June)

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.

The next Mass in Ukrainian

will take place at St Richard's Church on Sunday 5th June at 2pm, and afterwards in the lower parish room for refreshments .

St Peter's Children's Mass

The Mass on Sunday 11th June will involve the First Communion children. If there are any other children who would like to take part please get in touch with Christine Barton 07763 337665 christine@beammicrosystems.com

St Richard's Day Mass, Chichester Cathedral Thursday 16th June 10.30am.

Once again we are most grateful to have our annual St Richard's 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. Please contact the parish office.

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

A Day with Mary

Arundel Cathedral Saturday July 9th

9.30am until 5pm Confession, Adoration, Rosary, With Fr Pio Idowu and Canon David Parmiter.

Please bring a packed lunch. *Our Lady to Lucia on 13 June 1917 "Jesus wishes to establish in the world devotion to my immaculate Heart"*

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard, Saturday 25 June at 11.30am.

Bishop Richard will be hosting an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst, RH14 9QH. Everyone is very welcome, to reserve your free place please sign up here:

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/an04uoxn>

Grandparents' Annual Pilgrimage to West Grinstead

Wednesday 8 June 11am - 3pm It is for all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. The day begins at 11am but coffee will be available from 10.30. This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Please click here to book your place or contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

Picnic in the Garden Saturday the 10th of September

The '4-Churches' Picnic and fun day at St Peter's in East Wittering. Tickets will be available from June from Your Parish Representative. A fun packed day with entertainment and games for both children and adults, with tables and seating, provided for guests to set up their own picnic. Included in the ticket price a cocktail or Mocktail from the Bar, and a fresh fruit dessert.

Co-ordinating this event, one volunteer from each of the 4 churches will be selling tickets. For more information, please contact your church representative.

- St Richard's Sydney: Sydneytullet@hotmail.co.uk
- St Peter's Gio: mgrabo812@aol.com or 01243670674
- Our Lady of the Assumption Tina: christinadarby@virginmedia.com
- St Wilfrid's Niki: nikiharman@hotmail.com

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

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!

Opening Parish Gardens In the Autumn, there will be a programme of events to raise the money needed for the new heating system at St Richard's (more about this to follow) It is not too soon, however, to start thinking of ways to raise money for the heating. One suggestion to take place before the summer holidays is to open our gardens and to serve cream teas to visitors. Please let the parish office know if you would be interested in helping with this event. We will need parishioners prepared to open up their gardens (we are not looking for Sissinghurst or West Dean) just well kept gardens with their own unique atmosphere. We will also need volunteers to serve teas and scones.

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 28 th 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 Arnould RIP (Peter and Eileen Fitzgerald)
	Selsey	10am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11am		Angela Griffith RIP (Aldred Family)
	Chichester	6.30pm		James Bailey RIP (Marie Haines)
Mon 30 th May	Chichester	8am	✓	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		In Thanksgiving (Sunny Family)
Tue 31 st May <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Bosham	10am		David Boyd RIP
	Selsey	10am		
Wed 1 st June <i>St Justin</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Martin Tracey RIP (Elaine Tracey)
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	7pm		Angela Griffith RIP (Geoff and Gina Poulter)
Thur 2 nd June	Chichester	10am	✓	In Thanksgiving (Sunny Family)
	Selsey	10am		
Fri 3 rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	Chichester	10am	✓	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Selsey	10am		
Sat 4 th June	Chichester	8am		Steven Edwards RIP
	Selsey	5.00pm		Deceased members of the Herbert Family
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba
Sun 5th June Pentecost	Chichester	8.30am		For the Intentions of Queen Elizabeth II
	Witterings	9am		Jo Anne Hudson RIP (Geoff and Gill Breeze)
	Chichester	10am	✓	Anurika Fernando RIP
	Selsey	10am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11am		Kieran Strudwick RIP (Maria and Jon Aldred)
	Chichester	6.30pm		

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 Foreshe, 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 Whiting, Valerie Davis-White, Walter Hoppe, *Please let the office know of any changes*

	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