

**Parish of Our Lady &
the Saints of Sussex**
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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In August an annual festival for young believers was held in Medjugorje. Each year it gathers thousands of young Catholics, Christians and people of good will who are looking for spiritual guidance in their lives and to share their faith. It is focused on prayer and includes daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and a candlelight procession. In his address to the attendees, Pope Francis encouraged the people to encounter Jesus “in the most special place there is — your heart.”

The theme of this year’s festival is inspired by Christ's words in the Gospel of Matthew: “Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Pope Francis said that the Lord knows “how difficult life can be and that there are many things that strain our hearts: many disappointments, various wounds from the past, burdens that we carry and injustices we bear, many uncertainties and worries.

“Jesus tells us, ‘Come to me and learn from me.’ This is an invitation to move, not to stand still, frozen and afraid before life, and to rely on Him. It sounds easy, but in dark moments it becomes natural to close-in on ourselves. Instead, Jesus wants to pull us out, so He says, ‘Come.’ The way out is via relationship, in looking up to the One who truly loves us.”

I am moving to a new parish from 1st September and August has been a hectic time, spent packing my books, preparing my piano for transport and making sure I have not left any socks behind. This is not how I imagined spending the summer of 2022 and the beginning of the school year. I celebrated the Mass for the Assumption of Our Lady in Bosham this year and attended the shared meal to commemorate the patronal feast day when one of the parishioners said a few kind words of farewell, mentioning some initiatives and projects I was part of. Summer is a time when you share your holiday stories (like accounts of going to Medjugorje!), get inspired and make some plans for the months to come. I would like to mention some things I had been hoping to do in the near future with the parishioners of Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex... how I looked forward to welcoming the new group of young people joining our Confirmation course, getting to know the families preparing for the 1st Holy Communion, enjoying the delightful cooperation with our catechists, choristers, organists, ministers, teachers from St Richard’s school and members of the parish formation groups. I am not going to miss places in this parish as much as the people who shared their life stories and their time and who inspired me even more to strive for holiness. All my hopes regarding new projects, pilgrimages I intended to join or organise and groups I believed we could set up or revive, I offer up to God’s Providence. Many of those plans were disrupted by the pandemic but I am confident that many of them will take off anyway and there will be even more evidence that it is God who provides and the Good Shepherd who continues to send his labourers to look after the spiritual welfare of the people of the parish. I do not say goodbye as I believe I will remain a (distant) part of the parish family. You never know, I may still join you on your way to Medjugorje or Fatima one day. Please keep me in your prayers and do drop in if you ever happen to be in Esher or Thames Ditton.

Fr Sebastian

Father Sebastian Paul will be leaving our Parish next Wednesday to take up his new role as Parish Priest of the newly merged parish of Esher and Thames Ditton. He will be back in our parish on Sunday 11th September to concelebrate the 10am mass at St Richard's. For those that are able to join us, there will be a farewell drink in St Richard's School Hall after the Mass when we will present him with a cheque to show our appreciation for all he has done for us.

St Wilfrid's, Selsey are pleased to announce that the kitchen is back in action. Following the kind donation of a whole kitchen it has been refurbished by some of our parishioners throughout August. Donations of vital equipment means we are now "open for business". There will be refreshments after mass on **Sunday 4th of September** and a great opportunity to chat together.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross Wednesday 14th September has been chosen as the Day of prayer for peace in Ukraine to be marked across Europe

Please sign the list in St Richard's porch indicating when you can come (either for an hour or a half hour). A quick response will be very helpful. We are hoping as many people as possible will take part. There needs to be a minimum of 2 people watching on every hour. Please be generous with your time.

It is St Wilfrid's turn to host the ReSbite Teas for our community. An opportunity for our older parishioners to come together with other parishes and enjoy conversation, light refreshments, companionship and entertainment. **Sunday 4th September 3-4.30pm**. Please book via the **Selsey Care Shop 01243 201616**. Transport will be made available via Selsey Venture Bus and our volunteers. Or speak to **Karen Pirks**.

Refreshments after the Saturday 6pm Mass are back!

On first Saturdays of the month, starting on 2nd September. We will finally be able to meet again after the Vigil Mass to have a drink, some nibbles and a chat! Everyone warmly invited!

Knights of St Columba We are a charitable organisation that help the clergy, parish and the diocese. We meet monthly on the third Monday in St Richard's parish rooms at 7.30pm. All men welcome.

March for Life 3rd September Since the 1967 Abortion Act 10 million unborn babies have been lost in the UK. We are called to give public witness to the infinite dignity of human life. We can do so at the annual March for Life held **Saturday, 3 September**. There will be pro-life, family-friendly 'LifeFest' from 10.30am-1.30pm at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street and Bishop Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11am at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. The March itself starts at the Emmanuel Centre at 2pm, proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimony and speeches, concluding at 4.30pm. More information can be found at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2022-annual-event-page/> **Your public witness is vital. Please come.**

St Wilfrid's Church, Selsey Summer Fair TOMORROW!!

You are most welcome to join us on Saturday 27th August 2022 from 10.00-1pm. Stalls will include various tombolas, raffles, nearly new clothing, books, bric a brac, plants and refreshments.

Picnic in the Garden Saturday the 10th of September

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

Coffee Morning at St Peter's

On the first and the third Thursdays of each month from 10am until 12 noon come to St Peter's Church hall to meet with other parishioners for a coffee and chat. £2 donation will be requested to cover the cost of the refreshments if you can afford it. Bring along your knitting, a board game or just yourself. First meeting is on 1st September.

The next Visiting Group Event

will be a Cream Tea on Thursday 8th September 2.30 pm at The Sussex Heritage Centre, Sefton Place, Warningcamp, Arundel. The price will be £5 per person, payable on the day. For catering purposes, numbers of those wishing to attend will be submitted to Maria Whitehouse one week before. Do come along and join us if you are able. Please let me know if you would like to attend by emailing me (Caroline Hutchings) at bullenc47@gmail.com Tel. 01243 788158
If you need help with transport, please contact Tony Hodgekiss on 01243 781040.

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First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21 Behave humbly, and you will find favour with the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 67 In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-19 You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Alleluia Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14 Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled

Quiet Day Monday 12 September and Individually Guided Retreat 9 to 12 September

at Sussex Heritage and Retreat Centre near Arundel. Also Quiet Breaks. Please see

www.sussexheritage.co.uk or phone Maria on 01903 413606.

First Saturday Devotions

On Saturday 3rd September, and subsequent first Saturdays of the month, there will be the recitation of the Rosary and other prayers, after the 8am Mass, about 8.35am at St Richard's Church to comply with the request of Our Lady of Fatima.

After 8am Mass on other Saturdays there will just be the recitation of the Rosary. You would be very welcome to join us.

Bosham Saturday Craft Group

The next meeting of the monthly Saturday Craft Group is on 3rd September from 10 am to 12 noon at Our Lady of the Assumption church in Bosham. Bring along an article to work on or one that you need help with – expertise and encouragement is available in sewing, knitting and many other crafts. You'll be assured of a warm welcome and refreshments! Free parking is available opposite the church.

Independence Day Celebrations

A celebration of Independence Day of Ukraine will be held this Saturday at St Paul's Church Chichester. A short concert lasting half an hour starts at 12 noon followed by traditional Ukrainian food, and a chance to buy postcards, jewellery and paintings on sale for charity. St Paul's Church Churchside PO19 6FT

Discover the Beauty, the Riches, and the Profound Meaning of the Mass.

The Mass is the centre of our lives as Catholics, but how much do we really understand and appreciate why it all matters? *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. In a series of five DVD sessions Dr Edward Sri takes us through the Mass from the Introductory Rites to the Concluding Rites and Dismissal. Beginning on Tuesday 13th September at 2pm, 29 The Crescent, East Wittering, everyone is very welcome, so do come along.

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 all our churches

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	July 2022
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
Our Lady of the Assumption	£590
St Peter's	£1,274
St Richard's	£2,401
St Wilfrid's	£1,213
Bankers Orders	£8,257
Credit and debit card transactions	£1,100
Total	£14,835
Gift Aid Rebate	£5,605

In addition second collections and generous donations totalled £10 for Ukraine, £ 685 for Apostleship of the Sea, a further £351 for Education of Future Priests and £63 for Father Joe. Donations for Ukraine are still very welcome. Please also note the significant 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 27 th August <i>St Monica</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Selsey	5.00pm		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	In Thanksgiving (Vincent and Family)
Sun 28th August <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Chichester	8.30am		
	Witterings	9am		Dot O'Dwyer RIP (M. Tourlaimain)
	Selsey	10am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	10am	✓	For Lena's intentions (Maura Doocey)
	Bosham	11am		For the wellbeing of Lucy (M&B Southward)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Chris Hyttner RIP (Marysia Dembinski)
Mon 29 August <i>The Passion of John the Baptist</i>	Chichester	10am	✓	In Thanksgiving
	Selsey	10am		
Tue 30 Aug	Chichester	8am		The intentions of Dorothy Cadogan
	Bosham	10am		Health and wellbeing of Peter Fitzgerald (Caroline and John Hutchings)
	Selsey	10am		
Wed 31 Aug	Chichester	8am	✓	Blessings on Jahziel Desilva and Johnson Desilva RIP
	Selsey	10am		Blessings on the marriage of Michelle and Paul Paniccia
	Chichester	7pm		Wellbeing of Elizabeth Mallett (Marysia Dembinski)
Thur 1 Sept	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		Rita Bennett RIP & Pauline Cripps RIP
Fri 2 Sept	Chichester	8am	✓	Intentions of Dorothy Cadogan
	Witterings	10am		Marie LaGrue RIP (M. Tourlaimain)
	Selsey	10am		
Sat 3 Sept <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Selsey	5.00pm		The intentions of the Byrne Family
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Deceased members of the knights of St Columba
Sun 4 Sept <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Beatification of Pope John Paul I</i>	Chichester	8.30am		Steven Edwards RIP
	Witterings	9am		Sid Neal RIP (Linda Jolly)
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	10am	✓	
	Bosham	11am		
	Chichester	6.30pm		

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am
Chichester	Wednesday 10-11am; 6-6.45pm	Wednesday 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, David Mortby, David White, Eamonn Hackett, Frank O'Donnell, Gerald McGregor, Gerry Beurgoyne, Jan Thorpe, Jean Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Jill Serna, Joanne Donoghue, Hilary Huffell, Kay Howlett, Kinga Buckley, Magda and Carlo Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foreshew, Nell Hassett, Nicola and Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Nicola Coutts, Patrick Hill, Paul Carney, Peter Habgood, Rene Coutts, Rita Rooke, Roz Davies, Susan Line, Tony Whiting, Valerie Davis-White, Victoria Hall Hulme, Virginia Maxwell, Walter Hoppe, *Please let the office know of any changes*