Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

4 September 2022
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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On Thursday, September 1, we began the Season of Creation. It is an ecumenical season and ends on October 4th, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Ecology. As the Catholic bishops of England and Wales point out, "the season of creation unites Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home." Beginning in 1989, at the request of the ecumenical patriarch, Dimitrios, it was endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015. The theme for this year's Season of Creation is listening to the voice of creation. The symbol for this year is the burning bush. The flame of the spirit reveals God's presence.

My name is Fr David Murphy. I begin this week to walk amongst you. I feel the Season of Creation is a very good time to start this journey. It is a time of endings and beginnings. The summer is coming to a close. A new school year begins. The leaves begin to change colour. The nights are drawing in. However, the darker the night, the brighter the stars. As a priest, I have seen so many wonderful people fan the flame of creation by listening, by daring to hope, to dream, to pray. As we gather to celebrate Eucharist, we break bread and reflect the presence of God in so many ways. We build Christian community. It is a humbling experience as a priest to witness this, and I come to you very conscious of the same. So much of the synodal process we are undergoing in the church is about all these things, above all being open to listening deeply to what the spirit is saying to us now. If people do not feel heard, the flame of love is extinguished. Thérèse of Lisieux spoke of finding love in the heart of the church. It is us who make that love happen through the presence of our loving God.

Coming more specifically to me, I am originally from Galway in Ireland, where I was born in 1970. I was ordained in 1996, and have spent the last six years as a hospital chaplain, three and a half of them at Holy Cross Hospital in Haslemere. I have loved hospital chaplaincy, but I am looking forward to getting back into parish ministry. It's such an honour to be here. Don't be shy! Come and say hello!

Blessings,
Fr David.

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First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18 1 Who can divine the will of God?

Responsorial Psalm 89 O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Second Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17 He is a slave no longer, but a dear brother in the Lord.

Alleluia Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:25-33 Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple

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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*

New Confirmation Programme for our Parish
We will be running a Confirmation Programme for the young people of the Parish, from all 4 churches, who were 14 on or before 31 August 2022. The programme will begin with a meeting at 7pm at St. Richard's on Tuesday 13 September at 7pm for candidates and their parents. There is then a session for parents on Saturday 24 September at St. Richard's, before the programme for the candidates begins in October. Please see the Parish website for more details and the forms.
www.saintsofsussex.com/confirmation-registration.html

Wednesday 14th September is the Day of prayer for peace in Ukraine Please sign the list in St Richard's porch indicating when you can come (either for an hour or a half hour). There needs to be a minimum of 2 adorers ion every hour and we still have a number of gaps. Please be generous with your time.

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*** begins on Tuesday 13th September at 2pm, 29 The Crescent, East Wittering, for 5 weeks everyone is very welcome.

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.

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 at St Richard's to have a drink, some nibbles and a chat! Everyone warmly invited!

There will be refreshments after mass this **Sunday 4th of September at St Wilfrid's, Selsey**. Using our newly refurbished kitchen facilities

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 still available.** A fun packed day with entertainment and games for both children and adults. Bring your own picnic. Included in the ticket price a cocktail or Mocktail from the Bar, and a fresh fruit dessert.

Father Sebastian Paul farewell drink In St Richard's School Hall after the 10 am Mass 11th September anyone who can attend is very welcome to thank Fr Sebastian for his work with us in the parish

MacMillan Coffee Morning at St. Richard's Catholic Church, Slindon, Friday 16th September 10am – 12noon. For delicious coffee/tea and cakes to fund the work of Macmillan Cancer Support. Enjoy our beautiful church in the glorious surroundings of Slindon village. All are welcome.

A Day With Mary at St Mary's Church, High Street Gosport PO12 1DF A day of Mass, rosary, benediction, and adoration Sat 24th September 9.30am start finishes at approx. 5pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Memorial Mass for Gill Casey RIP
A memorial mass is being held at St Richard's on Saturday 10th September at 1pm to celebrate the life of our dearly departed parishioner Gill. Everyone welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead Saturday 17 September 10am to 4pm with Arundel Parish and the Friends of Arundel Cathedral. The theme: "Faith of Our Fathers". Donation for Shrine £10. Car sharing arranged. Please contact Maria Whitehouse on 01903 413606.

Relics of St Bernadette at Arundel Cathedral Saturday 22 October Deacon Jon asks you to let the parish office know if you would be interested in joining a parish group on Saturday 22nd October to view the relics of St Bernadette. Places need to be booked in advance and so it would be helpful for our clergy to know whether parishioners want to go as a group, or to make their own way there. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Date for your diaries!
International Evening
8 October – 7pm
St Richard's School Hall.
No ticket needed – donations on the night.
Bring a favourite national or family dish to share.
Keep an eye on the Newsletter for further details!

Bosham Saturday Craft Group The next meeting is on 3rd September 10-12noon 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.

We can abolish slavery in our lifetime! Monday 17 October 11am – 12.30pm If you learn about modern slavery and how you can make a difference you can engage in the fight against this modern day scourge. Do join the Abolition Initiative's Kick Off Event for Antislavery Week at the Ropetackle Centre, Shoreham. For more details on this and other anti-slavery events please contact Tessa Ricketts Social Action Adviser tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

It is St Wilfrid's turn to host the ReSbite Teas for our community. 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.

Bosham Meeting Point Harvest Supper
Everyone is most welcome to this year's Harvest Supper which will be held on Saturday 1st October with a special Ukrainian theme. We hope to welcome many of the Ukrainian visitors to our village and to enjoy a delicious Harvest Buffet Supper as well as sampling some Ukrainian treats and entertainment. Bring your favourite tipple – glasses provided.
Venue: St Nicholas Hall, Brooks Lane, Bosham PO18 8LA.
Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.
Tickets only £7 available from: Sally Morley Tel: 01243 572855 Email: sallymorley@hotmail.com Kate Phillips Tel: 01243 574610 Email: kphillips21@outlook.com Trish Boissevain Tel: 01243 574434 Email: trish@boissevain.com

Ride and Stride Plus 2022 10th September 2022 9am - 5pm. The event is back on after a few years off for covid. It is an annual sponsored event in aid of historic churches and chapels. Participants can take part and raise funds through sponsorship via cycling driving or walking between churches across East and West Sussex. St Richard's is a listed church and is open for sponsors. For details of how to take part, and the churches you can visit please go to: www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

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
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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 3 Sept *St Gregory the Great*	Chichester	8am		In Thanksgiving (Emiteria Cauzerin)
	Selsey	5.00pm		The intentions of the Byrne Family
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Deceased members of the knights of St Columba
Sun 4 Sept ***23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***	Chichester	8.30am		Steven Edwards RIP
	Witterings	9am		Sid Neal RIP (Linda Jolly)
	Selsey	10am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	10am	✓	
	Bosham	11am		
	Chichester	6.30pm		
Mon 5 Sept	Chichester	8am	✓	Anurika Fernando RIP
	Selsey	10am		Thomas Dempsey RIP
	Chichester	12.15		Jean and Mary Kelly RIP
Tue 6 Sept	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls
	Bosham	10am		John Lowe RIP (Liz and Joe McCaughey)
	Selsey	10am		
Wed 7 Sept	Chichester	8am	✓	Sid Neal RIP (Jan and Family)
	Selsey	10am		Nell Collins RIP
	Chichester	7pm		Michael McHale RIP (Kay, Sean, Carole)
Thur 8 Sept *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	Chichester	8am	✓	Intentions of Dorothy Cadogan
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		Golden Wedding anniversary blessings for Joe and Hilary Egan
Fri 9 Sept	Chichester	8am	✓	Cecily Hutchinson RIP (Mary Downy)
	Witterings	10am		
	Selsey	10am		Nell and Stephen Collins
Sat 10 Sept	Chichester	8am		Dr Mike Gompertz RIP (Julie Gompertz)
	Chichester	11am		Memorial Mass – Nona Byrne RIP
	Chichester	1pm		Memorial Mass - Gill Casey RIP
	Selsey	5.00pm		David Kennedy RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious (Chichester Catenians)
Sun 11 Sept ***24th Sunday in Ordinary Time***	Chichester	8.30am		Platinum Wedding anniversary blessings for Pat and Allan Ware
	Witterings	9am		Marek Grabowski RIP (Gio Grabowski)
	Selsey	10am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	10am	✓	Ruby Wedding anniversary blessings for Martin and Mary Downy. *Farewell Mass for Fr Sebastian*
	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