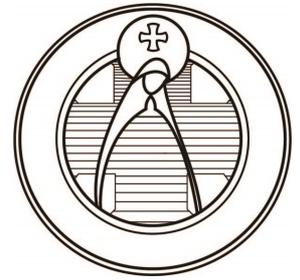


# Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

## 11th December / 3rd Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete Sunday'



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*We look to develop the Catholic faith of the community of Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex, to proclaim the Good News and to embrace all who seek the Lord.*

Today is 'Gaudete Sunday' which translates as 'Rejoice Sunday,' reminding us that Christ is near and how this fills our hearts with joy. The Lord is coming soon, happy indeed is the one who does not lose faith in Him.

On this 3rd Sunday of Advent, Our Lord says to us "Happy the man who does not lose faith in me." Faith is a gift, a gift we receive in baptism, but we must constantly ask the Lord to renew and strengthen our faith. Advent is an opportunity to renew our faith, that we might trust Him with every detail of our lives, that we might believe in the saving truths he has revealed to us. Many today live in anxiety for the future. The Catholic faith, however, proclaims Jesus as the true and only Master of the future. This means we can serenely hand over our future, and that of our loved ones, to him alone. The gift of faith allows us to know that no matter what happens God will never abandon us even if we are tempted to abandon Him and place our faith elsewhere. This Advent let us be sure to find time to pray, to affirm our faith and to remind ourselves that true and lasting happiness is only found in Him who created us, restored us in Christ and has prepared a place for us in heaven.

*O God, who see how your people*

*faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,*

*enable us, we pray,*

*to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always*

*with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.*

*(Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Advent)*

### Sunday 11th December 2022 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

**First reading** Isaiah 35:1-6,10 ·

God himself is coming to save you

**Psalm** 145(146):6-10

Come, Lord, and save us.

**Second reading** James 5:7-10 ·

Do not lose heart; the Lord's coming will be soon

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 11:2-11

'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen'

Intercessions: [www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions](http://www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions)

### Christmas Flowers - 2nd Collection this weekend

We will be holding a second collection for the Christmas Flowers in all our churches on **10-11th December**.

Your donations can be gift aided, and donations can be made in cash, cheque, bank transfer or via the Dona terminals.

We are very grateful to all the parishioners who work so hard to make our churches look beautiful all year round, but particularly at Christmas. Photos of the floral creations in all the churches will be on our Parish Facebook page.

### St Peter's Carol Service THIS SUNDAY .

To prepare for Christmas there will be a service of readings and carols on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4 pm. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards.

Everyone very welcome to come along.

### Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 21st December: 7pm at St Richard's, when priests of the Deanery will be available for individual confessions.

**Celebrating this sacrament as a community should help especially those who find going to confession difficult.**

Let us pray for each other and our priests.

### Tuesday Group, 10.30am, Bosham

(follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Listen to Bishop Barron as he opens up the meaning of Advent and Sunday's readings to us over coffee and a friendly discussion. All most welcome.

**Resbite Teas** take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. To book a place please contact Karen Pirks 07824 376760 or call the Selsey Care Shop 01243 201616

### Take a Biblical Walk with Mary during Advent

Join us in the St Peter's hall after Mass on Fridays during Advent for a series of half hour DVD presentations following Mary's journey from early life to the birth of Jesus. With Mary let us prepare for the Birth of Jesus.

### Christmas Masses in our Parish

#### 24th December

5.00pm Selsey  
5.00pm Bosham (Angels and Shepherds)  
9.30pm Chichester (Carols at 9.30pm, Mass at 10pm)

#### 25th December

9.00am Witterings  
9.30am Chichester  
11.00am Selsey  
11.30am Bosham

### Extraordinary Minister Training THIS SATURDAY

Fr David is running training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion this Saturday (Dec 10th), at St Richard's Parish Hall at 10.30 a.m. Coffee and tea will be served.

### The Event (for our older parishioners)

The Visiting Group is holding the next Event on Thursday 22nd December at Our Lady of The Assumption Church in Bosham. Following 12.15pm Mass there will be a Christmas themed lunch with sandwiches, sausage rolls, mince pies and cake. We will have a Christmas Quiz and raffle with a 'surprise visitor' joining us. All welcome -

Bosham's **ecumenical Carol Service** will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. All most welcome – mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

The **funeral of Jacques Davis** will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption on 15th December at 11am. All welcome

**Date for your diaries:** There will be a **Service of Praise and Worship, 7pm, 31 January**, at St Richard's Church, using the music of Matt Redman, Matt Maher and other contemporary composers in worship of God. We hope to hold these services regularly next year.

### Donations to local families in need

Many families within our extended parish community are suffering financial hardship at this time. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to offer some support to approximately 20 of the most needy families this Christmas, giving them food hampers and supermarket vouchers to make things a little easier at this time of year. These will go to families who find themselves unable to fulfil their most basic needs. All the requests for help have come from our Catholic schools.

In the words of a previous recipient:

*Thank you very, very much. Without the additional support the Parish are offering, I don't know how I would have managed to feed my family during the last couple of months.*

We are now looking to raise more funds for families in need. If you are able to support this appeal, please donate via cash, bank transfer, cheque or via the Dona terminals in church.

Via Bank Transfer: Name: Saints of Sussex  
Sort Code: 40-05-20, Account No: 41076582 ref: families appeal

**Adorers at St Richard's.** Thank you for being faithful to your weekly appointment of one hour with the Lord. Remember the main intention is to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Related to this is the need to pray for the conversion of our parish and for God's blessing on the ministry of our priests and deacon. With our sincere thanks.

**Reconciliation room at St Richard's** We have decided to continue using the reconciliation room at the back of the blessed sacrament chapel. Provided people remember to lower their voices there is no chance of being overheard during adoration: Wed 10-11, 6-6.50pm

### **Bosham Coffee and Chat**

The December Coffee and Chat will be next Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am – 11.30 am. This earlier date is to avoid Christmas week. Come and join us for conversation over a cup of tea/coffee and cake.

**St Richards Church Cleaning Monday 12th 10-12 noon.** Please come and join us for a deep clean of our church before Christmas. Please bring gloves and cloths and brooms if you have them. Many hands make light work!

Lost at St Richard's: a handknitted yellow scarf and red tartan blanket. If you know where they have gone please could you let Amy know at the office. Many thanks.

### **Heating Appeal Update**

The appeal for the new heating system at St Richards stands at £80,148 (which includes GA up to October).

Thank you for your continuing generous donations.

### **School form Signing for St Richard's Primary School**

15 Dec 7pm; 9 Jan 3.15pm In the parish room. Remember to bring a photocopy of the baptism certificate with the form. NB a charge will be made for replacement certificates.

**St Peter's Ladies' Christmas Lunch** is booked for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12:30 at The Shore Inn, Shore Road. If you would like to come along just write your name on the list in the porch.

**Oaklands is recruiting** an Attendance Manager. A confident and assured person to work in a team providing a wide range of support and administrative tasks in school. Ideally, the successful candidate will have experience of working in a similar role within the school environment although this is not essential. Please visit our website on [www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/staff/vacancies/](http://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/staff/vacancies/) for an Information pack

### **Our Parish Offertory**

via bank transfer:

Name: Saints of Sussex

Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 41076582

Reference: offertory

Via cheque

Made payable to: Saints of Sussex

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](http://www.saintsofsussex.com/regular-giving.html)**

### **Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex Offertory collections and other fund raising**

Offertory	October 2022
<b>Cash/Cheques/Envelopes</b>	
Our Lady of the Assumption	£544
St Peter's	£1,098
St Richard's	£2,067
St Wilfrid's	£1,179
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	£8,726
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	£846
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,460</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£0</b>

In additions generous donations totalled £195 for CAFOD, £215 for Missio and £150 for Ukraine. Donations for Ukraine are still very welcome. Please remember to gift aid your donations if you are eligible. Thank you all for your continuing generosity.

## Masses and services

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chichester	8am		Intentions of Greg Mahon and Rebecca Cavey
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Trisha Green RIP (Peter Green)
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A</b> <b>Gaudete Sunday</b>	Witterings	9am		Nora Pringle RIP (Gill and Geoff Breeze)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Deceased members of the Gallagher and Durnin families
	Selsey	11am		In Thanksgiving to Father Max (Selsey Parishioners)
	Bosham	11.30am		Jacques Davis RIP (Marion and Nick)
	Chichester	6.30pm		People of the Parish
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	For the intentions of Mary Downy (Jane Isted)
	Selsey	10am		Francis Dunster RIP (Gabriel Herbert)
	Chichester	12.15pm		Patricia Cooke RIP (Urszula Topp)
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>St Lucy</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Bosham	10am		Jacques Davis (Geoff & Gina Poulter)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>St John of the Cross</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Chichester	7pm		Sunny Family (In Thanksgiving)
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chichester	8am		Marie Marguerite RIP
	Bosham	11am		Requiem: Jacques Davis RIP
	Chichester	12.15pm		Patrick Doocey RIP
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chichester	8am	✓	For the Holy Souls
	Witterings	10am		John Savage Roberts RIP (Pat Lynch)
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Francis Charles Smithson 'Granch' (Ray Witham)
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A</b>	Witterings	9am		Lucretia Breeze RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Breda and Seamus Moloney RIP (Eileen Killick)
	Selsey	11am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11.30am		Blessings on Millie for her 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (M&B Southward)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Jean Lynch RIP (Catherine Buttmer)

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Bosham</b>	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am	Tuesdays 9.25 – 10am
<b>Chichester</b>	Wed 10-11; 6-7; Sunday 7.15pm	Wednesday 8am-9pm
<b>Selsey</b>		Wednesdays 10.30-11.30
<b>Witterings</b>	Fridays 9.25 – 10am	Wednesdays 9-12

**Please pray for our sick parishioners:** Adrian Stringer, Agnes Martin, Brian Tyne, David Mortby, David White, Eamonn Hackett, Frank O'Donnell, Gerald McGregor, Gerry Beurgoynes, Jean Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Jill Serna, Joanne Donoghue, Hilary Huffell, Kay Howlett, Kinga Buckley, Magda and Carlo Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Mairad Hardy, Max Foreshew, Michael Burnford, Michael Cash, 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, Virginia Maxwell *Please let the office know of any changes*