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**A parish initiative for the New Year** *Joe Farrell PPC Member writes:*

We are called to change our way of life, "The urgent challenge to protect our common home, a concern to bring the catholic family together to seek sustainable development for a future rooted in the gift that God gave us to care for, Earth." Over the next few months, I would like to share a journey with one and all to make small changes to improve our ecology, to care for the environments that we call home.

We are blessed to live in such a biodiverse area, yet many of us watch the destruction which our individualistic society is having on these areas, especially that of sewage dumping. Our duty as stewards means we are called to care for our common shared home and nurture the wildlife to sustain it for generations to come. We are planning a three meetings where we will look at what we already do, as well as plan and implement new strategies to better sustain the beautiful area we call home.

Starting with discussions and videos unpacking ideas and motions presented by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we will explore how the smallest of changes can lead to the greatest of chances to restore and repair the environment we all share. We will then work with 'The Ecological Conversion Group', who will lead our second session, to find practical and sustainable ways to fulfil the needs that have been raised. Sharing years of expertise to help us start our journey on the right foot. The final session of our initial trilogy is open to the Cathedral deanery. We look at sharing what we have learned with our brothers and sisters across the local area. During this session, Co-Lead by 'The E.C.G' and myself, we aim to strengthen links between schools, parishes and churches in order to support one another the best we can, and to fulfil our God given role as Stewards of Creation. I must add that I am no expert on this topic, yet I am willing to learn and to develop strategies to aid our new parish in the forward journey of Ecological Conversion.

The three sessions are:

**Tues 10th Jan** St Richard's 7pm - Aims, strategies and implementation.

**Tues 7th Feb**, St Richard's 7pm - Expanding horizons as stewards.

**Tues 7th Mar** St Philip Howard School, Barnham, 7pm

These sessions are open to all. If you have even the smallest interest, please do come along. Any queries please contact Joe (joefazz99@gmail.com) or the Parish office



*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.*

## 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

## Supporting the Bereaved of our Parish

Thursday 12th January at 10.00am St Peter's church hall for interested parishioners from the 4 churches, setting up a bereavement support group. For queries or more details ring Erna 01243 672374

## Weekday Masses at St Richard's.

Due to the very cold weather, all weekday masses will be held in the lower parish room until further notice. The room will be heated with electric heaters. This does mean, however, that we will be unable to stream these masses.

## Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

### Wednesday 21st December: 7pm at St Richard's.

We are expecting to be joined by 7 priests of our deanery to help with the individual confessions.

If you find it hard to go to confession then this community celebration is for you.

Let us pray for each other and for our priests.

**Respite 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

**Tuesday Group, 10.30am, Bosham** (follows Adoration at 9.30am 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.

**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.

## The Event (for our older parishioners)

The Visiting Group is holding the next Event on Thursday 22nd December at Our Lady of The Assumption Bosham. Following the 12.15pm Mass there will be a Christmassy 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 - please join us.

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

## Selsey Adoration and confessions

Adoration and confessions will be held weekly at Selsey from 9.30 - 10am every Monday.

## 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. All the requests for help have come from our Catholic schools. 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

## A few admin things...

1. Next weekend there will be a 3 weekend newsletter—so please make sure you send to Amy all things to go into the newsletter.
2. The parish office will be closed from 24th Dec—9th January due to staff holidays
3. The new 2023 Diocesan directories are available. There should be some at the back of each of the churches at £5 each. There will be some spares in the parish office, if you can't get hold of a copy.

**All money from collections on Christmas Eve, Night & Christmas Day** go towards the annual income of Fr Tom and Fr David. All your donations can be gift aided using your usual envelopes or the bright yellow ones found at the back of the church. Many thanks for your generosity.

### St Richard's Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Apostolate is very firm in stressing that the weekly commitment of one hour's adoration should continue without interruption throughout the year. However, we know that a lot of people will be away for Christmas, which will affect 28th Dec and 4th Jan. Before we make any final decision, therefore, we ask all our adorers to please contact their co-ordinator to let them know whether they will be able to keep their pledge. Please note, however, that on Wednesday 28th Dec from 11am to 2pm there will be no adoration because of a long standing booking.

Kindly remember Lauren Phillips and Joseph Eaton who on this day will be celebrating their wedding at midday.

### St Richards Church Cleaning Monday 19th 10-12.

Thank you to those who came to clean the church last Monday, we are having another session this Monday. Please do come along if you can. Many hands make light work!

**Wine and nibbles (and soft drinks)** will be served in the lower parish room at St Richard's after the Mass of Christmas Night

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

**School** 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.

### The Crib Collections will be in aid of the Crisis fund for the Catholic Children's Society.

It provides immediate financial support for families facing a crisis in their lives. Parish Priests and Headteachers can apply to this fund on behalf of a family and we will respond within 24 hours. This support can make a huge difference to families in desperate situations when they have nowhere else to turn.

A huge thank you to all the people involved in the Table Top sale for Fr. Joe. Over the two weeks of the sale we managed to raise over £1,400 to support his work. His latest project is to support young people suffering from abuse and this is in addition to the work he does for deaf people and those affected by epilepsy.

### Sunday 18th December 2022 4th Sunday Advent

**First reading** Isaiah 7:10-14 ·

The maiden is with child

**Psalm** 23

Let the Lord enter! He is the King of glory

**Second reading** Romans 1:1-7 ·

Our apostolic mission is to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations

Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin with conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 1:18-24

How Jesus Christ came to be born

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

### 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	November 2022
<b>Cash/Cheques/Envelopes</b>	
Our Lady of the Assumption	£435
St Peter's	£925
St Richard's	£1,075
St Wilfrid's	£930
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	£7,445
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	£815
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,625</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£6,226</b>

In addition generous donations totalled £608 for the retired Priests' Fund, £354 for the Cathedral Maintenance Fund, £859 for Father Joe and £12.25 for the Education of Future Priests. Donations for Ukraine are still very welcome. Please continue where eligible, to gift aid your offertory and other contributions. Thank you all for your continuing generosity.

## Masses and services

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Francis Charles Smithson 'Granch' (Ray Witham)
<b>Sun 18th Dec</b> <b>4th 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 Buttimer)
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chichester	8am		Gina Poulter RIP
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		Maurice Chapman RIP (Marion and Will)
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chichester	8am		
	Bosham	10am		Giuseppa Scaffidi RIP
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Chichester	8am		Julia Outram Bull RIP
	Chichester	7pm		<b>Parish Advent Reconciliation Service</b>
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	11am		Michael Burnford RIP funeral Mass
	Bosham	12.15pm	The Event	The wellbeing of Joy Beacher (M&B Southward)
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Chichester	8am		
	Witterings	10am		Fred & Novelo Lock RIP
Sat 24 <sup>h</sup> Dec Christmas Eve	Chichester	8am		
	Bosham	5pm		Mass of Christmas Eve - Angels and Shepherds
	Selsey	5pm		Mass of Christmas Eve – Intentions of Luigi Scripariu and family
	Chichester	9.30pm	✓	Mass of Christmas Eve – Mark Lucas RIP
<b>Sun 25th Dec</b> <b>The Nativity of Our Lord</b>	Witterings	9am		Mass of Christmas Day - Bob & Peggy Steele RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Mass of Christmas Day – People of the Parish
	Selsey	11am		Mass of Christmas Day – Thomas Lott RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Mass of Christmas Day – Pat & Philip Griffin RIP

	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-6pm
<b>Selsey</b>	Mondays 9.30-10am	Mondays 9.30-10am
<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 Beurgoyne, 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*