

**Parish of Our Lady  
& the Saints of Sussex**  
22nd January 2023  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday is set aside in the Church's calendar as the Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis in his 2019 Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis*. Pope Francis wrote:

‘...At the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I proposed setting aside “a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people”. Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world...’

‘Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.’

Publication of the Letter coincided with the feast day of St Jerome, Father and Doctor of the Church, known for his bible translations and commentaries. It is St Jerome who emphasised the importance of scripture study, ‘Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ!’

There are many ways to access, study and reflect with the Scriptures. There are online courses, suggestions, podcasts and often programmes within the parish. If you would like advice on which bible to buy, for example which is good for children or which version does the Church use in its readings, please ask one of the clergy or a catechist. You can also visit the Repositories in our churches which offer a range of material. If you would like a free, albeit used, bible and / or catechism please contact me directly.

With prayers and best wishes for the week ahead,

Deacon Jon.

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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.*

### Catenians support the Parish Community Fund

Chichester Catenians continued their fundraising for the vital support provided by the Parish Community Fund with a raffle at a recent dinner. The event celebrated Chris Bleasdale's (Our Lady of the Assumption) 50 years as a Catenian and he was presented with a scroll by the National President in recognition. Chichester Circle were also pleased to welcome their fifth new member in 10 months. The raffle raised £475 on the night bringing the total raised so far to £1,854 for this charity which was chosen by the President Peter Taylor (St Peter's). The Catenians are an association of catholic men. For membership enquiries or further information, email: [chichester158@gmail.com](mailto:chichester158@gmail.com).

### Arundel and Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage:

We have pleasure of announcing that applications for the 2023 Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage are now open.

[www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns. We look forward to receiving your form.

**Marriage Week** celebrates the vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life and is an annual event encouraging couples to invest in their marriage and relationships. The dates this year are 7-14 February and the focus is on ensuring we look after our marriage. Perhaps you might want to organise something in our parish or just take some time together as a couple. Google "Marriage Week" for some helpful links and suggestions or look at the Diocesan website. [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) for further information.

### White Flower Appeal Next Weekend:

for the protection of the unborn child SPUC.

### The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the

**Temple.** In anticipation of this feast there will be a DVD presentation in the Hall after the 10am Mass next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. This is part of the series *Mary, a Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*. Everyone is very welcome so do come along.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following parishioners who have recently died: Michael Culver, Audrey Kelly, Isodoro Bisogni

St Wilfrid's Church Social  
Quiz Night with Wine and Cheese  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
& St Wilfrid Church  
12 Church Road, Selsey, PO20 0LS  
Saturday 28th January 2023 @ 7pm-9pm  
£5 Ticket includes a glass of wine and cheese  
Pay bar including wine, beer and soft drinks  
(BYOB corkage).  
A raffle will also be run on the night.  
Contact Karen Pirks to  
purchase tickets: 07824 376 760

A reminder that bookings are still open for the **Annual Justice and Peace Assembly - Hungry for Change** Saturday 28 January 2023 9.30-1.30pm being held at The Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP.

**St Richard's Church Car Park.** The Governors at St Richard's School and Managers at the Nursery have expressed their concern over the safety of our children coming to school through the car park. Recently there are many cars in transit in the car park at this time and this is a safety concern. The **church car park must not be used for school pick and drop off**, but for church use only.

### 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

### 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	December 2022
<b>Cash/Cheques/Envelopes</b>	
Our Lady of the Assumption	£322
St Peter's	£339
St Richard's	£1,034
St Wilfrid's	£403
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	£8,565
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	£504
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,167</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£11,793</b>

In addition, generous donations totalled £157 for the Retired Priests' Fund, £608 for Father Joe, £405 for Christmas Flowers, £201 for Families in Need and £240 in December for Crib donations for Crisis. 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.

## Sunday 22nd January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First reading** Isaiah 8:23-9:3

*In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light*

**Psalm** 26

The Lord is my light and my help

**Second reading** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 ·

*Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves*

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 4:12-23

*He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled*

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

**Heating update at St Richard's** On Monday, our Fabric team will be preparing the church for the imminent work: protecting and removing paintings, the organ and statues, for the work to start the week after. There is likely to be some disruption in the church for a few weeks whilst the work is being carried out.

## St Peter's, Tea, Chat, cake and Homemade soup

on First and Third Thursday of month from 10 am, all welcome, transport can be arranged. Next meetings on Thursday 2nd and 16th February. Contact Sylvie on 0794 8826339 for any Information.

**Jumble Sale at St Peter's** on Saturday 11th February at 2pm. Please contact Sylvie on 0794 8826339 regarding donations and any help on the day would be gratefully received.

## Our Parish and the Environment

The two more sessions are:

**Tues 7th Feb**, Session led by the Ecological Conversion Group St Richard's 7pm - Expanding horizons as stewards.

**Tues 7th Mar** St Philip Howard School, Barnham, open to the whole deanery 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](mailto:joefazz99@gmail.com))

## Adoration at St Richard's Chichester.

The work on the heating will cause some disruption. The clergy have decided to temporarily move all-day Adoration to Bosham for the 2-3 weeks that the work is going on, we believe this is due to start the week commencing 30th Jan but we will let you know. If you are able to offer a lift or require one, please contact your Coordinator.

## Men's Breakfast 8.00am Saturday 28 January 2023.

Chichester Park Hotel, Madgwick Lane, Westhampnett Road, Chichester PO19 7QL [Book breakfast in advance](#) The Rt Revd Nick Baines is the Bishop of Leeds, and was previously the Bishop of Bradford and the Bishop of Croydon. Nick has been a member of the House of Lords since 2014, leading on Europe, Russia, Sudan, security & intelligence. He has represented the Archbishop of Canterbury at international faith conferences and for 11 years was the English Co-chair of the Meissen Commission which develops relationships between the Church of England and the EKD (Protestant Church in Germany).

**St Peter's parishioners** If you have a standing order with the church and have not yet managed to change it over to the Saints of Sussex bank account could we ask that you do this as soon as possible. With many thanks.

**Can you help?** We are looking for parishioners experienced in applying for grants who might be able to offer the church some valuable help and advice. We are particularly looking for advice in how to find relevant grant bodies to apply to.

## 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.

## The next Coffee and Chat

Will be at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham, on Wednesday January 25th at 10.30am. All welcome to join us for a cup of tea/coffee, cake and friendly chat. Further details from Sally Morley 07901 993035

## Our Parish retreat in Lent this year ....

will be led by Canon Luke Smith, former Director of Spirituality at Wonersh and now is in charge of clergy welfare in the Archdiocese of Southwark. Make sure you note the date in your diary: Saturday 4th March, St Richard's Church, 10am Mass—3.30pm,

**Please pray for our sick parishioners:** Adrian Stringer, Agnes Martin, 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 Foresheew, Michael Cash, Nell Hassett, Nicola and Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Nicola & Rene Coutts, Patrick Hill, Paul Carney, Peter Habgood, Rita Rooke, Roz Davies, Susan Line, Valerie Davis-White, Virginia Maxwell *Please let the office know of any changes*

## Masses and services

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan <i>St Agnes</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in</b> <b>OT and Sunday</b> <b>of the Word of</b> <b>God</b>	Witterings	9am		
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Josie de Montfort RIP (Marion and Will)
	Selsey	11am		Tom Lott RIP and the comfort of Annee and Family
	Bosham	11.30am		Kieran Strudwick RIP (Kate and Stephen)
	Chichester	6.30pm		
Mon 23 <sup>h</sup> Jan	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	12.15		Dennis Chiles RIP
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Bosham	10am		Walter Hoppe RIP
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan <i>The Conversion</i> <i>of St Paul</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	7pm		
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan <i>SS Timothy and</i> <i>Titus</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		Billy Walsh RIP (Eileen Ormonde)
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Chichester	8am		
	Witterings	10am		Jim Leigh RIP
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan <i>St Thomas</i> <i>Aquinas</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	
<b>Sun 29th Jan</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in</b> <b>OT</b>	Witterings	9am		Frank Gallagher RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	The intentions of Kay Howlett & Family
	Selsey	11am		Peter Aldous RIP & intentions of his daughters
	Bosham	11.30am		Health and wellbeing of Burt Bamber (M Holmes)
	Chichester	6.30pm		People of the Parish

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Bosham</b>	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am
<b>Chichester</b>	Wed 10-11; Sat 6.45pm; Sunday 7.15pm	Wednesday 8am-9pm
<b>Selsey</b>	Mondays 9.30-10am	Mondays 9.30-10am
<b>Witterings</b>	Fridays 9.30 – 10am	Wednesdays 9-12