

# Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

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First Sunday of Lent



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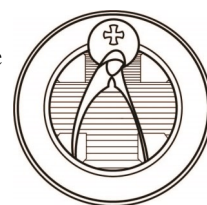
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Original sin has an image problem! However, one of the most powerful moments in the Rite of Baptism is the setting free of the candidate from that burden and returning the keys to the Garden of Eden lost by our first parents.



Keys are an important part of our lives. These days, of course, you can open your doors with a security fob or even from an app on your phone. The keys of the Garden of Eden are unlocked by love, the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, his rising from the dead. We can lose sight of that love in so many ways. Lent is a time to seek our way out of the wilderness, to restore the keys to a place of importance, to rescue them from the spiritual back of the sofa, or from the laundry basket. One powerful way we can do this is to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. It literally resets the clock back to that moment of our baptism. Like original sin, or anything sinful, it has an image problem. We live in a world that doesn't do sin very much. We talk about values, about feelings and rights, but not so much about sin. Sin fractures those very values, those feelings and rights, because it replaces the egalitarian with the selfishness of the individual, i.e., it felt good so I did it. The Sacrament of Reconciliation also has an image problem because, for many of us, myself included, we may have had negative experiences of the sacrament in the past. In our parish, Fr Tom and I are available for Confessions in each of our four churches at the following times:

**At Chichester:** Straight after Sat 6pm Vigil Mass and Sunday 6.30pm Mass; and on Wednesdays, during All-Day Adoration 10-11am, 6-6.50pm

**At Bosham:** Tuesday 9.30am - before 10am Mass

**At Selsey:** Wednesday 9.30am - before 10am Mass

**At East Wittering:** Friday 9.30am - before 10am Mass  
Also, when time permits; half an hour before the Sunday Masses in East Wittering, Selsey and Bosham. Also, by appointment during the week.

Don't be afraid! We don't bite! The readings for this Sunday are all about the power of grace and it's triumph over sin. Jesus offers us a way out of the wilderness by undergoing the wilderness himself. Sin is real. God's love is greater!  
Quod demonstrandum!

Fr David

## Sunday 26th February 1st Sunday of Lent

**First reading** Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

*The Creation, and the sin of our first parents*

**Psalm 50**

*Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned*

**Second reading** Romans 5:12, 17-19

*However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater*

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on the every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

**Gospel** Matthew 4: 1-11

*The temptation in the wilderness*

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

## Parish Pilgrimage to Canterbury

Our Parish Pilgrimage will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The coach departs from St Richard's Church at 8am and returns at approx. 6.30pm (some car parking available at the church during the day). There are still a few places left. Fr David will be accompanying us on the day. Highlights will be a visit to the shrines of Thomas Becket and Thomas More, Mass, prayers and Adoration. Bring a packed lunch. The cost of the coach fare is £20 per person.

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7pm at Bosham and Mondays 10am at Selsey

**World Day of Prayer** Friday March 3rd has been prepared by the women of Taiwan.

- **Selsey service** at 2.30 pm at St Peter's C of E Church, corner High Street and St Peter's Crescent, Selsey.
- **Witterings service** is held at 2.00pm. Hosted by St Peter and St Paul church West Wittering. All welcome, followed by afternoon tea in the Church Room.
- **Chichester service** will be held at Christchurch, Old Market Avenue Chichester. Soup lunch at 12.30 Service at 2pm. followed by refreshments
- **Bosham service** will be at the earlier time of 1.30pm following the Lent Lunch.

## CAFOD's free online Lent calendar 2023.

Daily emails with prayers and reflections throughout Lent.  
<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>

## Next week Wednesday All-day Adoration

will be at Our Lady of Assumption from 10-4pm, and then will be held at St Richard's from 6pm, during confessions, until the 7pm Mass (No adoration after Mass)

## World Youth Day 31st July—7th August

Aged between 18-25? Pope Francis invites you to join him with young Catholics from all over the world in Lisbon, Portugal. Our hope is that as many as five young parishioners will accompany Fr David. Please note that, thanks to a very generous parishioner, the costs will be minimal. The closing date is 31st March, therefore you need to contact the parish office as soon as possible.

## Our Lent Day of Recollection

**Next Saturday 4th March, St Richard's**

(parking will be available)

The day will start with Mass at 10am. Both the talks and refreshments will be held in the lower parish room.

Canon Luke Smith, former Director of Spirituality at Womersley, will lead our day.

Tea and coffee will be served.

Please bring your own sandwich lunch.

The day will finish at 3pm after Adoration.

**Lent Group held in Chichester** Join our Scripture / faith sharing small group starting on Thurs 23rd Feb in the Upper Parish room at 7pm. Reflecting on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday and praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us in our discussions.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal** CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools to fight the climate crisis. Envelopes in all churches or give online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](https://cafod.org.uk/lent). Family Fast Day Friday 3rd March.

## Lent Prayer Group held in Bosham

Two Lent groups using material on characters from the Old Testament. Fridays at 11 am at Our Lady, starting Feb 24. contact Sally Morley [sally\\_morley@hotmail.com](mailto:sally_morley@hotmail.com).

Wednesdays at 7.30pm starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. contact Trish Boissevain, ([trish@boissevain.com](mailto:trish@boissevain.com))

**Teams of Our Lady** is an international Christian lay movement that works to enrich married life for couples. Teams of Our Lady is open to all couples who wish to develop their sacramental married spirituality, providing new opportunities to increase and improve prayer life, helping couples support each other and grow closer to God. As Team members we come together once a month, to share our prayers, scripture reading; discussion on a topical or spiritual subject, and to focus on a number of endeavours, always in the setting of a simple shared meal. To find out more please have a look at the Teams website: <https://www.teamsgb.org.uk> or contact Maria Ellis via email: [mariatellis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mariatellis@hotmail.co.uk)

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

### Our Parish Reconciliation Service for Lent

this year will be on **Wednesday 29th March at 7pm**. It will be held at St Richards Church, Chichester, with 7 priests available for confessions.

**Lent Lunches**, Our Lady of the Assumption starts on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 12 – 1.30pm for the six Fridays of Lent. Homemade soup, bread and cheese. A donation of £5 is suggested proceeds going to The FoodBank.

**PCF Easter appeal** - For the last 3 years we as a parish have supported different families, with children at our schools, who are struggling due to challenging financial circumstances. The support is in the form of supermarket vouchers and/or food hampers, which is greatly appreciated, especially as everyday prices continue to rise. We are hoping to continue with this initiative in offering some support again this Easter, but this is reliant on your generosity. If you are able to contribute in any way please do so by Name: Saints of Sussex, Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 41076582, Reference: PCF Easter, or via cheque to Saints of Sussex (in a marked envelope)

**Interested in visiting the sick and housebound in our parish?** Your befriending and contact can make an enormous difference. The Parish Visiting and Support Group, also organize the monthly gathering: The Event, for seniors, in Bosham. If you would like to get involved. Contact: Tel. 01243 788158 or email [bullenc47@gmail.com](mailto:bullenc47@gmail.com)

### CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD (along with their other DEC partners) are responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Let us pray for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. For more details visit [CAFOD](http://CAFOD)

### 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)**

In additions generous donations totalled £40 for CAFOD, £827 for Crisis (Crib), £431 for Pax Christi, £157 for Father Joe, £410 for S.P.U.C. and £1375 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.

**Private Prayer - Selsey** The church in Selsey will be open for private prayer from 9.30 - 10.30 on a Monday. During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 10.

**Tuesday Group, 10.30am, Bosham** (follows the 10am Mass). Come and listen to Fr Max's fascinating (recorded) discussion on the challenge to finding vocations in Europe today. Join us for chat and coffee.

### Our Parish and the Environment

**Tues 7th Mar** St Philip Howard School, Barnham, open to the whole deanery 7pm. We ask you to make a special effort to support this event whether or not you have been able to attend our 2 recent parish meetings. contact Joe ([joefazz99@gmail.com](mailto:joefazz99@gmail.com))

### Spring Fair- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March (10-1)

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid's Church, Church Road, Selsey. Stalls will include: books, bakes, tombola's (chocolate, gifts and bottles), raffle, toys, plants. Refreshments (inc hot cross buns) available. Any donations of bottles, chocolates, toiletries, books and raffle prizes would be welcome. Please leave in the entrance to the church. Thankyou.

**Date for your diaries: Coronation Big Lunch** Join parishioners, neighbours and friends at St Richard's School for a Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7 May at 1pm. Details to follow!

**Many thanks** to all who helped and who contributed to the St Peters jumble sale. £600 was raised and all proceeds go to the Earthquake Appeal. A magnificent effort.

**Please do remember that no flowers are permitted in the church during Lent. Thank you.**

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

Offertory	January 2023
<b>Cash/Cheques/Envelopes</b>	
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	£4,963
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	£6,561
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	£932
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,456</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£1,415</b>

**Masses and services**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>online</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Sat 25th Feb	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Tim Knight-Bernard RIP (Martin and Mary )
<b>Sun 26th Feb</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Witterings	9am		
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Billy Walsh RIP
	Selsey	11am		Karen's Father RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Csilla Szucs-Cevese RIP (Kinga)
	Chichester	6.30pm		People of the Parish
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		Dennis Chiles RIP
Tue 28th Feb	Chichester	8am		Dolores Leigh RIP
	Bosham	10am		
	Selsey	10.30am		Funeral Service Anne Masterson
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar St David	Chichester	8am		
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	7pm		
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		In Thanksgiving
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Chichester	8am		
	Witterings	10am		
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Chichester	<b>10am</b>		Day of Recollection 10-3pm
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Christians in the Holy Land
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i>	Witterings	9am		Deceased Knights of Co 546 (Knights of St Columba)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Anurika Fernando RIP
	Selsey	11am		Anne Masterson RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Pat Kennedy RIP (Kate & Stephen)
	Chichester	6.30pm		People of the Parish

	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Bosham</b>	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am;	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am, Wed 10-4pm
<b>Chichester</b>	Sat after 6pm Mass; Sunday after the 6.30pm Mass Wed 6-6.45pm	This week Wednesday Adoration is transferred to Bosham (see above) and back in St Richard's on Wednesday 6-6.45pm (during confessions)
<b>Selsey</b>	Wednesdays 9.30-10am	Wednesdays 9.30-10am
<b>Witterings</b>	Fridays 9.30 – 10am	Wednesdays 9-12