

Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

We often hear it said 'What beautiful countryside!'

'How fortunate we are to live here'. Yes, we are most fortunate. However, there can be a real danger, of insulating ourselves from the rest of the world, particularly those countries currently affected most by global warming; droughts; forest fires; hurricanes; rising sea levels and flooding.

The world is indebted to Pope Francis, for his timely encyclical, *Laudato Si* (2015) on 'Care for our Common Home'. We must also acknowledge the contribution of the media in keeping us informed of the effects of climate change.

There seems to be at least 3 things we can all do:

1. Be acquainted with the facts
2. Put pressure on our politicians and civil authorities to take action
3. Make our own personal response to avoid waste, save on fuel etc.

Here a note of caution; our actions can be misinterpreted: a nephew of mine recently told me of his friend's father, a lecturer in ecology, who thought he would save on electricity by using a torch in his home. On the very first night (I think) he had a call from the police: who had been alerted by a neighbour that there were burglars in his house!

Next Tuesday 7th March (7-9pm) at St Philip Howard School Barnham PO22 0EN, John de Quay, our diocesan representative, will be presenting an evening entitled 'Let us Dream' on how our communities can come together to stop climate change protect nature and support people. (see posters) I'm sure you agree it would be a poor reflection on our deanery if we are not well represented. God bless you

Fr Tom



Sunday 5th March, Second Sunday of Lent

First reading Genesis 12:1-4

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.

Psalm 32

May your love be upon us, o Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God calls and enlightens us

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Intercessions: www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions

Parish Pilgrimage to Canterbury

Our Parish Pilgrimage will take place on March 31st. 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.

Mary, A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother

continues with the DVD presentation 'Mary at the Foot of the Cross' on Friday 17th March. This will follow the 10 am Mass in St Peter's hall. Tea and Coffee will be available so do come along. Everyone is very welcome.

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 10.30am in East Wittering & 7pm at Bosham and Mondays 10am at Selsey

Lent Group held in Chichester Join our Scripture / faith every Thursday in Lent 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.

Lent Prayer Group held in Bosham

Two Lent groups using material on characters from the Old Testament. Fridays at 11 am at Our Lady contact Sally Morley morley@hotmail.com. Wednesdays at 7.30pm contact Trish Boissevain, (trish@boissevain.com)

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, with confessions, until the 7pm Mass (No adoration after Mass until the heating is restored)

Deanery Newsletter out this weekend. Please look out for your copy of the new deanery newsletter summarising the Bishop's Plan and the challenges for us all in our deanery in the coming years.

First Saturday Social This weekend after the 6pm it is the first Saturday social. During lent we would ask for donations of soft drinks and nibbles only. Everyone welcome.

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, 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*

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal



The second collection this weekend is for last Friday's Family Fast Day.

You can use the CAFOD envelope to Gift Aid your donation, which boosts your donation by 25 per cent. The QR code on the envelope is also an easy way to jump to the CAFOD website to donate online and find out more about Dristy's story.

Thank you for all your support, for your generosity and your prayers.

Parish Hall at St Peter's, East Wittering

The parish hall at St Peter's is well used by both parishioners and by local community groups. For those unfamiliar with St Peter's, our church sits on a large plot of land and a large car park. The eastern end of the parish hall building is nearing the end of its life, as the roof is sagging and the walls are starting to bow. Fortunately, we have secured a significant grant from Chichester District Council, and an offer of a contribution from a local charity, the Woodger Trust. In view of this, and the need to rebuild the hall in the not too distant future, the Parish Finance Team and Parish Council have decided it is too good an opportunity to pass up. They have made the decision, therefore, to commit to extending the parish hall. Over the coming months we will give you more details as they become available.

Altar Servers meeting,

21st March, 6:30pm, Upper Parish Room - This meeting is a training based evening focused on regular aspects of serving as well as the Easter Triduum. It is for all people who either serve already or would be interested in serving in the future. Any queries please contact one of the Serving leaders

There will be no midday mass this Thursday at St Richard's—due to a clergy retreat at Worth Abbey

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Nicola Nageon D'Lestang RIP, we pray also for her husband Anthony. We also remember Virginia Arendt and her husband Jonathan and family.

Spring Fair- Saturday 25th 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.

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 every Friday in Lent 12 – 1.30pm Homemade soup, bread and cheese. Suggested donation of £5 proceeds to The FoodBank.

St Peter's St Patrick's night shared supper, bring a dish to share and your own drinks. Come and share a fun night of music, quiz and raffle starts at 7 on Friday 17th March all welcome .contact Sylvie on 07948826339

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. <https://www.teamsgb.org.uk> or contact Maria Ellis via email: mariatellis@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesday Group, 10.45am, Bosham (follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Join us as for discussion over a cuppa as we listen to Bishop Barron's homilies for the Sundays of Lent – this week: The Transfiguration.

Deanery Ecology Meeting SPH

Tuesday 7th March we will have an Ecology meeting for the deanery held at St Philip Howard School Chapel, P022 0EN. The event will be run by The Ecological Conversion Group focused on Community conversion and the Journey to 2030. Apologies from Joe for any confusion through previous advertising and notices

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)

CAFOD's free online Lent calendar 2023.

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

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!

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

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

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

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.

Masses and services				
Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 4 th Mar	Chichester	10am		Day of Recollection 10-3pm (for the Holy Souls)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Christians in the Holy Land
Sun 5th Mar 2nd Sunday of Lent <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
Mon 6 th Mar	Chichester	8am		Padraig Coyne RIP
	Chichester	12.15pm		Michael Johnson RIP
Tue 7 th Mar	Chichester	8am		
	Bosham	10am		Nicola Nageon D'Lestang RIP
Wed 8 th Mar	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls
	Selsey	10am		Nell Collins RIP
	Chichester	7pm		
Thur 9 th Mar	Chichester	8am		
				NO MIDDAY MASS Clergy Day -Worth Abbey
Fri 10 th Mar	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls
	Witterings	10am		Bernard Brown RIP (Geoff & Gill Breeze)
Sat 11 th Mar	Chichester	8am		Winnie Coyne RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Marion RIP (Helen Loftus)
Sun 12th Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent	Witterings	9am		Don Carver RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Tommy and Tess Masterson RIP (Maura Doocey)
	Selsey	11am		Nell Collins RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Csilla Szucs-Cevese RIP (Kinga)
	Chichester	6.30pm		People of the Parish

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am;	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am, Wed 10-4pm
Chichester	Sat after 6pm Mass; Sunday after the 6.30pm Mass Wed 6-6.45pm	This week Wednesday Adoration will be in Bosham until 4pm and at St Richard's on Wednesday 6-6.45pm (during confessions)
Selsey	Wednesdays 9.30-10am	Wednesdays 9.30-10am
Witterings	Fridays 9.30 – 10am	Wednesdays 9-12