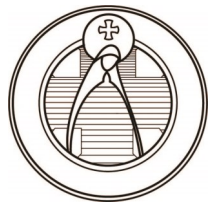


# Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

12th March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The readings for this Sunday centre around the themes of water and life, helping us to reflect on our true desires. In our first reading, as they thirst in the desert, the chosen people of Israel begin to lose their trust in God. God responds to Moses's urgent cry for help by providing water from a rock, thus satisfying their thirst. The Psalmist responds by imploring us to listen to and trust in the Lord. Whilst joyfully singing our thanks to God, the source of all life, we are called to soften our hearts for God's love to flow through.

In the long Gospel, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. He brings her to new life by showing her respect and compassion. Jesus invites her to trust in him and drink from the 'living water' that only he can give her, revealing himself as the Messiah. She responds by rushing back to her hometown: a new disciple excitedly sharing Jesus's message.

The Second Reading reminds us how great is the depth of God's unconditional love for us: though sinners, we are forgiven. The 'living water' promised in the Gospel is God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us at our baptism. Our faith in Jesus quenches our thirst and brings us hope.

During Lent, let us pray that in listening and responding with open hands and hearts to Jesus's invitation to draw and drink deeply from his well of 'living water', we may see ourselves and each other through eyes of love.

With prayers and best wishes for the week ahead,  
Deacon Jon

## Sunday 12th March, Third Sunday of Lent

**First reading** Exodus 17:3-7

*Strike the rock, and water will flow from it.*

**Psalm 94**

*O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

**Second reading** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts*

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory and praise to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

**Gospel** John 4:5-42

*A spring of water welling up to eternal life*



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This year, the **Sacred Paschal Triduum** will be celebrated in **two of our parish's churches: St Richard's, Chichester**

**Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham.**

All parishioners are invited to participate in the Triduum at either church.

**Holy Thursday, 6 April, 8pm**

**Good Friday, 7 April, 3pm**

**Holy Saturday, 8 April, 8pm**

On Easter Sunday, Mass will be celebrated at the normal Sunday Mass times but there will be no 6.30pm Sunday Mass at St Richard's

Readers, welcomers, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, sacristans and singers: if you are able to serve at either church, please sign up via the parish website or on the forms in the sacristy at St Richard's or the narthex for Our Lady of the Assumption, or contact the Parish Office.

With many thanks

### **Mary, A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother**

continues Friday after the 10am Mass in St Peter's. 'Mary at the Foot of the Cross'. Tea and coffee will be available

**Lent Group held in Chichester** Every Thursday in the Upper Parish room at 7pm.

**Lent Prayer Group held in Bosham** Fridays at 11 am at Our Lady . Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity

**Bosham Palm Sunday Procession** The ecumenical Palm Sunday procession in Bosham on April 2<sup>nd</sup> will commence at 10 am from Our Lady's, walking to the harbour and back. On return to the church, coffee & tea will be available for those participating. Mass will follow, as normal, at 11.30 am. (Please see back page for item on Eucharistic Fast. )

**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 14 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 at 10.30am in East Wittering & 7pm at Bosham and Mondays 10am at Selsey

**Kay Howlett RIP** We mourn the loss of a much loved parishioner of St Richard's very active in her day. Details of the funeral to follow.

**Wednesday All-day Adoration** will again this week be at Our Lady, Bosham 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)

### **The Parish Bereavement Group**

A mass for the recently bereaved will be held at St Peter's at the Friday 10am Mass on 24th March. This will be the first of the masses held at our churches throughout the year. In addition to the annual Mass for the bereaved held in November. There will be refreshments afterwards in the hall, and an opportunity to talk with members of the Bereavement Group.

**Altar Servers meeting** 21st March, 6:30pm, Upper Parish Room - This meeting will provide training 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 senior servers.

**Chichester Hot Cross Buns Distribution** volunteers are requested to hand out hot cross buns on Good Friday at the Market Cross in Chichester. Contact the Parish office.

**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.

**Please pray for our sick parishioners:** Adrian Stringer, Agnes Martin, Bob Carlisle, 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, Sean Ahern, Susan Line, Suzie Walker, Valerie Davis-White, Virginia Maxwell *Please let the office know of any changes*

**Our Parish Reconciliation Service for this Lent** will be on **Wednesday 29th March at 7pm**. It will be held at St Richards Church, Chichester. We are expecting 7 for confessions.

**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.

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

**For the diary! Open Garden Black Sheep Barn**  
Jim Buckland and his wife Sarah, former Head Gardeners at West Dean Gardens, are generously opening their garden and allotments in Boxgrove, as a fundraiser for the Parish. On Sunday 4th June, 11am-5pm. Parking will be in the village car park which is a five minute walk equidistant from both the garden and allotments. Details to follow nearer the date

**Talk for Young Adults.**  
Dominican Brother Thomas Mannion will be joining our Young Adults group online on Monday 20 March at 7.30pm to talk to the community about Ecclesiology: Why is Christian Fellowship so important? Contact E: [liz-zie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liz-zie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) to find out how to join this engaging and interactive session.

**St Peter's Missio Red Boxes.** Please bring your red boxes in for counting, and give them to Gill Breeze.

**Selsey Fabric Representative** We are looking for a volunteer to oversee the buildings and maintenance at St Wilfrid's, Selsey. The role will mean liaising with the stewardship group over jobs that need doing, working with volunteers and contractors to ensure the buildings are well maintained, and liaising with the Parish Finance Committee in order to budget for projects that need doing. If you might be able to consider taking on this important role please speak with Ian Purse at Selsey, or with Amy Owen at the parish office for more information. Many thanks

**The Next Event** is on Thursday March 16th at Our Lady, Bosham. Following 12.15pm Mass there will be a lunch of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cake, tea/coffee. A charge of £3 is asked for to cover the cost of food and includes one complimentary raffle ticket. This month, Rich Moorey will present 'part 2' of his talk on the subject of 'Fraud and Scams' which proved most helpful and informative. This is an opportunity to learn about the regrettable schemes and deception used to cheat people out of money or extract personal information either over the telephone or mail. Everyone welcome. Please call for a lift 07941-949760

**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 bulge. Fortunately, we have secured a significant grant from Chichester District Council, with substantial support 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 given their approval to go ahead with the parish hall. More 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](http://www)**

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

Offertory	February 2023
<b>Cash/Cheques/Envelopes</b>	
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	£4,663
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	£6,575
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	£932
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,456</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£4,182</b>

In addition, generous donations totalled £884 for the Lourdes, Diocesan Pilgrimage, £35 for CAFOD, £73 for Crisis (Crib), £32 for the Education of Future Priests and £40 for S.P.U.C. 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 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Chichester	8am		Winnie Coyne RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Marion RIP (Helen Loftus)
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> 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
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		Jeanette Boyce RIP and for the intentions of her family Evelyn and Danny Boyce
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Chichester	8am		
	Bosham	10am		
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Chichester	8am		
	Selsey	10am		Karen's father RIP and for the comfort of her family
	Chichester	7pm		Martina De Costa RIP
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Chichester	8am		
	<b>BOSHAM</b>	<b>12.15</b>		<b>THE EVENT</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar <b>St Patrick</b>	Chichester	8am		Breda and Seamus Moloney RIP
	Witterings	10am		Veronica Brown RIP (Gill & Geoff Breeze)
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls (Jan Edwards)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Maureen and Michael Buck RIP
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> 4th Sunday of Lent <i>Lætare Sunday</i>	Witterings	9am		For the intentions of Josliya Mathew
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Wellbeing of Gerard Courtenay (Mary Kelly)
	Selsey	11am		Nell Collins RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Kay Kennedy RIP (Stephen and Kate Phillips)
	Chichester	6.30pm		People of the Parish

NB The Solemnity of St Joseph is transferred to the 20th March

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<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 will continue in Bosham until 4pm and at St Richard's 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

### Details on the Eucharistic Fast – For your information

Canon 919.

§1. A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine.

§2. A priest who celebrates the Most Holy Eucharist two or three times on the same day can take something before the second or third celebration even if there is less than one hour between them.

§3. The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.