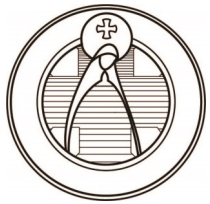


Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday



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Many excellent charities are working to combat sight loss or to assist those living with that loss. Whether it's in the developing world or at home, they make a difference in so many ways. For example, if you look at the website for Sight Savers you will see that they 'work in more than 30 countries to prevent avoidable blindness and fight for the rights of people with disabilities'. 'Avoidable blindness.' Those words struck me powerfully. It's disturbing and sad to think there are parts of the world where people are avoidably blind. The gift of sight is so precious.

The Gospel this Sunday tells the story of the man born blind. It is a tale of two parts. Firstly, it recounts the physical healing of the man. Secondly, it exposes a different kind of blindness, that of the Pharisees who are spiritually blind. They cannot accept that Jesus is the Messiah, even when the evidence is right in front of them. They can only think that this man is an imposter, a liar, and a sinner as they describe him. They will expel and cast out anyone who dares to think otherwise. This Sunday is also Laetare Sunday when we have a lighter mood and lighter-coloured vestments. Laetare is a Latin word that means rejoice. It's a little bit of a breather on our Lenten journey so that we can journey to our destination of Easter Sunday with renewed purpose. The psalm paints a picture of verdant pastures and banquets. With this in mind, the Gospel seems incongruous. However, it reminds us that when we confront our spiritual blindness, it is always a cause for rejoicing, 'anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light.'

Fr David

Sunday 19th March, Fourth Sunday of Lent

First reading 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7, 10-13

David is anointed by Samuel.

Psalm 22

The lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Anything exposed by the light will turn into light

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel John 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

Intercessions: www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions

This year, the **Sacred Paschal Triduum** will be celebrated **in two of our parish churches**

1. **St Richard's, Chichester**
2. **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 excepting no 6.30pm Sunday Mass at St Richard's.

Thank you to those who have signed up for the ministries at our churches.

Due to delays Wednesday All-day Adoration will again 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. We are most grateful for your cooperation.

Mary, A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother

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

St. Peter's on Easter Sunday. The children will be taking an active part in the Mass on Easter Sunday. After Mass there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Cross Buns in the hall. Please see Christine Barton 07763337665 if you would like your children to be involved.

Our Parish Reconciliation Service will be on **Wednesday 29th March at 7pm** at St Richards Church. We are expecting 7 priests to help with confessions.

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 anyone who either serves already or would be interested in serving in the future. Any queries please contact one of the senior servers.

Bosham Coffee and Chat. Change of Venue We hope this will again be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham, as adoration will be happening at Our Lady of the Assumption. Usual time of 10.30 - 11.30 but please email or call Sally Morley if you are coming.
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Parish Pilgrimage to Canterbury Friday 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 8 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 the Witterings, 7pm at Bosham and Selsey on Mondays 10am

Kay Howlett RIP Her requiem mass will be held at St Richard's on Tuesday 4th April at 12 noon.

Palm Sunday Procession 2nd April

Bosham The ecumenical Palm Sunday procession in Bosham 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.

Chichester 9.30am Sunday Mass Procession - We will gather on the St Richard's School Playground for the blessing of palms before processing back to the Church for the start of Mass.

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 theme of Light.

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 in our churches other than the annual Mass in November. There will be refreshments afterwards in the hall, and an opportunity to talk with members of the Bereavement Group.

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.

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

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*

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.

Jumble Sale at St Peter's on Saturday 1st April at 2pm donations welcomed and help also. Contact Sylvie for any information on 07948826339.

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. 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 cheque to Saints of Sussex (marked envelope) With our sincere thanks.

We have just received a **new appeal from Caritas to support our Ukrainian brothers and sisters**. Caritas Social Action Network are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

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

Celebration of Corpus Christi (150th anniversary of the Cathedral)

This feast, which we mark with a carpet of flowers, Mass and the Eucharistic procession to the Castle has been taking place in the Church since the Church opened. Preparations begin on **Sunday 4th June** and the Cathedral will be open to the public to view the carpet on **Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th June**, finishing with the Mass and the procession to the Castle. This is a large event to put on for our small Parish, **would you be prepared to volunteer** your time and skills to help with the tasks involved: stewarding, catering, shop, preparing and laying the carpet of flowers, clearing up! If you can help, come to a briefing (with refreshments) on **Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Please let Louise at the Cathedral Office (arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or 01903 882297) know if you can attend and if possible which area of work you might like to be involved with. Bring a friend!

Heating Total Update Work is coming near to completion on the heating project (not a moment too soon) and our fundraising in February edged us closer to the funds required for the project. In February 2023 your generous donations totalled £8,712 and took the cumulative total to £117,048. We thank you all for your continuing generous support for this project.

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

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

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

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 18 th Mar	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls (Jan Edwards)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Maureen and Michael Buck RIP
Sun 19th Mar 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
Mon 20 th Mar St Joseph <i>Solemnity</i>	Chichester	8am		Josephine & Eamonn McQuillan RIP (Sharon Masters)
	Chichester	12.15pm		Health and Wellbeing of Chloe Shrubbs (Mary Kelly)
Tue 21st Mar	Chichester	8am		Kay Howlett RIP (Mary and Martin Downy)
	Bosham	10am		Ellie, Sue and Johnnie Maxwell RIP
Wed 22 nd Mar	Chichester	8am		In Thanksgiving (Emiteria Cauzerin)
	Selsey	10am		Alice Poppy RIP
	Chichester	7pm		Kay Howlett RIP (Marion and Will)
Thur 23rd Mar	Chichester	8am		
	Chichester	12.15		Deceased members of the Doocey & Sharkey Families
Fri 24 th Mar	Chichester	8am		In Thanksgiving
	Witterings	10am		Ellen Brown RIP
Sat 25 th Mar The Annunciation of the Lord <i>Solemnity</i>	Chichester	8am		Peter Griffin RIP (Jane Isted)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Rosa Bushell RIP (Tony and Sandra)
Sun 26th Mar 5th Sunday of Lent	Witterings	9am		Peter Jolly RIP (Linda Jolly)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Health and wellbeing of Katie Shrubbs (Mary Kelly)
	Selsey	11am		Desmond and Josephine Kelly RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Csilla Szucs-Cevese RIP (Kinga Buckley)
	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 continue in Bosham 10am-4pm and at St Richard's 6-6.45pm (during confessions)
Selsey	Wednesdays 9.30-10am	Wednesdays 9.30-10am
Witterings	Fridays 9.30 – 10am	Wednesdays 9-12