



Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

4th Sunday of Easter
30th April 2023

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Over thirty years ago, as a seminarian, I was invited to take part in a vocations workshop. The brief was to share with the potential candidates taking part what a day in the life of a student for the priesthood was like. The priest leading the workshop was Father Noel Mullin. I had known him as a child, when he was chaplain to the school my mother was teaching in. He was a warm and approachable character, and a good pick to be a vocations director. What has stayed with me from that workshop is Father Noel talking about the fear of commitment in the modern world. He said this wasn't just the case for those considering a priestly vocation, but those preparing for marriage and even in the world of work. There was a general reluctance to commit oneself to anything for fear of being fenced in, stymied in some way. There was a sense that commitment was crushing, an instrument in which you lost yourself, gave up your freedom and became less than you could be or might have been. The words of the old Cole and Fletcher number come to mind:

*Let me be by myself in the evenin' breeze
And listen to the murmur of the cottonwood trees
Send me off forever but I ask you please
Don't fence me in*

While admirable and aspirational in some respects, the difficulty with that philosophy is that, in not wanting to be fenced in, you can fence everyone else out. In the Christian context, it presents a huge set of difficulties as the Christian Way is predicated on selflessness. A selfish Christian is a counter-sign and a contradiction. If Christians are not willing to embrace a vocational core of service and abandonment in their lives, they are hallowed out, and certainly not an inspiration and a light to the world. If this selfish world view was a worry over thirty years ago when I attended that vocations workshop, it is even more so now in the world of social media, the age of narcissism. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray in a particular way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Lord, send us people of courage who are not afraid to explore the path of commitment, who have selfless hearts and family and friends who are selfless enough to encourage them. It is then we can dream of the harvest in abundance.

Fr David

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First reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made him both Lord and Christ

Psalm 22 *The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want*

Second reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold

Intercessions: www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions

Parish Celebrations for the Coronation Weekend

Come and join in the celebrations for the King's Coronation on **Sunday 7 May**, with our own Big Lunch in the grounds of St.



Richard's School. Bring a picnic : plate of food to share (suggestion, even numbered houses, savoury and odd numbered, a dessert) and any particular drink you want. Soft drinks, tea and coffee provided. There'll be fun and games too with prizes for the Best Dressed Monarch and Best Home Made Crown, activities for all and maybe more than one King for the Day.

Gates open at 12.30 and Lunch from 1.00 pm.

Please bring your own chairs/ rugs/ plates etc if at all possible. Everyone welcome. Come and have fun with your fellow parishioners.

Second collection this week: Education of Future Priests (your donation can be gift aided using your normal envelopes / gift aid numbers)

A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother will continue on Friday 12th May with the last Presentation in this series: *Mary Crowned in Glory*. It will follow the 10am Mass at St Peters. Tea and Coffee will be available and everyone is very welcome to come along.

Planning your funeral forms

A reminder that 'Planning your Funeral Forms' are available in each of the churches or on the website www.saintsofsussex.com/funerals Leaving your funeral wishes gives peace of mind not only to you but to your family and friends as well. The bereavement support group is happy to help filling in the forms. Once the forms have been filled in, the parish office can safely store these for when they are needed.

Advance Notice

Holy Communion under both kinds. We plan to restore this practice in all our churches on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 11th June, when our extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will be recommissioned

A month of Prayer for Vocations

This Good Shepherd Sunday in his address Bishop Richard asks us to join him in prayer this month of May for vocations in our parish which as you know is the intention of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration. To pray for discernment and for us to listen to the Lord's call. Please pick up a leaflet found at the back of each of our churches.

Children's Liturgy St Richard's thisWeekend

(30th April - 9.30 Mass) There will be a children's liturgy for nursery - year 3/4. Please bring your children to the lower Parish Room before the start of mass to sign the register, children return to church at the Offertory. Parents / guardians are most welcome to stay if your child has not been before or needs your support. We look forward to welcoming you.

Tuesday Group, 10.45am, Bosham

(follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Join us for coffee and discussion as we listen to Bishop Barron guiding us through the road to Emmaus story, showing how it displays all the dynamics of the spiritual life. All most welcome.

Invitation to Adoration at St Richard's – Jesus invites you to spend one hour with Him in Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 8am until 9pm. This is a time of quiet contemplation and reflection. You are asked to pray for people to consider the priesthood or religious life. Booklets are available, covering many topics, for your information and for your consideration. Can you commit to one hour on a Wednesday for 3 months or more? There will be someone at the back of St Richard's Church to explain more or to answer questions, please feel free to talk to them. If you prefer you may contact the Parish Office.

Adoration

Held at St Richard's next week on Wednesday 19th April from 8.30—9pm.

Thank you to Johny and Mariya Joseph who made a collection at Regi's reception of the body at St Richard's last Monday, and donated the £220 to the work of the parish.

Please pray for our sick parishioners: Adrian Stringer, Agnes Martin, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, David Mortby, David Owgan, David White, Eamonn Hackett, Frank O'Donnell, Gerald McGregor, Gerry Beurgoyne, Jean Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Jill Serna, Hilary Huffell, Kinga Buckley, Magda and Carlo Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Mairad Hardy, Max Foreshew, Nell Hassett, Nicola & Rene Coutts, Nick Jarman, 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

Scripture Group on Thursday at St Richards

You are warmly invited to join our Scripture group on Thursdays in St Richard's Upper Parish Room. We will be aiming to draw closer to God Our loving Father by exploring St. John's Gospel ('The Gospel of Love) based on Fr Michael Gaitley's book, '33 days to Greater Glory'. We will meet at 7pm each week. For more information please email Sally/Niki via the Parish Office or just come along with a note book and your Bible or the book mentioned.

Headteacher of St Richard's Catholic Primary School

The Governors of St. Richard's Catholic Primary School are recruiting a new headteacher, with a view to start either in September 2023 or January 2024. Please see the advert for more details (<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/st-richards-catholic-primary-school>)

Sr Blanca Vera Quiroz from the Marianitas Sisters Congregation, Ecuador, is currently working in Turkana Kenya. She is looking for a family for 3 months to learn English. If you can help penelopebart@hotmail.com

LOST!

An adult size, brand new black cassock has gone missing from St Richard's. It says 'Ivy robes' on the label. If you might have borrowed it, could you please return it? Many thanks.

New Carpet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

We hope the new carpet fitted in the Chape at St Richard's will encourage more parishioners to take part in Adoration. Our reconciliation room has also been much improved.

Annual Christian Unity Service

Sunday 21st May at 3pm.

For the first time this event will be held at St Richard's Church. Our speaker Fr Mark Odion MSP is advisor to the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales on Racial Justice, which is the theme for Christian Unity this year.

Ministry of Welcome workshop – Saturday 17 June 9-12.30pm St Philip Howard School, Barnham

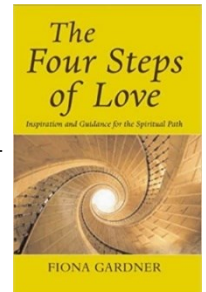
All welcomers, stewards, clergy and those interested in the ministry of welcome are invited to come to a day of reflection and conversation on this important ministry. We will be considering the stewardship of our communities in the light of the Pastoral Plan and how our ministry is a sign of welcome to all. Booking and further information to follow, but please mark this date in your diary. Led by Margaret Fraher E:formation@abdiocese.org.uk

Heating Project Finance Update

In March 2023 donations and gift aid rebates for the heating project totalled £3,051. This takes the total raised so far to £120,099, which is almost threequarters of the way to meeting our parish target. As the days warm up, please do not forget the project and with your continuing generosity we can see the job finished. Thank you.

Women in the Church book club

will meet for the second session on Wednesday **June 7th 7.30 - 9pm** to discuss Fiona Gardner's book. For relevant pages and zoom link please contact nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk



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

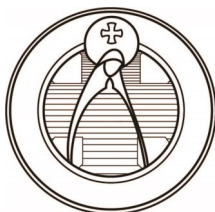
Offertory	March 2023
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	£4,530
Bankers Orders	£7860
Credit and debit card transactions	£1143
Total	£13,533
Gift Aid Rebate	£2,141

In addition, generous donations in March totalled £1,048 for CAFOD, £363 for Easter flowers, £2,432 for the Parish Community Fund- Families in Need. 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 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	Chichester	8am		Regi Johnny RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Birthday blessing for Ewelina Lipska
Sun 30th April Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter	Witterings	9am		
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Kay Howlett RIP (Marion and Nick)
	Selsey	11am		Arthur Poppy RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Chris Hillyar RIP (Quat Doe and Family)
Monday 1 st May <i>St Joseph</i>	Chichester	10am		John Marnell RIP (Mary Noble and family)
Tuesday 2 nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	Chichester	8am		Health and wellbeing of the Callaghan Family
	Bosham	10am		Intentions of Carmel Dunne
Wednesday 3 rd May <i>SS Philip and James, Apostles</i>	Chichester	8am		Thomas Fletcher RIP (Caroline and John)
	Selsey	10am		Flo Neal RIP (Jan Edwards and Family)
	Chichester	7pm		Irena & Tomasz Zaleski RIP
Thur 4 th May <i>The English Martyrs</i>	Chichester	8am		For Oliver and his new family's intentions (M Holmes)
	Chichester	12.15		In Thanksgiving for Talissa
Fri 5 th May	Chichester	8am		Patrick Doocey RIP
	Witterings	10am		In Thanksgiving
Sat 6 th May	Chichester	8am		Michael Donovan RIP (Paul Donovan)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	In Thanksgiving for John and Mary
Sun 7 May 5th Sunday of Easter	Chichester	6pm		Dennis Chiles RIP
	Witterings	9am		Flo Neal RIP (Linda Jolly)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Joe and Bertha Silver RIP
	Selsey	11am		Wellbeing of Mary Homer
	Bosham	11.30am		Nicola Naegon de l'Estang (Marion and Nick)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Chris Gough RIP (Mary Noble)

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am;	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am,
Chichester	Sat after 6pm Mass; Sunday after the 6.30pm Mass Wed 10-11am & 6-6.45pm	Wednesday from 8.30am – 9pm
Selsey	Wednesdays 9.30-10am	Wednesdays 9.30-10am
Witterings	Fridays 9.30-10am	Wednesdays 9.30-12noon



*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.*