



I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life
John 14:1-12

Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex 7th May 2023 5th Sunday of Easter

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend sees the celebrations marking the Coronation of King Charles III. In Charles, the UK will have a king vocal about his own Christian faith and interest in all matters spiritual. In his first Christmas speech, he described visiting the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, telling the nation, "It meant more to me than I can possibly express to stand on that spot where, as the Bible tells us, 'The light that has come into the world' was born."

His commitment to Christianity and its ties to the Holy Land is evident in another innovation to the coronation service: The holy oil to be used in his anointing was created using olives harvested from the Mount of Olives and consecrated at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Pope Francis has gifted the King fragments from the True Cross which have been incorporated into the newly made Cross of Wales which will lead the Coronation procession at Westminster Abbey. Before King Charles's vow to "maintain and preserve" the church, the Archbishop of Canterbury will explain the church's modern understanding of this commitment: that the Church of England will "foster an environment in which people of all faiths and beliefs may live freely." The king will pray aloud, asking God to grant "that I may be a blessing to all thy children, of every faith and conviction."

In the meantime, many Christians will continue to pray for our new king, in the knowledge that when a church sings "Veni Creator Spiritus" (Come, Creator Spirit), as every coronation choir has since the 14th century, we can be certain and confident that what happens next is in God's hands.

Our own Bishops are encouraging us to pray for King Charles:

*O God, to whom every human power is subject,
grant to your servant our sovereign Charles
success in the exercise of his high office,
so that, always revering you and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve
for the people entrusted to his care
the freedom that comes from civil peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for
ever and ever.*

Amen

To celebrate the Coronation, all are invited to join our parish Big Lunch on St Richard's School field on Sunday afternoon from 12.30 - all are welcome, just bring some food to share and something to sit on! With prayers and best wishes for a wonderful weekend, Deacon Jon.

5th Sunday of Easter - 7th May 2023

First reading Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit

Psalm 32 *May your love be upon O Lord as we place all our hope in you.*

Second reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to him

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1-12

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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.

A month of Prayer for Vocations

Last Sunday, Bishop Richard in his pastoral message, invited us to make the special time leading up to Pentecost (28th May) 'a time for prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.'

Let us not forget that our parish joined the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration for this very reason, because it has 'prayer for vocations' as its primary objective.

Adoration is held at St Richard's every Wednesday from 8am mass to 9pm (with evening mass at 7pm) Let us respond to our Bishop's request therefore make use of this time to pray particularly for vocations from our own parish.

Coronation of King Charles

As we would expect, there will be a solemn liturgy at Chichester Cathedral this Sunday to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

I am delighted to have been invited to represent our parish and to lead a bidding prayer at the service (at 3pm). It will follow conveniently after our own parish lunch at 1pm.

Fr Tom.

Janice and family would like to thank you all for the kindness shown to them in their recent sad loss. Messages of sympathy, cards and your prayers have been a real support and much appreciated. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr David Hyde who passed away on Tuesday 2nd May. His funeral will be held at St Richard's Chichester at 2pm on 26th May.

Tuesday Group, 10.45am, Bosham

(follows Adoration and 10am Mass). At the group's request, we will be listening again to Bishop Barron's talk about the Mass given at the Adoremus Eucharistic Conference in 2018 over the next two Tuesdays, and Fr David is hoping then to be able to join us to discuss all our observations and questions. All most welcome for coffee and discussion.

There will be **no Coffee and Tea** after the **9.30am** Sunday Mass at St Richard's **or** the **11.30am** Sunday mass at Bosham this week . Next week normal service resumes!

The 18th May Event has been cancelled as it is Ascension Day and there will be no Bosham Mass at 12.15.

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.

Holy Communion under both kinds

A few weeks ago the Bishops of England and Wales gave permission for parishes to re-introduce 'Holy Communion under both kinds'. The clergy of our deanery decided that the Feast of Corpus Christi (Sunday 11th June) would be an appropriate time, also for recommissioning Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

In choosing the precise dates there is a need for flexibility as we will also be holding our First Holy Communion celebrations at this time. More information will follow. Meanwhile let us make use of this opportunity to reflect more deeply on this great mystery of the Holy Eucharist and the significance of receiving the chalice.

No First Saturday Drinks this month. there will be no drinks after the 6pm Mass this weekend due to the coronation and the big coronation lunch on Sunday.

Selsey Gentlemen.... Despite being the day of the Coronation, the Selsey Christian men will still be meeting in The Boulevard at 9am this Saturday. See you there.

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

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.

We are looking for a parish Missio Secretary

Could you help? Missio is the official Diocesan charity for Mission. Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Our outgoing representative has given some details of the main tasks to this important voluntary role in our parish: they would need to give out information about the work of the charity in the newsletter, and let people know when the boxes are to be collected, to collect the boxes, count and bank the money. If you could help please contact Amy at the Parish office. Many thanks.

Oaklands Secondary School is recruiting an HR and Finance Assistant Please visit our website on www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/staff/vacancies/ for an Information pack

Closing Date: Friday 12th May 2023.

Interviews: During week commencing 15th May 2023

Ascension of the Lord 18th May

In advance and for your information

8am	St Richard's
9.05am	St Richard's (Whole School Mass)
9am	St Peter's
11am	St Wilfrid's
12.15pm	St Richard's
7pm	Our Lady of the Assumption

Our Parish Offertory

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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.

Train to teach with

The Xavier Trust for more information meet us online:

Thursday 8 June - 11am www.teachsoutheast.co.uk

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938444741>

CAFOD Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

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.

A fast show in aid of Foodbank.

A 60-minute concert (music, jokes, anecdotes, advice) Friday 7.30pm May 26, Christ Church (Old Market Ave), Chichester. There will be no interval or refreshments Admission is a food tin/packet/carton in each hand, please The retiring collection is on behalf of Chichester Food Bank – busier than ever (inquiries to Terry Timblick, 01243 537812; terrytimblick@gmail.com)

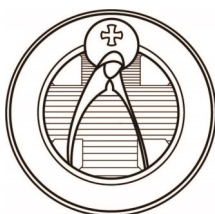
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex Offertory collections and other fund raising

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

Masses and services

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 6 th May	Chichester	8am		In Thanksgiving for John and Mary
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Dennis Chiles RIP
Sun 7 May 5th Sunday of Easter	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)
Monday 8 May	Chichester	10am		Blessings on Maura Murphy on her 95 th Birthday
Tuesday 9 May	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls
	Bosham	10am		Chris Hillyar RIP (Quat Doe and Family)
Wednesday 10 ^d May	Chichester	8am		Regi Johny RIP
	Selsey	10am		Deceased members of the Jannece Family.
	Chichester	7pm		Vocations for the Priesthood and Religious Life
Thur 11 th May	Chichester	8am		Lyn Powell RIP (Jan Edwards)
	Chichester	12.15		Jimmy Featherstone RIP (Maura Doocey)
Fri 12 th May <i>Carthusian Martyrs</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Witterings	10am		Breeze, Stoker and Brown Families RIP
Sat 13 th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Chichester	8am		Lyn Powell RIP (Jan Edwards)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Health and Wellbeing of Katharine Shrubb
Sun 14 May 6th Sunday of Easter	Witterings	9am		Peter Bailey RIP (Marie, Nigel and family)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Intentions of Rachel and Madonna (Maura Doocey)
	Selsey	11am		The intentions of Susan Scripture-Shardlow
	Bosham	11.30am		Sheila and Fred Bailey RIP (Marion and Nick)
	Arundel	3pm		Confirmation Mass
	Chichester	6.30pm		Regi Johny RIP

	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.*