



Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

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5th Sunday of Easter

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

“Ecumenism is as much about gestures of trust and friendship as about words and long arduous dialogues”

These gestures were very evident last week at the Coronation of King Charles III. Not only was our Cardinal Vincent Nichols invited to lead a prayer (unheard of in Queen Elizabeth’s day in 1953) but also, as someone pointed out to me, Westminster Cathedral had provided some of the vestments.

Even small gestures can go a long way: I had not been long in my new parish in Banstead when I had a call: by the time I got to the door no-one was in sight, but I spotted a Panettone left in the porch (no hints intended!) It had a simple message “Welcome to the Parish” and it came from one of the vicars.

On another occasion, in a different parish, I was leaving from a clergy luncheon party shortly before Christmas, when one of the vicars sidled up to me, and discreetly asked “I hope you will not be on your own this Christmas? If so, my wife and I would love you to join our family for lunch”.

These may trigger memories of your own, not necessarily to do with Christian Unity. Any act of kindness is always prompted by the Holy Spirit. As we approach the great Feast of Pentecost, perhaps we could make a resolution, never to miss these opportunities. We know that however small they might be, they can make a big difference to people’s lives.

May God bless you all.

Father Tom

6th Sunday of Easter - 14th May 2023

First reading Acts 8:5-8

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Psalm 65 *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth*

Second reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him.' Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another advocate.

Ascension of the Lord this Thursday

17th May	7pm	St Richard's (Vigil Mass)
18th May	8am	St Richard's
18th May	9am	St Peter's
18th May	9.05am	St Richard's (Whole School Mass)
18th May	11am	St Wilfrid's
18th May	12.15pm	St Richard's
18th May	7pm	Our Lady of the Assumption

A month of Prayer for Vocations

Bishop Richard in his pastoral message, invited us to make the period leading up to Pentecost (28th May) 'a time for prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.' The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration for has 'prayer for vocations' as its primary intention. Adoration is held at St Richard's every Wednesday from 8am mass to 9pm (with evening mass at 7pm) Let us therefore make use of this time to pray particularly for vocations in our own parish.

Tuesday Group, 10.45am, Bosham (follows Adoration and 10am Mass). We will be listening again to Bishop Barron's talk about the Mass given at the Adoremus Eucharistic Conference in 2018. All most welcome for coffee and discussion.

Pentecost Sung Evening Prayer

Our Lady of England Church, Storrington Sunday 28th May, 6pm, followed by refreshments. All welcome

St Richard's Nursery Open Morning.

Are you looking or do you know someone who is interested in a preschool term time only place from September onwards? If so, you are warmly invited to come along to our 'stay and play' open morning on Friday 26th May, between 10am and 12 noon.

Please register your interest by contacting Diane, by email strichardsnursery@gmail.com or telephone 01243 776728 for more information.

Chichester Cathedral invite you to Evensong to celebrate the ministry of Christian Aid with speaker Ramani Leathard, Head of Asia for Christian Aid. Tuesday 16th May 2023 (5.30pm). Support members of the Cathedral community and other Chichester churches, seeking to raise funds and awareness for the vital ministry of Christian Aid, on Saturday 20th May, 10.00am – 4.00pm (as part of Christian Aid week, 14 – 20th May) on the Cathedral Green, near to Chichester's Market Cross.

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 Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on Racial Justice, which is the theme for Christian Unity this year.

Corpus Christi festival at Arundel Cathedral

Canon David Parmiter, our Dean of Arundel Cathedral reminds us clergy, from time to time, that Arundel is a very small parish and, therefore, he has very few parishioners available to help on big Diocesan occasions. Arundel's best known annual event must surely be the Corpus Christi Procession, this year taking place on **Thursday 8th June**. Canon David would be most grateful if neighbouring parishes were able to help, especially, providing marshals for the procession through the Castle grounds. The procession follows straight after the 5.30pm Mass and concludes with Benediction. It is a beautiful and moving event which I will encourage parishioners to attend. Should any of you also be available to help with the procession not only would this bring great relief to our Dean but it would also be a wonderful way of showing your gratitude and devotion to Our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Please get in touch with Louise Sharp on Arundel@abdiocese.org.uk, or 01903 882297

Heating update St Richard's After nine months of fundraising for the heating project, it has been decided to finish this focus at the end of May 2023. A total of £121,805 has been raised by the end of April, a magnificent effort by parishioners from all four churches. April's total of £1706 was splendidly boosted by £793, the proceeds of St Wilfrid's fair. Please can we make one final big effort by the end of May to get even closer to our target of £165,000. Thank you all for your continuing generosity.

The Event held in Bosham in May and June

Due to Ascension Day on 18th May and the Patronal Feast Day celebrations at Chichester Cathedral for St Richard on 15th June we have had to change our dates for The Event. The May Event date has been cancelled, but in June we will hold the Event on the 22nd June (the 4th Thursday of the month rather than the usual 3rd). More details to follow about the June Event

Please pray for our sick parishioners: Adrian Stringer, Agnes Martin, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, David Mortby, David Owan, 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

Second Collection this weekend and next

This weekend the second collection is for the missionary endeavour of the Diocese and will be used to support the Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru (you can use your Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes and numbers).

Next weekend is for World Communications Sunday, and the collection will be to support the work of the Catholic Communication Network. More about their work will be included in next week's newsletter.

A parishioner writes. Well done to all those who organised the Coronation Big Lunch. It was a great success and enjoyed by a wide variety of ages. Thank you.

St Richard's Stewardship group writes: thank you to all who attended, helped or donated raffle prizes. The raffle raised £256 which will be split between the heating fund and Sanctuary in Chichester.

The ASCENT for young people (15-18) – Tuesday 23 May at 7.30pm

This brilliant programme for teens includes regular retreats at Worth Abbey and a great opportunity for them to make wonderful Catholic friends to provide mutual support as they strive to live out their faith. This is an online session hosted by the Diocesan Youth Adviser for anyone who would like to find out more.

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Men's breakfast 27th May. Prof Paul Ewart is Emeritus Professor of Physics at Oxford University where he was the Head of Atomic and Laser Physics. He is currently the Executive Chairman of Christians in Science. Chichester Park Hotel £10.00, cash on the day, which includes your chosen breakfast and unlimited tea or coffee. Book your place at <https://immanuelchichester.com/> any problems call 07813024585

We are still looking for a parish Missio Secretary

Could you help? Missio is the official Diocesan charity for Mission. 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.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wed 14 June 2023 11am - 3pm.

Bishop Richard looks forward to meeting all those of a more senior generation at our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead. Please bring your friends and a picnic for what is always a wonderful day of faith, friendship and recollection. For further information and to book, please go to the Diocesan website event calendar or [click on the link](#) :

Online Talk for Young Adults (18-35) - Monday 15 May at 7.30pm

The next session in the series 'A Call to Holiness – Living out your Baptismal Vocation'. The title of the talk which will be delivered by Fr Rod Jones OSB is 'Removing the Splinter' and will focus on the things we may need to ask Jesus to heal, in order to allow us to follow him more closely. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

A **bereavement wellbeing group** meets in Chichester at the New Park Cinema Studio from 12.45—1.45 on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For details call 08081691922.

Oaklands Secondary School is recruiting

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

Our Parish Offertory

via bank transfer:

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Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 41076582

Reference: offertory

Via cheque

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Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex

Offertory collections and other fund raising

Offertory*	April 2023
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	£5,106
Bankers Orders	£7,727
Credit and debit card transactions	£656
Total	£13,489
Gift Aid Rebate	£0

*These figures do not include the Easter offerings for the Parish clergy In addition, generous donations in March totalled £832 for Holy Places, £435 for Sanctuary, £782 for the Education of Future Priests and £120 for Father Joe. 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 13 th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Chichester	8am		Lyn Powell RIP (Jan Edwards)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Health and Wellbeing of Katharine Shrubbs
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
Monday 15 May	Chichester	8am		For the intentions of all children taking their GCSEs
	Chichester	12.15pm		C M Jose RIP
Tuesday 16 May	Chichester	8am		For the intentions of all children taking their GCSEs
	Bosham	10am		For the intentions of Peter FitzGerald on his birthday
Wednesday 17 May	Chichester	8am		For the intentions of all children taking their GCSEs
	Selsey	10am		Alice Poppy RIP
	Chichester	7pm		Vigil Mass – Ascension of the Lord
Thur 18 th May The Ascension of the Lord <i>Solemnity</i>	Chichester	8am		For the intentions of all children taking their GCSEs
	Witterings	9am		
	Chichester	9.05am		SCHOOL MASS
	Selsey	11am		
	Chichester	12.15pm		
	Bosham	7pm		
Fri 19 th May <i>St Dunstan</i>	Chichester	8am		In thanksgiving
	Witterings	10am		
Sat 20 th May <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	Chichester	8am		Albert and Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Simon Nicol RIP
Sun 21 May 7th Sunday of Easter	Witterings	9am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	In Thanksgiving
	Selsey	11am		Intentions of Michael McGowan
	Bosham	11.30am		Chris Hillyar RIP (Marion and Nick)
	Chichester	3pm		Service of Christian Unity
	Chichester	6.30pm		For the intentions of all children taking their GCSEs

	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.*