



Parish of Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

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7th Sunday of Easter

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Interregnum. It's a lovely Latin word, and it feels just right in the wake of the coronation as, historically, it denoted the period between the reign of one monarch and another. It literally means between kings. When one reads past accounts, one cannot but be grateful that we live in a time when the crown passed so seamlessly between the New Elizabethan and the New Carolean Ages. This Sunday, we are also in an interregnum period between the Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost. It is an excellent time to reflect, as these periods often prompt us to do. Last Sunday, I was moved to see the culmination of the journey undertaken since last September by the twelve Confirmation candidates from our community. It was also moving to be in Arundel Cathedral as it is marking its one hundred and fiftieth birthday, an event we will celebrate on July 1st. Bishop Richard told how Henry, the fifteenth Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, set about having this magnificent edifice built to mark his twenty-first birthday. That took some faith and courage to execute for someone so young. However, when the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are given at Confirmation, we can do anything when we tap into and unwrap them.

The questions I would like to pose in light of this are:

- Do you know the date of your Confirmation? If not, why not find out and mark it in your diary?
- Who was your sponsor?
- What Confirmation name did you take, and why?
- Who was the bishop?
- What do you remember about the day?

Of course, some of us were very young, so our memories may not be clear. I was eleven years old. Bishop Richard was only nine. It's good that our young people these days wait until they are older and can engage with the journey towards Confirmation completely and maturely. This year, we had one young worker, two university students, and nine secondary school students split between Bishop Luffa and St. Phillip Howard schools. They are wonderfully assisted in our parish by our catechists. After Jesus has ascended into Heaven, the disciples see two men in white who say, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into Heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.' Every day on earth, may our Confirmation gifts be unwrapped and the fruits abundant, so that when he comes again, we will not be found wanting. To quote this Sunday's Gospel, 'I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

Fr David

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First reading Acts 1:12-14

The apostles all joined in continuous prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus

Psalms 26 *I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

Second reading 1 Peter 4: 13-16

It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel John 17:1-11

Father, it is time for you to glorify me.

Intercessions: www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions

World Communications Sunday is this week, and the 2nd collection will be to support the work of the Catholic Communication Network. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalatial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'.

Tuesday Group, 10.45am, Bosham (follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Exploring our faith: Bishop Barron guides us through the Liturgy of the Eucharist, with coffee and discussion. All welcome!

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. lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Ongoing formation for Clergy: our annual overnight is taking place on Wednesday and Thursday next week. **Selsey Mass** on Wednesday will be held at the earlier time of **9am**, there will be no confessions or Mass at Chichester on Wednesday or any masses on Thursday.

Black Sheep Barn and allotments.

Please support our garden opening. All proceeds are for the St Richards Church Heating Fund.

Sunday 4th June, 11am-5pm. £5.00 per head entry. Refreshments will be served at Black Sheep Barn, The Street, Boxgrove. There are two sites to visit. The extensive and diverse allotment site within the Goodwood Home Farm flint wall and our home garden at Black Sheep Barn. Parking is very restricted both on The Street and at the allotment and we strongly suggest that you park in the village hall car park, PO18 0EE, or 55 bus. Then follow the yellow signs to the allotment first and then retrace your steps back to the village hall and follow the signs to Black Sheep Barn to relax with a well-earned cup of tea and a cake whilst enjoying the garden!

The village hall is equidistant between the two sites, and it is a 5-minute walk to either site from the car park.

We look forward to welcoming you.

The Family of **Regi Johny RIP** would like to invite you to pay respects on 41st day of demise. A holy mass & lunch is arranged in St Richard's Catholic Church, Cawley Road on 27th May at 11 am. Please come & join in. Thanks Johny & Marya.

Our Parish Offertory

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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.

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. Let us be there to welcome our friends.



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.' As we all know, the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration has 'prayer for vocations' as its primary intention.

Please note: Adoration will continue this Wednesday 8.30am -9pm, although there will be no mass or confessions.

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. We look forward to welcoming you into our friendly nursery family.

Race Night—Save the date for 23rd June for a fun night for both adults and children. Fish and Chips will be served. The Knights of St Columba are running a race night at St Richard's School in aid of the KSC chosen charities. Adults £8 and children £6. More details to follow.

Italian girl looking for accommodation

A 17 year old Catholic girl is looking for a home in a family from 29th June until 15th July 2023. She is taking a language course at Chi College and needs somewhere to stay. This would be paid. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

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](#) :

Pentecost Sung Evening Prayer

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

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 with a very few helpers for big Diocesan events

This year's Corpus Christi Procession, takes 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 our parishioners are encouraged to attend. If you are also able to help with the procession this would bring great relief to our Dean. 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 at 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. Now is your last chance to reach our target of £165,000. Every pound will help.

Are you going to Lourdes this year with the A&B

Diocese? If so can you let Fr Tom and Fr David know via the Parish office? We are keen to know who is going and who can potentially share lifts to and from the airport.

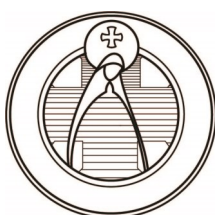
Please pray for our sick parishioners: Adrian Stringer, Agnes Martin, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, David Mortby, David Owgan, David White, Eamonn Hackett, Frank O'Donnell, Gerald McGregor, Gerry Beurgoyne, Jean Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Jill Serna, Hilary Huffell, Kinga Buckley, Magda and Carlo Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foreshew, Nell Hassett, Nicola & Rene Coutts, Nick Jarman, Patrick Hill, Paul Carney, Peter Habgood, Rita Rooke, Roz Davies, Susan Line, Suzie Walker, Valerie Davis-White, Virginia Maxwell

Please let the office know of any changes

Masses and services

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
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
Monday 22 May	Chichester	8am		In Thanksgiving
	Chichester	12.15pm		Special Intention (Kate and John)
Tuesday 23 May	Chichester	8am		Private Intention
	Bosham	10am		
Wednesday 24 May	Chichester	8am		Mary Doody RIP
	Selsey	9am		Tony Christ RIP
Thur 25 th May <i>St Bede</i>	No masses			No Masses – Clergy Ongoing Formation Day
Fri 26 ^h May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	Chichester	8am		Anastacia Delaney RIP
	Witterings	10am		
	Chichester	2pm		Funeral David Hide RIP
Sat 27 th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	Chichester	8am		In Thanksgiving (Vincent Family)
	Chichester	11am		Memorial Mass for Regi Johny RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	In Thanksgiving
Sun 28 May Pentecost	Witterings	9am		
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Adam Englot RIP (Monika and Family)
	Selsey	11am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11.30am		
	Chichester	6.30pm		

	Confessions (<i>Normal times – see inside newsletter for changes to this week's confessions</i>)	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 Wednesdays 10-11am and 6-7pm	Wednesday from 8.30am – 9pm
Selsey	Wednesdays 9.30-10am	Wednesdays 9.30-10am
Witterings	Fridays 9.30-10am	Wednesdays 9.00-12noon



*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.*