

# Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex - 3 week Newsletter

## 2nd September - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 9th September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 16th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Online Masses**

[youtube.com/c/SaintsofSussexParish](https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintsofSussexParish)

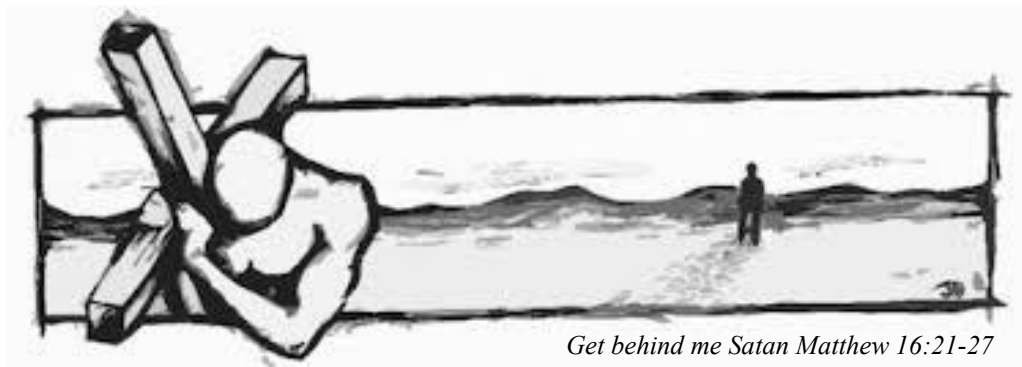
**Urgent safeguarding issues:**

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**Parish bereavement support**

Request a callback via the Office



*Get behind me Satan Matthew 16:21-27*

### **NEW! Parish Confirmation Programme**

It is time to sign up (or to think about signing up) for the new Confirmation programme starting in September 2023. The programme is for all Catholic young people of our four churches who are in school year 10 or above.

There will be an introduction session on Saturday 16th September for parents and children where a light lunch will be served.

The first class for our young people will be on Wednesday 20th September at 7.30-9pm. **Please go to the following page for details and to complete the registration form.**

<https://www.saintsofsussex.com/confirmation-registration.html>

### **NEW! Infant Baptism Preparation Programme**

The way that the Sacrament of Baptism is prepared is changing from September. It will be held only three times each year, to coincide with the three academic terms, autumn, winter and spring. As in the past three years there will be a mixture of online and face to face sessions lasting one hour.

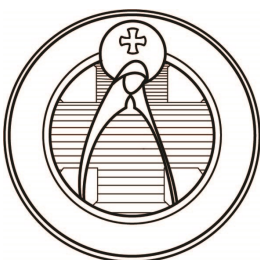
Please note, there will be more sessions than previously. This will allow new parents more time to get to know others in the Parish who are starting on the same journey. The sessions will finish by early November and a weekend will be given for parents to book the ceremony.

**The Introduction will be held Sunday 24 September 2023 at 3pm in the Lower Parish Room.**

*Mary Downy and the Infant Baptism Catechist Team*

### **NEW! First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation - family catechesis - 2023/2024.**

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you are thinking of preparing them for these Sacraments then please keep the following 3 dates free in your diaries as they are parents/guardians information sessions and are an essential part of the upcoming programme. 10th October, 30th October and 14th November 2023 at 7pm in the Lower Parish room in St. Richard's Church, Chichester. Before the programme begins it would be lovely to meet you and your child, so please introduce yourself to our clergy or ask a welcomer to point out a catechist to you after any of our Masses. More information will follow towards the end of September.



**\*Saturday 2nd Sept Summer Fair at St Wilfrid's Church, Selsey - 9am-1pm. Come, join in and have fun! \***

**Parish Pilgrimage to Salisbury 29th Friday September 2023. Sign Up Now.** Following the great success of the pilgrimage to Canterbury earlier in the year, Fr David is now organising a pilgrimage to Salisbury. The coach will leave from St Richard's at 8am. Booking can now be taken, Sign up by calling the office, (or do it yourself through ChurchSuite). The trip, including transport and entry to the Cathedral, will cost £25 and payment up front please.

**Readers' Evening** A readers training session at St Wilfrid's for established and any new readers who might like to attend. Everybody welcome Monday 4th September 7.00pm. Come and join a supportive group working towards delivering the Word as best we can.

Please note the funerals of the following parishioners  
**Ann Granger RIP** 5th Sept Our Lady of the Assumption  
**Janet Purcell RIP** 7th Sept Chi Crem  
**Malcom Harrison RIP** 8th Sept 12noon St Richards  
**Anne Walsh RIP** .14th Sept Chapel Chi Cemetary  
**'Etna' Margaret Walsh RIP** 28th Sept St Wilfrid's  
**David White RIP** Date to be arranged

**Tuesday Discussion Group, 12th September 10.40am, Bosham** (after Adoration and 10am Mass). Join us for refreshments and friendly discussion. Please note there will be no session next week on the 5th September due to Anne Granger's funeral.

**Afternoon tea for the bereaved of the parish.** September 17th at 3pm held at Our Lady of the Assumption. Please do come along, have a cup of tea and some cake to meet and chat with others who understand. Just turn up.

**Catechists' Day** 23 Sept 11am Worth School. A day of formation, prayer and conversation for catechists, & those thinking of becoming a catechist. Contact [Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk) Register your place here [abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fz3ea0s3](http://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fz3ea0s3)

**MacMillan Coffee Morning** St. Richard's Catholic Church, SLINDON on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am – 12.30pm** for delicious coffee/tea and cakes to support the work of Macmillan Cancer Support.

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

9.30 Mass at St Richards on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. If your child is in Nursery up to year3 or 4 and would like to attend, please bring them to the lower parish room before the start of Mass to sign the weekly register (or complete a full registration form if they have not attended before). Parents and guardians are very welcome to attend if your child needs your support. We look forward to welcoming you. The Children's Liturgy team.

**24th Sept at Our Lady of the Assumption; & every week at St Peter's**

**Board Games and Bingo Night** - with Grand Raffle draw. 22 September at 7pm. Bring your favourite board game for a relaxed evening of fun in St Richard's School hall. Bingo games at £1 a board. Raffle draw at 8pm. Tea, coffee and soft drinks available by donation. Bring along nibbles/wine/beer, if you wish.

**St Peter's BBQ Sunday 10th September 12pm** Onwards. Held in the garden at St Peter's. Tickets Adult £10 & Child's £2—on sale at St Peter's or contact the parish office. Price Includes Adults – BBQ, Salad, Dessert, Rum Cocktail or mocktail /BBQ Social Event. The child's ticket includes - BBQ, Salad, Ice Lollies & Cordials, Quiz, Raffle, Childrens Games

**Raffle tickets** More raffle tickets will be made available this week. In aid of St Peter's Hall fund and Sanctuary in Chichester. Draw 22 Sept at the Board Games & Bingo Night. Great prizes: Goodwood House, Aldingbourne Country Centre, Pallant House, swimming & others. Please bring the stubs and money back in good time!

### Appeals and 2nd Collections

**3rd September - St Peter's Parish Hall presentation** at St Richard's, St Wilfrid's and Our Lady of the Assumption.

**10th September - Catholic Education**

**17th September - Home Missions**

**The Saints - Helping us today** A DVD series on the lives of six well known saints begins on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September after the 10am Mass at St Peters, The Witterings. It shows how the age-old wisdom and teachings of the Saints can be a very practical help for us today. Tea and coffee will be available. Everyone is very welcome so do come along.

## URGENT Parish Fundraising Needed

Our parish has to raise £40K in funds before November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. The pre-war timber structure of the current Parish Hall at St Peter's is now beyond repair. We are very fortunate to have been awarded significant grants from both Chichester District Council and the Woodger Trust to rebuild it, and some parish funds have been allocated, but we have a shortfall of £40K that we have to raise before we can commit to the project.

**At the end of the banking day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 £28,822.53 had been banked for the parish hall at St Peter's. This is a tremendous effort and takes us to nearly three quarters of the sum required to initiate this project. Many thanks for all your generous donations**

**Trafalgar night on 21<sup>st</sup> October**, Information and tickets will go on sale soon.

St Peter's parishioner Ellen has kindly offered to sell donated items on Ebay for the parish hall fund. Unwanted branded clothes, ornaments, etc. Items can be collected, please speak with Sylvie at St Peter's, or contact the parish office if you have items to donate. If anyone has any other further ideas to help raise funds for the hall they are all welcome. Contact Gio or Sylvie at St Peter's, or the parish office.

All contributions should be clearly marked, Parish Hall St Peter's (and gift aided if at all possible).

**Bank transfer:** Saints of Sussex, Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 41076582, Reference: Parish Hall St Peter's  
**via cheque:** to 'Saints of Sussex' but please write on the envelope that it is for the parish hall,

**Dona Machine:** in each of the churches.

For more details of the project and of the appeal please go to: [www.saintsofsussex.com/appeal](http://www.saintsofsussex.com/appeal)

**Pop-in Prayers in Bosham** The next Pop-in Prayers at Our Lady of the Assumption will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. Following the readings of the day and a brief meditation, we pray the Rosary, all with organ music and singing. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

**Refreshments after the 6pm vigil mass** will be held on 16th September and NOT the 2nd September. We invite all parishioners to celebrate 70 years of marriage for Angela and Micheal Horne

**Beetle drive** Friday 13th October 7pm at St Wilfrid's Hall, Selsey  
**Quiz night and fish and chips** 17th Nov 7pm St Wilfrid's Hall, Selsey.

**Secondary School Form Signing** If you are applying for your child to go to secondary school in September 2024, and you also need to submit a signed church supplementary form, please can you carefully note the following:  
Fr Tom will sign the forms at the presbytery on one of the following days and times. 12 Sept 7pm; 19 Sept 3.15pm; 27 Sept 7pm; 10 Oct 3.15; 12 Oct 7pm; 17 Oct 3.15pm. For St Philip Howard and Oaklands applications you will also need to bring a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate. **Please note** there will be a donation requested for replacement baptism certificates. There will also be a few extra dates published for **primary school applications due in January 2024.**

## 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,

or by scanning the QR code above to donate online.

**For regular giving by bank standing order and for information on gift aid visit:**

[www.saintsofsussex.com/regular-giving.html](http://www.saintsofsussex.com/regular-giving.html)



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

Offertory	July 2023
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
<b>Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex</b>	£5,295
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	£7,400
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	£1,462
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,157</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£7,696</b>

In addition, generous donations in July totalled a further £257 for Stella Maris, £55 for Peter's Pence and £79 for Father Joe. Donations for Ukraine are still very welcome. Please remember to gift aid your donations if you are eligible, they are very valuable to the parish. Thank you all for your continuing generosity.

## Masses and services

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Blessings for Angela and Michael Horne on their 70 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Jean French)
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Witterings	9am		Victoria Hall RIP (Valerie Hall)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Robert Antrim (Ware Family)
	Selsey	11am		Thomas Dempsey RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	6.30pm		Blessings for Angela and Michael Horne on their 70 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Jean French)
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> September <i>St Cuthbert</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Chichester	12.15pm		
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Chichester	8am		Anurika Fernando RIP
	Bosham	12 noon		Funeral Mass Anne Granger
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	7pm		
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Chichester	8am	✓	Sid Neal RIP (Jan Edwards)
	Chichester	12.15pm		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Chichester	8am		Blessings on Rachel on the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of her consecration.
	Witterings	10am		Pam Ramsey RIP (Christine Bingham)
	Chichester	12 noon	✓	Funeral Mass Malcom Harrison RIP
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Chichester	8am	✓	Dr Mike Gompertz RIP (Julie Gompertz)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Nona Byrne RIP and all the deceased members of the Byrne Family.
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Witterings	9am		Tony Mornement RIP (Gill and Geoff Breeze)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Wellbeing of Lynette White (M&B Southward)
	Selsey	11am		David Kennedy RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	6.30pm		

Please note that we have been informed that Market Avenue in Chichester will be shut overnight from 8pm from 4-9 Sept,

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Bosham</b>	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am;	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am,
<b>Chichester</b>	Sat after 6pm Mass; Sunday after the 6.30pm Mass Wednesdays 10-11am and 6-7pm	Wednesday from 8.30am – 9pm
<b>Selsey</b>	Wednesdays 9.30-10am	Wednesdays 9.30-10am
<b>Witterings</b>	Fridays 9.30-10am	Wednesdays 9.00-12noon

### Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Agnes Martin, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, David Mortby, David Owgan, Denise Turner, Eamonn Hackett, Frank O'Donnell, Gerald McGregor, Gerry Burgoyne, Jean Thorpe, Jill Serna, Julia Smith, Hilary Huffell, Kinga Buckley, Lois Bleasdale, Magda Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foresheaw, Marion Coombes-Shrubb; Nell Hassett, Rene Coutts, Nick Jarman, Patrick Hill, Paul Carney, Peter Habgood, Ray Webb, Rita Rooke, Roger Cluff, Roz Davies, Susan Line, Suzie Walker, Valerie Davis-White, Virginia Maxwell *Please let the office know of any changes*

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Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Chichester	12.15pm		
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Chichester	8am		
	Bosham	10am		Chris Hillyar RIP (Janice and Family)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	7pm		
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Chichester	12.15pm		
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Chichester	8am		Marian Welch-Bostock RIP
	Witterings	10am		Paul Donovan RIP
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>SS Cornelius and Cyprian</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Blessings for Angela and Micheal in their 70 <sup>th</sup> Year of Marriage
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Witterings	9am		Marek Grabowski RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	With gratitude for God's protection and love
	Selsey	11am		Quick Family RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Catherine Seabrook RIP
	Chichester	6.30pm		
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Chichester	12.15pm		
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Chichester	8am		
	Bosham	12 noon		
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>Ss Andrew Kim Taegon and companions</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	7pm		
Thur 21 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>St Matthew</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Bosham	12.15pm		The Monthly Event
Friday 22nd September	Chichester	8am		Mary Norton RIP
	Witterings	10am		Canon Peter Giffin R.I.P.
	Chichester	12 noon	✓	
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> September <i>Padre Pio</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Patrick Tracy RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Martin Farrell RIP