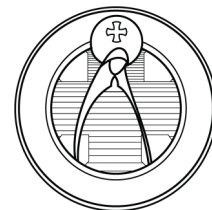


Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

5th November (31st Sunday in OT)



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Request a callback via the Office

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Advent is fast approaching and again, I ask you to note our Parish Day of Recollection: Saturday 2nd December 10am-3pm, (with guest speaker Fr John Dickson SDB) and our Parish Reconciliation Service on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm.

With Christmas Day falling on a Monday, we lose the last week of Advent, which means we only have 3 weeks in total. It is, therefore, even more important that we are vigilant and don't waste the graces offered to us during this short season.

May I suggest one devotion which many of you might consider (if you are not already doing it): While it is wonderful that we now have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in all four of our churches, may I encourage you to try and come to St Richard's on Wednesdays when we have all-day Adoration. By doing this you are taking part in the Apostolate of prayer for vocations in response to the Lord's invitation at Gethsemane: "Could you not stay awake with me for one hour?" (Mt 26:40)

Due to the dark evenings in the winter months, at St Richard's we will be finishing Adoration at the earlier time of 8pm (instead of 9pm). Please ensure there are at least 2, preferably 3, Adorers on every hour. And please remember to record your name in the booklet alongside your 'hour'. None of us needs to be reminded of the shortage of priests and religious in our world today. The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration is a direct response to Our Lord's call to "ask the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers to his harvest" (Lk 10:2)

Let's respond generously to this call this Advent, not only for the good of the church, but for our own personal good, as we prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts this Christmas.

May God Bless you,

Fr Tom

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Malachi 1:14-2, 8-10 *You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to tumble by your teaching.*

Responsorial Psalm 130 *Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord*

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 *We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12 *They do not practice what they preach*

Bidding prayers can be found at: www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions

Parish Bereavement Mass Saturday 11th November at 12 noon St Richard's Church

We remember those dear to us who have died over the past year. Parishioners who have lost loved ones will have received a personal invitation. If you have also lost someone dear to you over the year and would like their name to be included on the list of those prayed for, then please let Amy know in the parish office. All very welcome.

We will call out their names and light a candle in memory of each of them. There will be refreshments served afterwards in the lower parish room.

Quiz night with fish and chips—St Wilfrid's Selsey. Friday 17th of November 2023 7pm

Includes several quiz rounds, and a hearty freshly prepared fish and chip supper. Pay bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks, and an amazing raffle with great prizes. Tables are limited and will be made up of 6 people. So great opportunity to get to know others in the parish. £10 per person. Prizes will be given for the Team that wins. Telephone/message **Karen Pirks 07824 376 760** or see her at mass on Sunday.

Starting on November 21st St Wilfrid's is acting as one of the hosts for the **Warm Spaces initiative**. From 7.00 - 9.00pm. Every Tuesday. We have no idea how many, if anyone will turn up but we have taken the opportunity to help anyone who needs a bit of warmth, both bodily and spiritually. To make this work we need some volunteers to be at the hall to welcome and socialise with anyone who comes. If we get enough volunteers, it needn't be a weekly commitment but shared between everyone who volunteers. Hot drinks, biscuits etc will be available and even a mug of hot soup could be on offer to anyone who comes. To help, please let Mike Beal know at mab5el5ey@gmail.com

Blessing of Graves - Chichester

Chichester Portfield Cemetery - 12th November 3pm

Advent Day of Recollection Sat 2nd December

(10am-3pm) John Dickson SDB, recent Chaplain at the Royal Holloway University in Surrey, will lead us in our Day of Recollection this Advent. It will start with Mass at St Richard's at 10am and the day will finish at 3pm. All welcome.

Afternoon tea for the bereaved of the 4 churches at St Peter's church hall from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. On Sunday 26th November. Volunteer drivers are available to bring guests. You are more than welcome to join us.

Advance notice: Advent Reconciliation This year, the priests of the Deanery have agreed to provide two Advent Reconciliation services: Our own one at St Richard's on Wednesday 13th December (7pm) and the second one at Arundel Cathedral on Tuesday 19th December (7pm) Note: Dom Stephen Ortiger is not longer able to lead us due to having a hip replacement. We keep him in our prayers

Book of Remembrance

In each of our churches we will have a book of remembrance - If you mark down the name of a deceased loved one, our priests will remember them in their masses during the month of November

Second Collection this weekend

For the Retired Priests' Fund (Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes can be used)

Liturgy of the Word for Children

St Richard's 9.30am 5th Nov

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).

Our Lady of the Assumption 11.30am 12th Nov

just a reminder that parents will need to register their children initially and sign a consent form.

St Peter's Children's liturgy is held every week.

Parents and guardians are very welcome to attend if your child needs your support. We look forward to welcoming you.

Prayers with Taizé music service

at Our Lady, Bosham on Sunday 19th November at 4pm. Praying especially for our departed, the theme will be 'Remember I am with you always'. All welcome – refreshments to follow.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation - family catechesis - 2023/2024.

Next parents and carers meeting is on 14th November 2023 at 7pm in the School Hall at St Richards Primary

Tuesday Discussion Group 10.40am, Bosham

(follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Focusing on topics arising from Fr David's chat with us last week. Join us for friendly discussion and refreshments. All very welcome.

Bosham Burial Ground – Blessing of the Graves

At 12.30 this Sunday 5 November there will be a short ecumenical service in the Bosham Burial Ground at Fairfield Road, Bosham. This annual Blessing of the Graves, remembers all those buried in the Burial Ground and gives an opportunity to pray for their families and bereaved.

THE SAINTS - Helping us today Next Fri 10th Nov, continues with looking at the life and legacy of St Patrick. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to parts of Ireland and was probably partly responsible for the Christianization of the Picts and Anglo-Saxons. This is the last in the series. Tea and coffee will be available.

Tony Toynton of Sanctuary in Chichester, thanks us for the cheque of £953 and to everyone involved in raising such an amount through a raffle and bingo. Please be assured it will be well spent supporting refugees and asylum seekers in the Chichester area.

Pop-in Prayers in Bosham Join us at Our Lady of the Assumption on Monday 13th November at 2.30pm for readings of the day, a brief meditation and the Rosary, with music, followed by tea.

The Memorial to Children Lost Before Birth: this Sunday 5 November at 3pm at Arundel Catholic Cemetery, London Road, BN18 9AT, prayers will be said during the Blessing of the Graves to remember all children who died before birth. All welcome.

Our Parish Offertory

via bank transfer:

Name: Saints of Sussex

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Reference: offertory

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Can be made in person via the terminals in all our churches, or by scanning the QR code above to donate online.

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Help Urgently Needed for Maintenance

Keeping all our churches water tight, safe, well maintained, and compliant with current health and safety regulations is very costly and time consuming. A small group of parishioners give their time very generously to maintain our buildings. But they need more help. At St Richards we are having a work party, to clear out gutters and drains and other general maintenance work before the cold weather arrives. Please do consider helping out, we do need more support. Contact Amy at the Parish Office for more information.

Swimathon for Ukraine Nov 13th 132 lengths in aid of Ukraine Relief—can you sponsor Julian? Should any swimmers wish to join in the swim (any distance) email julian.lindseyclark@gmail.com or phone 07721 532711 Please contact Julian if you wish to sponsor him. Sponsored swimmers will be able to swim, free of charge (Courtesy of Seal Bay Resort) on Nov 13th 14th, 15th or 16th, between 9am and 5pm.

This is the **last weekend for donations of warm items** of clothing and bedding for Ukraine. Donations to Selsey Church. The response from the whole parish has been amazing.

The Boulevard, Selsey at 9am this Saturday for our Men's Breakfast. (5th November)

The next meeting of the Pro-Life group will be on **Monday 13 November at 7pm** in the Parish Room at St Richards.

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

Offertory	September 2023
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	£5,553
Bankers Orders	£8,491
Credit and debit card transactions	£995
Total	£15,039
Gift Aid Rebate	£14,444

In addition, generous donations in August totalled £607 for the Catholic Education Society and £293 for the Home Missions. 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.

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 4 th Nov St Charles Borromeo	Chichester	8am	✓	Holy Souls
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Deceased Brothers and wives of the Chichester Catenians
Sun 5th Nov 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Witterings	9am		Mary de Brunner RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Anurika Fernando RIP
	Selsey	11am		Rita Keegan RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		John McGlynn RIP
	Chichester	6.30pm		Sabu and Family In Thanksgiving
Mon 6 th Nov	Chichester	8am	✓	In Thanksgiving
Tues 7 th Nov	Chichester	8am		Morning Prayer (Not Mass)
	Bosham	10am		Mandy Katherine Pointon RIP
Wed 8 th Nov	Chichester	8am		Mathew RIP
	Selsey	10am		Tommy Owen RIP
	Bosham	7pm		Holy Souls
Thur 9 th Nov <i>Consecration of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Antonina Chwojko RIP
Friday 10 th Nov <i>St Leo the Great</i>	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls
	Witterings	10am		Nonnie Lewis RIP
Sat 11 th Nov <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	T K George RIP
	Chichester	12noon	✓	Parish Annual Mass for the Bereaved
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Bridie and Patrick McGreal RIP and deceased family members
Sun 12th Nov 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Witterings	9am		Breeze, Stoker & Brown Families
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Deceased family members of M&B Southward
	Selsey	11am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11.30am		Peter Bulfield RIP (Frank McCormack and Family)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Sabu and Family In Thanksgiving

	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 Wednesdays 10-11am and 6-7pm	Wednesday from 8.30am – 8pm
Selsey	Wednesdays 9.30-10am	Wednesdays 9.30-10am
Witterings	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, John Partridge, Hilary Huffell, Kinga Buckley, Lois Bleasdale, Magda Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foreshow, Michael Hoffmeister, Nell Hassett, Rene Coutts, Nick Jarman, Paul Carney, Peter Habgood, Rita Rooke, Roger Cluff, Roz Davies, Susan Line, Suzie Walker, Valerie Davis-White, Virginia Maxwell *Please let the office know of any changes*