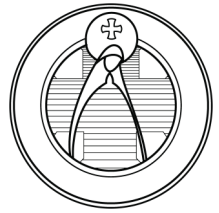


Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

12 November (32nd Sunday in OT)



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November

“November, the last month of the Church’s year, is when we pray for the dead. This baffles the secular minded and scandalises even other Christians—it was one of the great dividing lines between Catholics and Protestants at the Reformation. Yet the practice is fundamental to Catholic belief, for it is an axiom of faith that the communion of the church is not limited to those alive at any given time but is, rather, a great body composed of the living and the departed. And the dead, at least in purgatory, can be helped by our prayers. The kindest aspect of November’s devotions is that they extend beyond our own dead family and friends, to take in all the souls in purgatory as well.”

Excerpt from the lead article in Catholic Herald, November 2023

New Provost

Last Wednesday at our Chapter Meeting, we elected Canon Bill Davern, Parish Priest of Epsom to be our new Provost, replacing Canon Tony Churchill, who has retired due to ill health. I am delighted with this choice. Bill and I go back to our student days at Wonersh. I had the privilege of being with him at his ordination and first mass in County Limerick, in 1981.

The Provost is the Senior Canon there are 12 of us and he chairs our chapter meetings that are normally held twice a year. When Bishop Kieron invited me to join he pointed out that we are a relaxed and easy going group and you can always count on a good lunch! More seriously we are an advisory group to the Bishop with special emphasis on events held at our Cathedral. Bishop Cormac used to refer to us as ‘The memory of the Diocese.’ This expresses well of ensuring continuity with the past and making sure good customs are not forgotten. Please remember to say a prayer for Canon Bill Davern and the rest of the Chapter.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16 *Wisdom is found by those who look for her*

Responsorial Psalm 62 *For you my souls is thirsting, o God, my God*

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13 *The wise and foolish virgins*

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

The Presbytery at St Wilfrid's Last December, after Fr Max left our parish, we had a burst pipe in the presbytery at Selsey. It has taken until last week for us to sort the insurance claim, and for us to get the presbytery dried out and it is now beautifully redecorated. We are unsure at this stage what purpose the presbytery will have moving forward, but we do not need any of the contents that have just been returned from storage. The garage at St Wilfrid's is now full of furniture: sofa, tables, occasional tables, chests of drawers, cabinets, chairs that we need to find homes for. We cannot find charity shops to take it. Do you know of anyone who needs furniture? If they can make a donation to the church then that would be wonderful, but more importantly they will need to be able to arrange transport from Selsey. On Saturday 18th November at 10am do come and look (and take away the furniture you can use)

Carol Service at St Peters Come and sing the first carols of Christmas on Sunday 10th December at 4 pm. The carol Service will be followed with mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards.

Blessing of Graves - Chichester

Chichester Portfield Cemetery - 12th November 3pm

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

Advent Day of Recollection Sat 2nd December

(10am-3pm) John Dickson a Salesian priest and 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: At St Richard's on Wednesday 13th December (7pm) and the second one at Arundel Cathedral on Tuesday 19th December (7pm)

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. A 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Eithne O'Keefe RIP**, who passed away last week, and for her friends and family in grief. Her funeral is on 21st November at St Richards 12 noon with the reception of the body at 4pm on 20th November.

We pray too for the repose of the soul of **Peter Bulfield RIP**, his funeral will be held at 12.30 on 17th November at St Richard's, with refreshments to follow in the lower parish room.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

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 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 – bring a friend! Refreshments to follow.

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

Next parents and carers meeting is on this Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7pm in the St Richard's School Hall

Tuesday Discussion Group New Atheism has had a profound effect on our culture since 2000, but are some now looking towards the Bible and religion? How can we engage them? Bishop Barron discusses. Join us to for friendly exchange and refreshments. All very welcome.

Altar Server Meetings - Tuesday 21 November

19.00 Anyone interested in altar serving in the Parish, or currently serving, is invited to a meeting in the Lower Parish Rooms at 19.00 on 21 November. We will be running through the basics of serving at Mass. This meeting will be followed up with a second meeting at 19.00 on 12 December which will address altar serving over Christmas.

HUGE THANKS FOR UKRAINE DONATIONS!

Thank you very much to everyone who donated goods for Ukraine. We had an overwhelming response! Thank you also to the many Selsey volunteers who helped to sort it, pack it and deliver it. The goods have been delivered to the local pick-up point and will be collected by the New Forest Charity for the Ukraine within a few days, where it will go to a warehouse for further sorting and be rebagged for delivery to the Ukraine by road before Christmas. The local organiser for the Charity, Liz Watson, was amazed at the amount collected. She said "Today, by your generous donations, you have saved many peoples' lives. Thank you so much".

Stella Maris Seafarers Christmas Chocolate Appeal

Can you help seafarers this Christmas by donating a chocolate gift (ex. tub of Roses)? To support the very often lonely seafarers. For the chaplains to distribute. Collections made in each church.

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.

Our Parish Offertory

via bank transfer:
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Via cheque made payable to: Saints of Sussex



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www.saintsofsussex.com/regular-giving.html

Heating at St Richards

We have our new heating installed at St Richards and we are now in the 12 month period during which we are operating the system and ironing out remaining issues before final payment is made; we have a number of matters which require correction and we ask parishioners to bear with us as these are resolved.

THE EVENT - 16th November 12.15 Bosham

Unfortunately, there is no celebrant for the Event Mass. Instead, there will be 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration with prayers, meditation and hymns. Lunch will follow by a presentation regarding The Chichester Society.

Ladies' Christmas Lunch will be at the Shore Inn, Shore Road, East Wittering, on Friday 15th December at 12:30. To book, please write your name and menu choice on the list in the porch in St Peter's church, or email Marie at marievesey@hotmail.com This is open to all ladies across the parish so do come along.

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.

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 11 th Nov <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	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
Mon 13 th Nov	Chichester	8am	✓	Martin Tracey RIP
Tues 14 th Nov	Chichester	8am		Eileen Wood RIP
	Bosham	10am		Nicola Naegon de l'Estang
Wed 15 th Nov	Chichester	8am		John Luke O'Connell RIP
	Selsey	10am		Paddy Cremin RIP
	Chichester	7pm		
Thur 16 th Nov	Chichester	8am	✓	All Souls
Friday 17 th Nov	Chichester	8am		Regi Johny RIP
	Witterings	10am		Rose Street RIP
	Chichester	12.30pm	✓	Funeral Mass – Peter Bulfield RIP
Sat 18 th Nov <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	Chichester	8am		John Dennehy RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Holy Souls
Sun 19th Nov 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Witterings	9am		Deceased of the Parish
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Breda and Seamus Moloney RIP
	Selsey	11am		Thomas Lott RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		
	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*