

# Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

## Newsletter 11th February

### 6th Sunday in OT Year B



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

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Request a callback via the Office

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It's sometimes a delicate thing to approach as a priest when visiting the sick. It's also one of the most powerful experiences. At the coronation of our king, Charles III, last May, we saw him receive it, leading many people in our secular age to ask what it was all about. Even many of the avowedly irreligious admitted to finding it moving. That's the movement of the spirit, prodding restless hearts to find rest in faith! What am I talking about? Anointing. It is the Sacrament of God's healing love, and the three oils are the oil of the sick, the oil of baptism, and the oil of chrism, used at the Sacraments of Confirmation and Ordination. You have to be delicate as a priest because, in a previous age, the oil of the sick or infirmorum was used for a ritual called Extreme Unction, received at the time of death. Indeed, priests can still have the experience of broaching the topic, and the response being, 'Am I dying?' It needs to be presented with the language of love and kindness. Modern theology commends it to those who are infirm in mind, body, and spirit or feel the advance of years. The Bible is replete with examples of the anointing of priests, prophets and kings, which was the symbolism and the auspices under which King Charles received it. This language enters the rituals of the aforementioned Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination. We anoint hearts, heads and hands and so pray for and bring love, wisdom, healing and blessing. These are good sentiments to meditate on as we mark the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and prepare to begin Lent next Wednesday. On Spy Wednesday evening, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at Arundel, at the Chrism Mass, Bishop Richard will bless the oils to be used throughout the diocese for the year ahead. It's a powerful symbol of unity with our diocese and the universal church. It would be great to see a good representation of our community. Also, speaking of the Sacrament of the Sick, it will take place in Bosham on Thursday, March 21st, as part of the monthly Event organized by our Parish Visitation and Support Group. The sacrament will be given within Mass, beginning at 12:15. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend. Finally, speaking of our king, we pray for his healing and comfort as he begins his cancer treatment.

**Fr David**

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**First Reading** Leviticus 13:1-2 The unclean man must live outside the camp

Resp. Psalm 31 **You are my refuge, o Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 10:31-11.1 Take me for your model, as I take Christ

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 1:40-45 The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured.

**Bidding prayers at:** [www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions](http://www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions)

## **The Pastoral Plan and The Cathedral Deanery**

The deanery clergy meet this Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup>) with Canon Kieron O'Brien and Deacon Nick St. John to begin discussions about implementing the Pastoral Plan in this area. Please pray for us as we begin this important work - it does need to be firmly grounded in prayer. One of our chief priorities will be to discern the best way in which to involve the lay faithful of the deanery in consultation, discussion and implementation, and you will hear more about this in due course.  
Fr Peter Newsam (Dean)

## **2nd collection this weekend for assisted pilgrims across the Diocese [A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024](#)**

Our hope for 2024, the 50th anniversary of our Pilgrimage is that new and former pilgrims may hear Our Lady's invitation to 'Come to Lourdes in Procession' will be open to the whole Diocesan family **Pilgrimage: 25th July 2024 - 2nd August '24 Applications are now [open online](#)**

## **Parish Pilgrimage March 22nd** to

Winchester Cathedral —Tickets (£25) are selling well and there are only 7 places left. Book online or via the parish office. Prepayment please!

## **Stations of the Cross**

**St Peter's** Wednesdays at 7pm (starting 14th Feb)  
**Our Lady** Wednesday 2.30pm (Starting on 21st Feb)  
**St Richard's** Fridays 7pm (starting 16th Feb)

## **The next series of 'Invited' begins for Lent**

- It is designed to help us grow as Disciples of Jesus by offering a richer level of formation as well as some practical challenges along the way. Suitable for those who have already said yes to Jesus and are looking for concrete ways to conform their lives more closely to Christ. Starting w/c 19 February: - Monday, Donnington, 7pm; - Tuesday, Tangmere, 7pm; - Thursday, St Richard's Upper Parish Room, 7pm; - Friday, St Richard's Upper Parish Room, 9am

**Bosham Lent Groups** The lent groups will look at St Paul's letter to the Romans. One will be a house group on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, starting February 21st. The other will be on Friday mornings at Our Lady of the Assumption at 10.45am, starting February 23rd. email [sallymorley@hotmail.com](mailto:sallymorley@hotmail.com) for more info.

**Lent Lunches** The Bosham ecumenical Lent Lunches start Friday February 16th 12 - 1.30pm, and continue every Friday during lent. Join us for soup, bread, cheese and friendly company. All £5 donations are divided between Stonepillow and Voices in Exile.

**Friday Faith Cafe at St Peters.** During Lent we will be showing the series 'No Greater Love' a Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, beginning next Friday with Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane. Tea and coffee will be available so do come along.

## **Contemplative Prayer / Christian**

**Meditation for Lent** beginning Tuesday 20th February at 6pm. Six week introductory course to Christian Meditation following the tradition of John Main Benedictine monk and founder of the WCCM ( World community of Christian Meditation) <https://wccm.org/> **Learn to be still** Upper parish room at St Richards, 6pm every Tuesday for Lent. All welcome but especially parents and teachers. For further info please contact Kate Taylor 07808761696 or [kate@runctonmanor.co.uk](mailto:kate@runctonmanor.co.uk)

**Maurice Pollock RIP** His funeral will be held at St Richards on Monday 12th February at 12.30pm.

**Susie Walker RIP** Her funeral will be held at St Richards on Friday 16th February at 12 noon.

## **Afternoon Tea for those experiencing a**

**loss** Sunday 17th March at St Peter's hall, All welcome to meet with friends and members of the Ministry of Consolation group. 3.00pm - 4.30am. All parishioners welcome.

**Tuesday Discussion Group** (follows adoration at 10am (there is NO MASS on that day). What is Divine Mercy Sunday? Can the extraordinary graces Our Lord promised to those who celebrate it be made available to more of us in the parish?

**Mass with Anointing** 21st March 12.15pm Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham. Monthly Event with lunch to follow. Please let Amy at the parish office know if you plan to come (or [book yourself in using ChurchSuite!!](#))

**Prayers with Taizé music service for Lent** at Our Lady, Bosham – Join us at 4pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February (second Sunday of Lent) for our parish ecumenical service with the theme: 'Come back to me', followed by refreshments. All most welcome.

**Lent Day of Recollection** Canon Gerard Bradley will lead our parish retreat on **Saturday 24th February**. For many years he was Director of Spiritual formation at Wonersh before becoming Episcopal Vicar in South West Southwark. **The day will start with Mass at 11.15am at St Richard's and finish by 4.15pm.**

## Ash Wednesday Masses

8am Chichester  
10am Witterings  
12 noon Selsey  
7pm Bosham

**Father Stephen Ortiger OSB** Please remember in your prayers Fr Stephen who died on 27th January; former Headmaster and Abbot at Worth, Episcopal Vicar for Religious, and Parish Priest of East Preston. He will be remembered especially as a fine preacher, spiritual director and retreat-giver and for his gifted ministry with young people. He will be sadly missed at Lourdes. We thank God for Fr Stephen and for his wonderful ministry in our diocese as monk and priest. We keep the Worth Community in our prayers at this time.

**Church linen - Volunteers needed** Is anyone's calling to collect, wash and iron the altar linens. To collect a small bag of white cloths, wash and iron them and bringing them back to the church? If this is something you could help with, (maybe to make a rota with other parishioners) please call the parish office.

**Events for parish women** 47 women attended a very successful curry night, which raised more than £250 for our Lourdes fund. If you didn't make it, could you let us know your thoughts on future possible social events for women. Would you fill in this brief survey? <https://saintsofsussex.churchsuite.com/forms/ecw5tpak>

### 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)

**Are you a practical, handy person?** Could you spare a few hours a month to join a group of like-minded parishioners, working together to maintain our churches in a cost effective way? Work of the group would include painting, gutter clearing, arranging for specialist contractors. We particularly need help at Bosham, Chichester and Selsey If you could be interested in learning more about the work and scope of the Fabric Committee, then please contact the parish office to talk it over with no obligation.

St Peter's Jumble sale Saturday 17th February at 2 pm  
Donations and help needed. Contact Sylvie 07948826339.

**All Life is Precious - Help Protect it.** Please come to the Pro Life Group Meeting, Cake Sale and Coffee Morning **Saturday 17 February 10am** in the church hall of the Catholic Church of Divine Motherhood and St Francis of Assisi, Bepton Road, Midhurst, GU29 9HD. All welcome. Contact Maria on 01903 413606

**The Friends of St Richards Catholic School** invite parents & carers of the school community to come along to a **coffee morning** on the following Friday mornings: **23rd February, 3rd May & 14th June** in the Parish Rooms at St Richards church

Brush up on your useless Trivia and get a team together for the **Friends Quiz Night** on Thursday 29th Feb (make use of the extra day!) It will be a really fun community event. tickets on the website for £5 <https://www.strichardsprimaryfriends.org/events> Tickets include quiz entry, team nibbles and entry to prize draw on the night. Drinks will be served from the Friends bar.

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

Offertory	December 2023
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
<b>Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex</b>	£5,630
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	£8,111
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	£913
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,654</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£5,035</b>

In addition, generous donations in December totalled £1240 for the Parish Community Fund, £580 for Catholic Children's Society (CRIB), £1108 for Father Joe, and £718 for Christmas Flowers. 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 10 Feb <i>St Scholastica</i>	Chichester	8am		Patrick Rozario RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Rebecca Turner RIP (The Turner Family)
<b>Sun 11 Feb</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Witterings	9am		Eileen & Peter Robson RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Blessings on our grandchildren (M&B Southward)
	Selsey	11am		Health and wellbeing of the Marriott Family (G. Herbert)
	Bosham	11.30am		Susie Walker RIP (Ray and Jan)
	Chichester	6.30pm		People of the Parish
Mon 12 Feb	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Chichester	12.30pm	✓	Funeral Mass: Maurice Pollock RIP
Tues 13 Feb	Chichester	8am	✓	Health and wellbeing of Ewa (Barbara Cluff's sister)
Wed 14 Feb <b>ASH</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Abstinence and Fasting</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Witterings	10am		
	Selsey	12noon		
	Bosham	7pm		
Thur 15 Feb	Chichester	8am	✓	Holy Souls
Friday 16 Feb	Chichester	8am	✓	
	Witterings	10am		Bill Adams RIP
	Chichester	12 noon		Funeral Mass: Susie Walker RIP
Sat 17 Feb	Chichester	8am		Regi Johnny RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	In Thanksgiving, Bibin and Shenu
<b>Sun 18 Feb</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	Witterings	9am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Health and wellbeing of Shaun Paul Kelly
	Selsey	11am		Kitty Long RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Martin J Buckley RIP
	Chichester	6.30pm		Mary Kate and James Sharkey RIP

	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 – 8pm
<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, Brendan Martin, David Mortby, Denise Turner, Gerald McGregor, Gerry Burgoyne, Jean Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Jill Serna, John Partridge, Hilary Huffell, Kinga Buckley, Lois Bleasdale, Magda Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foreshow, Michael Hoffmeister, Nell Hassett, Nick Jarman, Norah Hough, Paul Carney, Peter Habgood, Ruiyang Xu, Rita Rooke, Roger Cluff, Simon Buckley, Susan Line, Valerie Davis-White, Virginia Maxwell *Please let the office know of any changes*

**Bosham in Prayer** booklets are available from Our Lady of the Assumption. Pray for Bosham, and it's residents, businesses, groups etc. An ecumenical prayer group also meets every 2nd and 4th Monday to pray for Bosham from 7.45pm-8.45pm. You are very welcome to join us tomorrow, either in person or on Zoom. Rob and Sarah Page. 47 Arnold Way, Bosham. PO18 8NJ. Zoom meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9388383789?pwd=vvCBGUDYfdjXUoorLMItp7r8agT2dT.1&omn=89197983069> passcode 16916