

# Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

## Newsletter 3rd March

### 3rd Sunday of Lent



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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Many thanks to all of you who supported our parish retreat last Saturday. I think we had record numbers. Fr David and I had the pleasure to listen again to our speaker when he led the clergy day of prayer at Worth last Tuesday. I know that some of you took notes last Saturday, probably much better than mine, but I thought it might be useful to recall some of what Canon Gerard Bradley said to us:

As Christians, our identity is rooted in Baptism, which inserts us into the Blessed Trinity.

Lent is not a self-improvement programme nor an annual opportunity to lose weight! Lent is the time for us to renew our Baptism and our Confirmation.

Our Lenten observances are ways of opening the doors of our minds and hearts to the person of Jesus Christ in order to become more like Him. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving connect us with God and with our brothers and sisters.

The value of almsgiving for instance is that it makes us 'mercy-minded'. It is not just about money, it is about GIVING OURSELVES. Mercy is the outpouring of myself to meet the needs of others, learning to listen to their hearts.

Mercy is about a love which is practical. It is preaching the Gospel without words.

God wants us to be bold in asking for those gifts we need in order to become more like Christ. Here, the Holy Spirit, living in us through Baptism and Confirmation, will enlighten and inspire us. As we continue our journey through Lent, therefore, let us pray for one another that we may confidently seek those gifts which the Lord wants to give us.

May God bless us all

Father Tom

#### Third Sunday of Lent

**First Reading** Exod 20:1-17 *I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.*

**Resp. Psalm** You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 1: 22-25 *The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God*

**Gospel Acclamation** Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; Whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory!

**Gospel** John 2: 13-25 *Jesus clears the temple courts*

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

**Men's breakfast at the Boulevard, Selsey** at 09.00 this Saturday! As ever, this is for any men (everyman ...), so do invite others. It'll be good to be together again, so, see you there!

### **Stations of the Cross**

**Our Lady** Wednesday 2.30pm

**St Peter's** Wednesdays at 7pm

**St Wilfrid's** Fridays at 10am

**St Richard's** Fridays 7pm

**Ros Davies RIP** Please pray for the repose of Ros' soul, a much loved Bosham parishioner. The funeral Mass (with refreshments afterwards) will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption 4th March 11.30am

**Frank O'Donnell Memorial Mass** A Memorial Mass will be held at St Richard's Church on Monday 11th March at 12noon. With refreshments afterwards in the parish hall. We look forward to welcoming some of his family.

**Evening Prayer in Bosham** Tuesdays in Lent at 6pm. Praying together, or silently among the group, no more than 20 minutes.

**Bosham Lent Groups** The lent groups are looking at St Paul's letter to the Romans. Friday mornings at Our Lady of the Assumption at 10.45am. **Lent Lunches** Fridays 12 - 1.30pm during Lent. Join us for soup, bread, cheese. All £5 donations are divided between local charities

Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham 5th March 10am will be **mass celebrated for recently deceased parishioners**. Those bereaved as well as all parishioners welcome to this Mass, with refreshments afterwards.

**Mass change.** Please note there will be no 6pm confessions or 7pm Mass this Wednesday evening at St Richard's.

**HCPT** (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) - Every Easter around 1,000 children with disabilities accompanied by 2,000 volunteer helpers go on pilgrimage to Lourdes with the HCPT to enjoy a 'holiday with Mary'. This tailored pilgrimage gives children with disabilities a life changing experience and their families a time of respite. Group 154 is one of Sussex's groups with helpers and children from across the Cathedral Deanery. At the door of the church you'll find prayer request cards which we will leave at the feet of Our Lady at the Grotto

**Afternoon Tea for those who are grieving** 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 too.

**Tuesday Discussion Group** at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham (follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Concluding our discussion about how to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in the parish. All views and suggestions welcome

### **Home Visiting list in the Witterings**

There are sometimes parishioners who have not attended Mass for some time. They may benefit from a home visit, not necessarily Holy Communion but just to see a friendly face and be aware that they have not been forgotten. If you know of such a parishioner, please inform Geoff Breeze or a member of the Stewardship Group who can then arrange for a visit to be made.

**'Invited' for Lent** Mondays, Donnington, 7pm; - Tuesdays, Tangmere, 7pm; - Thursdays, St Richard's Upper Parish Room, 7pm; - Fridays, St Richard's Upper Parish Room, 9am

**Contemplative Prayer / Christian Meditation for Lent** beginning last 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 For further info please contact Kate 07808761696 or [kate@runctonmanor.co.uk](mailto:kate@runctonmanor.co.uk)

**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!!](#))

**Lent Reconciliation Services** This year we will not be having our own parish reconciliation service because it will the turn of Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor. Please note Our Deanery will therefore be offering the following reconciliation services:

**Sunday 17th March 4pm at Storrington**

**Tuesday 19th March 7pm at Bognor**

Several priests will be available on both occasions for individual confession and absolution.

**St Patricks Day, shared supper,** on 17th March at 7pm St Peters hall, Bring a dish to share and your own drink. There will Be a quiz and Irish music. See Sylvie for details 07948826339.

**Parish Community Fund** Receiving a gift of food vouchers means a great deal when you are struggling to provide for your children. Thanks to your generous donations to the Parish Community Fund we were able to support 43 families with children in our Catholic schools, over the Christmas period. Please support our **Easter appeal**, via bank transfer Name :Saints of Sussex Sort Code 40-05-20 Account No 41076582 Reference : PCF cheque made payable to : Saints of Sussex

“The **Bosco Catholic Education Trust**, which exists to serve Catholic schools in Sussex, invites you to **consider taking on the role of being a governor**. You could do this to help your local Catholic school or support the strategic development of the Trust itself. To register your interest, join our ‘talent pool’ and find out if this could be the role for you, please visit [www.boscocet.org.uk/become-a-governor/](http://www.boscocet.org.uk/become-a-governor/). You have something unique to offer and we’d love to hear from you.

Date for your diaries: The next Bosham Children’s Liturgy will be held on 17th March

**Children’s Liturgy at St Richard’s** This Sunday 3rd March at the 9.30am Mass. 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). NB The next one at St Richard’s will be on Palm Sunday

**Friday Faith Cafe at St Peters.**

We continue to follow Jesus on his journey to the Cross next Friday with '*The Death of the Messiah*'. This will follow the 10 am Mass. Tea and Coffee will be available. Everyone is very welcome so do come along.

**Concert for Ukraine** Concert by Vincent Lindsey Clark, Classical Guitarist at The Selsey Club, Vincent Rd, Selsey, 7pm for 7.30pm, on Friday 24th May Tickets £12 from Julian after Mass or by phone 07721 532711. All proceeds to Ukrainian Family Support.

**CYE are recruiting an Operations Manager.**

Christian Youth Enterprises is looking for a manager to drive forward their vision of sharing the Gospel, enabling the holistic development of our guests, volunteers and staff, and equipping the next generation of Christian leaders. Interview date: Tuesday 23rd April

**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	January 2024
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
<b>Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex</b>	<b>£4,318</b>
<b>Bankers orders</b>	<b>£7,650</b>
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	<b>£1,051</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,019</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£4,496</b>

In addition, generous donations in January totalled £456 for the Catholic Children's Society (CRIB), £1385 for Patriarch of Jerusalem, £2052 for Lourdes Pilgrimage, and £207 for Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC). 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 2 Mar	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls (J Edwards)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba
<b>Sun 3 Mar</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	Witterings	9am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Jayne Carlisle RIP (M&B Southward)
	Selsey	11am		Tom and Pat Hobbs RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Canon Peter Bourne & Fr Ken Freeman RIP (McCormack Family)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Agnes Kilcoyne RIP
Mon 4 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	David Mitchell RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Funeral Mass: Ros Davis RIP
Tues 5 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Fr Tony Parish RIP
	Bosham	10am		Recently deceased parishioners
Wed 6 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Joseph Kilcoyne RIP
	Selsey	10am		Health and wellbeing of Annabel Cottrel
Thur 7 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	In Thanksgiving (Bibitha Joseph)
Friday 8 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Intentions of Fr Hugh Clifford
	Witterings	10am		Private Intention (Theresa Owgan)
Sat 9 Mar	Chichester	8am		Jola Melka RIP (Jones Family)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Alethea Flint RIP
<b>Sun 10 Mar</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	Witterings	9am		Don Carver RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Health and wellbeing of Susan and Fr Peter Johnstone.
	Selsey	11am		Nell Collins RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Holy Souls (J Edwards)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Tess and Tommy Masterson RIP

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Bosham</b>	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
<b>Chichester</b>	Sat after 6pm Mass; Sun after the 6.30pm Mass Wed 10-11am	Wed from 8.30am – 8pm
<b>Selsey</b>	Wed 9.30-10am	Mon 9.30-10.30 & Wed 9.30-10am
<b>Witterings</b>	Fri 9.30-10am	Wed 9.00-12noon

### Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Agnes Martin, Annabel Cottrell, Anthony Morris, 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*

**Taking a Towel: A Lenten Retreat Day Wednesday 13 March** 10am to 4pm at Sussex Heritage Centre, Warningcamp, Arundel, BN18 9QY. As we approach Holy Week there will be space for quiet reflection and input from Roger Hagon who is experienced in Ignatian Spirituality and previously a tutor on the London based Ignatian Spirituality Course. Cost £15, please bring a packed lunch. To book contact Maria on 01903 413606 or [info@sussexheritage.co.uk](mailto:info@sussexheritage.co.uk). Also Individually Guided Residential Retreat 20 to 23 March see website for details