

Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex Newsletter 10th March 4th Sunday of Lent



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I am writing this from Walsingham, where I am about to begin the second full day of the National Clergy Retreat. On the first day, I offered Mass for all your intentions. Yesterday, too, we were given a guided tour of the abbey grounds, containing the ruins of the medieval Priory of Our Lady of Walsingham, the Holy Wells, and the site of the Holy House, which was the seedbed for the place of pilgrimage and the reason Walsingham became known as England's Nazareth. What's fascinating is that the dimensions of the purported Holy House of Nazareth, transported to Loreto, are said to match exactly in their essence the dimensions of the house excavated in Walsingham, dimensions given to Richeldis de Faverches in her vision in 1061. Standing on the site, I could almost hear the countless pilgrims' footsteps, the friars' chanting, and the tears at the shrine's destruction in 1538. What is heartening is that today, with both the Anglican and Catholic shrines, Walsingham is a beacon for ecumenism. I posit that, in so doing, it is helping to heal the wounds of history and the tragedy of Christian disunity. At the very least, we can celebrate what unites us instead of festering resentment over what divides us. As a symbol of this, the Anglican shrine contains a replica of the Holy House.

Celebrating what unites us is a good phrase to meditate on as we mark Laetare Sunday, a traditional day of rejoicing, a marker that we are more than halfway through Lent. It's good to take a breather on the pilgrim path before we take up our staff and continue on the journey. It's time to reassess and reevaluate how the journey has been so far and what we need to do to push for the finishing line of Holy Week and the joy of Easter. The Holy House of Nazareth is predicated on a beating heart, the heart of a mother, Mary. Today is also Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day, and we give thanks for the beautiful gift of our mothers, those still with us, and those gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Of course, I am also conscious that, as with Father's Day, some people have had a complicated relationship with their parents. We pray for healing there, too. In Mary of Nazareth, you have a mother who will never abandon or disown you. As Wordsworth wrote, 'Our tainted nature's solitary boast.' Happy Laetare Sunday and Happy Mother's Day.

Fr David

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 *God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people.*

Resp. Psalm O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10 *You have been saved through grace*

Gospel Acclamation Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel John 3:14-21 *God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.*

Bidding prayers at: www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions

Second Collection NEXT weekend

Flowers for Easter in our churches. Please gift aid your donation in your normal church envelopes/with your normal number

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 Fridays at 9.30am

St Wilfrid's Fridays at 10am (Change)

St Richard's Fridays 7pm

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, for local friends and 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. (Last one 12th Mar)

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. Your £5 donation is divided between local charities

Michael Hoffmeister RIP

Michael's funeral will be held at Bosham on 19th March at 11am (and this will replace the 10am mass on that day) May he rest in peace.

Rene Coutts RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rene Coutts who died unexpectedly last week. Funeral arrangements to follow.

Spring Fair Selsey

– taking place at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Selsey on Saturday 6th of April – 10-12 Chocolate, gift and bottle tombolas, raffle, toys and bricabrac, plants, and preserves. Refreshments available. Donations for stalls welcome – please drop off inside the church porch. Thank you.

Robins is an end-of-life volunteer visiting service

provided by Selsey Community Forum, endorsed by St Wilfrid's Hospice, and delivered across the Manhood Peninsula. Robins are looking for volunteers to provide comfort and companionship to adults at the end of their lives. Volunteers will need to commit to a minimum of 8 hours per month and to have your own transport. mail@selseycommunityforum.uk or 01243 201616.

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). Looking at Lent, and brief conclusion to discussions on celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday in the parish.

Baptisms in Our Parish

this Sunday at 9.30 Mass there will be several families who will receive a Blessing, having completed the Spring Course of Infant Baptism Preparation. 13 families signed up for the Course this term, a big increase from last term. Another cohort will receive a Blessing after Easter before their children's baptisms take place. Thank you for your prayerful support. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

The Summer Course will start with a tea and cake for all members of families, babies and siblings, on Sunday afternoon 14th April. Please invite anyone you know who may be interested to contact the Parish Office.

Mary Downy, Infant Baptism Catechist Team.

Mens' breakfast—James Curtis-Pond

James Curtis-Pond, ex city lawyer and CEO of AnyDATA Solutions **Woolpack Inn Fishbourne** <https://immanuel.churchsuite.com/events/bmttehm> to pre book your place and breakfast. Any problems please call 07813024585. Cost: £10.00, payable in cash on the day, which includes your chosen breakfast and unlimited tea or coffee.

Lent Reconciliation Services

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

Sunday 17th March 4pm at Storrington

Tuesday 19th March 7pm at Bognor

Several priests will be available on each occasion for individual confession and absolution.

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!!](#))

The Community event for **peace, hope and kindness** will take place on **Saturday 23rd of March at 3pm at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Selsey**. There will be music, poetry and quotes, a tree of hope for people to place their messages on, individuals to use pebbles to meditate. All welcome! Refreshments afterwards.

St Patricks Day, shared supper Change of date_, St Peter's shared supper for St Patrick's day is now on **Saturday 16th March at 7pm**, please bring a dish to share and your own drink. There will be a raffle, Quiz and Irish music all welcome, see See Sylvia for details and to book your place, (07948826339.). Space is limited in the hall so please do not turn if you have not booked.

Parish Community Fund 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 Diocesan Youth Adviser is creating a **new Diocesan Youth Council**. The purpose of the Council is to provide the Diocesan Youth Adviser with current and relevant information about young people. Members will offer insight into the joys and challenges of practicing the Catholic faith as a young person, and work to create innovative and effective strategies to affirm and encourage other young adults from across the Diocese. Members must be aged 18-35. Contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

Oaklands are Recruiting our website at <https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/staff/vacancies/> a vacancy for Sixth Form Administration Officer and a vacancy for Cover Assistant

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is on **every week at St Peter's in the Witterings**. Your child will be invited to join from Mass.

Bosham on 17th March at the 11.30am Mass. Please sign the weekly register (or complete a full registration form if they have not attended before).

The next Children's Liturgy at **St Richard's** will be on **Palm Sunday (24th March)**

Friday Faith Cafe at St Peters. We continue our Journey with Jesus next Friday 15th March with hearing Jesus' 'Last Seven Words From the Cross'. Tea and coffee will be available so do come along.

Please note: Refreshments will not be available. on Friday 22nd March as all the tea ladies will be in Winchester.

Men's Way of the Cross 22nd Mar Join us on this 5-6 hour night walk of the stations of the cross along the hills of beachy head. As we are challenged physically in this silent endeavour so doors to our spiritual life can be opened. This provides an opportunity to renew our dedication and vocation as men of faith. We gather at Our Lady of ransom Church, 2-4 Grange Rd, Eastbourne BN21 4EU. 9PM - 10PM: Registration, Adoration and Confessions 10PM - 11PM: Holy Mass 11PM: We Start Our Way of the Cross! 4-6am (approximately): We are back at the church 15 minutes for silent adoration and testimonials (if someone wishes to share) followed by a hearty breakfast in the church hall!

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

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

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

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 9 Mar	Chichester	8am		Jola Melka RIP (Jones Family)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Alethea Flint RIP
Sun 10 Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent	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
Mon 11 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Winnie Coyne RIP
	Chichester	12 noon		Memorial Mass: Frank O'Donnell
Tues 12 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Susie Walker RIP (Hughes Family)
	Bosham	10am		Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 13 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Padraig Coyne RIP
	Selsey	10am		Intentions of Freddie Ventura and Family
	Chichester	7pm		In Thanksgiving (Joseph Bibitha)
Thur 14 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Susie Walker RIP (Mary & Martin)
Friday 15 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Intentions of Julie Chalker
	Witterings	10am		Iola Mekha RIP
Sat 16 Mar	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls (J Edwards)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	David Owgan RIP (Marysia Dembinski)
Sun 17 Mar fifth Sunday of Lent	Witterings	9am		Peter Jolly RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Regi Johny RIP
	Selsey	11am		Sr Mary Agnes RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Susie Walker RIP (Clare Walls)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Teresa and Adolf Mucha RIP (Piotr Mucha)

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
Chichester	Sat after 6pm Mass; Sun after the 6.30pm Mass Wed 10-11am, 6-7pm	Wed from 8.30am – 8pm
Selsey	Wed 9.30-10am	Mon 9.30-10.30 & Wed 9.30-10am
Witterings	Fri 9.30-10am	Wed 9.00-12noon

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Agnes Martin, Annabel Cottrell, 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 Foresheew, 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*