

# Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

## Newsletter 17th March

### 5th Sunday of Lent



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy week, the readings for this Sunday's liturgy start preparing us for Jesus' passion and death. In the gospel we read the equivalent of Jesus' agony in the garden as presented by John. In the gospel Jesus does not plead to the Father that the chalice of the passion be taken away from him, instead, the passion is Jesus' moment of glory. In the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Father's name will be glorified.

The prophet Jeremiah tells us that God will now write his law, not on the scrolls of the Torah, but in our hearts. We have no need to go searching for God's will, God speaks to us in our own heart. The question is for us to understand God's will and to do our best to achieve this every day of our life. As we approach Jesus' death and resurrection, we learn that Jesus does the will of the Father by submitting to his passion and death for our salvation. Jesus, the Son of God, is continually in touch with his Father's will. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, especially in the gospel according to John, we too become children of God, through his writing of his law in our hearts.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews teaches us that we become one with the Father's will through our obedience to God, following in Jesus' footsteps. Jesus learnt to obey through suffering. Does my suffering and the carrying of my cross in discipleship of Jesus lead me to obey God as I pray 'thy will be done!'

With prayers and best wishes for the week ahead,

Deacon Jon.

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

**First Reading** Jeremiah 31: 31-34 *I will write my law in their hearts*

**Resp. Psalm** A pure heart create for me, O God.

**Second Reading** Hebrews 5:7-9 *He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation*

**Gospel Acclamation** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**Gospel** John 12: 20-33 *If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

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

## Mass Times over the Triduum and Easter

### Maundy Thursday

St Wilfrid's 8pm

St Richard's 8pm

### Good Friday

St Wilfrid's 3pm \* with Children's Liturgy

St Richard's 3pm \* with Children's Liturgy

### Holy Saturday

St Wilfrid's 8pm

St Richard's 8pm

### Easter Sunday

St Peter's 9am

St Richard's 9.30am

St Wilfrid's 11am

Our Lady 11.30am

n.b there will be no 6.30pm Mass on this day

## Stations of the Cross

Our Lady Wednesday 2.30pm

St Peter's Fridays at 9.30am

St Wilfrid's Fridays at 10am

St Richard's Fridays 7pm

## Palm Sunday Processions

**Bosham** The ecumenical Palm Sunday procession on March 24th will commence at 10 am from Our Lady's, walking to the harbour and back. On return to the church, coffee & tea will be available for a short period for those participating. Mass will follow, as normal, at 11.30 am.

**Chichester** 9.30am Sunday Mass with Procession - We will gather outside St Richard's for the blessing of palms before processing back to the Church for the start of Mass.

**Lent Reconciliation Services** 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. May we encourage you to come to one of these communal celebrations where you can experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a more complete way.

## Choir for the Triduum at St Richard's

Would you like to sing for the Triduum at St Richard's? Rehearsals are at 7pm on 21 and 25 March. All very welcome. Just sign up at <https://saintsofsussex.churchsuite.com/forms/y52xyxx4> by 18 March so the choir can get sheet music ready for you.

## Second Collection THIS weekend

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

**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.

## Witterings Walk of Witness—Good Friday

The walk will start outside the Wittering Medical Centre at 11.00am. It will be a short walk with prayers at various stops on the way. It will finish at St Anne's Anglican church for Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.

The Community event for **peace, hope and kindness** will take place next **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Afternoon Tea for those who are grieving

This 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 will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, when the theme will be Holy Week. This Tuesday's Mass will be the Requiem for Michael Hoffmeister, RIP at 11am.

## Baptisms in Our Parish

The Summer Course will start with a tea and cake for all members of families, babies and siblings, on Sunday afternoon 14<sup>th</sup> April. Please invite anyone you know who may be interested to contact the Parish Office. *Mary Downy, Infant Baptism Catechist Team.*

**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!!](#)) In addition to the Anointing, there will be the light lunch, raffle and a DVD presentation on the recent parish pilgrimage to Salisbury. If transport is required, please phone Tony on 07941949760 or 01243 781040.

**Friday Faith Cafe at St Peters.** We continue our Journey with Jesus next Friday 22nd March with hearing Jesus' 'Last Seven Words From the Cross'.

**The Friends of Arundel Cathedral** invite you to hear Baroness Caroline Cox, Founder President Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust to join them in the Cathedral Centre (London Road, Arundel), Thursday 11 April 2024 For a talk at 12 noon followed by a light lunch, Tickets: £15 Available: [www.arundelcathedralfriends.uk](http://www.arundelcathedralfriends.uk) Or Lindsey Stratford:[aruncathfriends@btconnect.com](mailto:aruncathfriends@btconnect.com)

**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

**Car Parking for the Parish Pilgrimage to Winchester Friday 20th March.** Next Friday the car park at St Richard's will be for parishioners on the pilgrimage. This will probably take up all the places.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday Service St Peter's.**

Sunday 7th April 2pm Devotions, Adoration, Benediction, Confessions. Refreshments to follow in the church hall.

**Bosham Lent Groups** at 12.45am **and. Lent Lunches** at 12 noon to 1.30pm (£5). Continue on Fridays at Our Lady of the Assumption

### **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)

### **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 this Sunday 17th March** at the 11.30am Mass. Please sign the weekly register (or complete a full registration form if they have not attended before). St Richard's Palm Sunday Children's Liturgy for children from Nursery age up to years 5/6. Please register your child before the start of Mass in the lower parish rooms if possible. The children will gather at the front of the church after we have processed back into Church after the Gospel and blessing / distribution of palms. The children will be acting out the Passion - any queries ask please ask one of the leaders. If your child needs your support you are very welcome to attend with them. We look forward to seeing you.

**Spring Fair Selsey** – taking place at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Selsey on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Foodbank Donations**

**Selsey Foodbank**- Please continue to support by placing donations in the container in the front of St Wilfrid's Church porch.

**Witterings and Chichester** There are Foodbank collection boxes in St Peter's and St Richard's porches, please leave your donations in these boxes, for those people in need.

### **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 16 Mar	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls (J Edwards)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	David Owgan RIP (Marysia Dembinski)
<b>Sun 17 Mar</b> <b>fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	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)
Mon 18 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Holy Souls
Tues 19 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Special Intention (Daughters of the Cross Convent)
	Bosham	11am		Funeral Mass: Michael Hoffmeister RIP
Wed 20 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Nicola Naegon de Lestang RIP
	Selsey	10am		Alice Poppy RIP
	Chichester	7pm		Lukasz Boruch RIP (Piotr Mucha)
Thur 21 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Morning Prayer (Not Mass)
	Bosham	12.15		Mass with anointing (The Event)
Friday 22 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Rosaline Kelly RIP
	Witterings	10am		
Sat 23 Mar	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls (J Edwards)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Maurice Pollock RIP (Marysia Dembinski)
<b>Sun 24 Mar</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	Witterings	9am		Terry Dobson RIP (Mary and Martin)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Intentions of Mariya Johny
	Selsey	11am		Jolanta and Boguslaw Buchinger RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Kay Krauze RIP
	Chichester	6.30pm		Kay Howlett RIP (Clare Apel)

	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, 6-7pm	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 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, Nell Hassett, Nick Jarman, Norah Hough, Paul Carney, Peter Habgood, Ruiyang Xu, Rita Rooke, Roger Cluff, Simon Buckley, Susan Line, Valerie Davis -White, *Please let the office know of any changes*