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Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 *I did not cover my face against insult—I know I shall not be shamed.*

Responsorial Psalm 21 O God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 *Christ humbled himself, but God raised him high.*

Gospel Accl: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

Bidding prayers at: www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions



Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex Newsletter

23rd March

Palm Sunday

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
This Sunday, the crowd wave branches and applaud Jesus as King. Next Friday they will be yelling 'Crucify him!' How quickly their views changed. It prompts me to offer a few reflections on something which surrounds us today perhaps more than ever: CHANGE. We began this year with so many uncertainties: Ukraine, and the other tragic wars, the vast number of displaced people, the political unrest, the prospect of presidential elections in America later in the year, and our own approaching General Election. Closer to home, we have our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, with this, our 'Transitional Year'. The process has only just begun and we can expect more changes in our deanery and parish structures. None of us clergy are safe! Change brings uncertainty. We all like stability and what is familiar to us. Yet, as Christians, change and conversion have always been part of our lives, most especially in Lent. When Easter comes around, if we are still clinging on to our old bad habits, satisfied with where we are, then it has not been a good Lent. The Church, in her Liturgy, is now preparing to celebrate the most momentous event in human history: The Paschal Mystery: The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. This has indeed **changed everything**: Death gives way to life; Hatred to love; Darkness to light; bread and wine to the Body and Blood of Christ.

'To live is to change, and to be perfect, is to have changed often' writes St John Henry Newman. Faced with so many changes and uncertainties in today's world we are invited more than ever to put our trust in God. It is the clear message of scripture and in the lives of the Saints. Our Lord's final words to his disciples, before ascending to the Father are: 'Know that I am with you always, yes to the end of time' (Matt28: 20)

We may be facing an unknown future but we have no reason to be afraid.

May God bless us All in these coming days as we celebrate His victory over sin and death.

Fr Tom

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

Palm Sunday Procession at 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.

The Collection on Easter Sunday is for Fr Tom & Fr David's own personal income. Offerings can be gift aided.

The Chrism Mass will be at Arundel Cathedral on Wednesday (27th March) at 6pm celebrated by Bishop Richard. All the clergy of the Diocese will try to attend the Mass when they will renew their ordination promises. Our Bishop will bless and consecrate the holy oils for use in the parishes over the coming year. All are welcome to attend.

Divine Mercy Sunday Service St Peter's.

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

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 14th April. Please invite anyone you know who may be interested to contact the Parish Office. *Mary Downy, Infant Baptism*

Praying for Vocations. On Thursday 18th April at 3pm at St Peters there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This will include a service of prayers, readings, and Benediction led by Fr Tom. There will be tea and coffee in the hall afterwards so do come along.

The Good Friday Collection is for the Christians in the Holy Land. This annual collection is used not only to maintain the Holy Places but also for the needs of the local Christian Communities who, more than ever, require

Witterings Walk of Witness—Good Friday

Witterings: 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.

Bosham Join us for the Bosham ecumenical Walk of Witness at 10.30am for a meaningful way to reflect upon the Passion. Starting at St Nicholas Church Hall, Brooks Lane, we will follow the Stations of the Cross as we process down to Our Lady of the Assumption and finally to Holy Trinity from where we will disperse at approximately 12 noon. Some people may choose to join us in prayer at Our Lady or walk the last few stations.

Good Friday Local Christians will be distributing hot cross buns at the will be much appreciated for 11.00 until all the hot cross buns have been handed out (about 45 mins). Volunteers should meet at the van in West Street behind the Cross to collect trays of Hot Cross buns and paper napkins with Easter message. Our parish has contributed towards the cost of the hot cross buns

Children's Liturgy

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.

Good Friday Children's Liturgy The children will have their own liturgy during the 3pm services at Selsey and Chichester, please bring your child to the halls from 2.50pm, so they can be registered. Please sit in the reserved spaces in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel where your children will be brought back to you during the showing of the Cross. Please let the catechists know of any food allergies.

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

It is with much sadness that we announce the sudden death of St Richard's parishioner Pat Ware. Pat spent her life giving back to others. She worked tirelessly for our church in many roles including accounting roles and managing the flower arranging. She was also a Guiding leader and commissioner for many years. We will miss Pat dearly, and our prayers go to her family: husband Allan and girls Debbie, Paula, Suzie.

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.

Parish Support for Father Joe Over the years parishioners have generously supported Father Joe's work in his Kenyan parish. Father Joe would welcome our continued support in his new parish in Chumvini. This would be supporting the rescue centre in Kilifi to help house, care and provide legal fees for children, some of whom are expectant mothers through rape and incest or who have been trafficked or abused. The second element is supporting the feeding programme for 700 primary children of Ulawani Primary School. Fr Joe also helps pay school fees for deaf children who otherwise would receive no education. We want to thank you for your continuing generosity. Father Joe hasn't visited us since before covid, but we are hoping he will come this summer.

Coffee and Chat Bosham The next Coffee and Chat is on Wednesday 27th March, 10.30 - 11.30 at Our Lady of the Assumption. All welcome for a cup of coffee / tea, cake and friendly conversation.

Tuesday Discussion Group at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham (follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Join us as we explore the biblical roots of the Eucharist over refreshments. All most welcome.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel. Bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Car share if possible as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Pilgrimage Day Saturday 13 April in the Steps of St Cuthman. A meditative pilgrimage day reflecting on the life of St Cuthman and walking to Cobnor Point (car option available). Meet at St Mary's Chidham at 11am. Bring a packed lunch. See www.sussexheritage.co.uk or phone Maria on 09103 413606 to book.

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 Or Lindsey Stratford: aruncathfriends@btconnect.com

Our Parish Offertory

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

Offertory	February 2024
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	£4,277
Bankers Orders	£6,797
Credit and debit card transactions	£861
Total	£11,935
Gift Aid Rebate	£0

In addition, generous donations in January totalled £1,192 for CAFOD, £2260 for Parish Community Fund, £866 for Diocesan Lourdes Fund, £69 for Sanctuary and £73 for Father Joe. 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 23 Mar	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls (J Edwards)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Maurice Pollock RIP (Marysia Dembinski)
Sun 24 Mar PALM SUNDAY	Witterings	9am		Terry Dobson RIP (Mary and Martin)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Pat Ware RIP
	Selsey	11am		Jolanta and Boguslaw Buchinger RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Kay Krauze RIP
	Chichester	6.30pm		Intentions of Mariya Johny
Mon 25 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Karoline Kolodzinska RIP
Tues 26 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Health and wellbeing of Katie Shrubbs
	Bosham	10am		Blessings on Paul McLaughlin on his birthday
Wed 27 Mar	Chichester	8am	✓	Mariane Isted RIP
	Arundel	6pm		Chrism Mass
Thur 28 Mar	Chichester	8pm	✓	Maundy Thursday
	Selsey	8pm		
Friday 29 Mar	Chichester	3pm	✓	Good Friday <i>Day of fasting and abstinence</i>
	Selsey	3pm		
Sat 30 Mar	Chichester	8pm		Holy Saturday
	Chichester	8pm	✓	
Sun 31 Mar EASTER SUNDAY	Witterings	9am		Peter Bailey RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Breda and Seamus Moloney RIP
	Selsey	11am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11.30am		Winnie Walls RIP

	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 Tuesday 5-7pm Wed 10-11am,	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 Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Nick Jarman, Norah Hough, Paul Carney, Peter Habgood, Ruiyang Xu, Rita Rooke, Roger Cluff, Simon Buckley, Susan Line, Tony Morris, Valerie Davis-White, *Please let the office know of any changes*