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East Wittering, PO20 8PS

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www.saintsofsussex.com

### Regular news and insight:

[instagram.com/saints.of.sussex](https://www.instagram.com/saints.of.sussex)

[facebook.com/saints.of.sussex](https://www.facebook.com/saints.of.sussex)

### Online Masses

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

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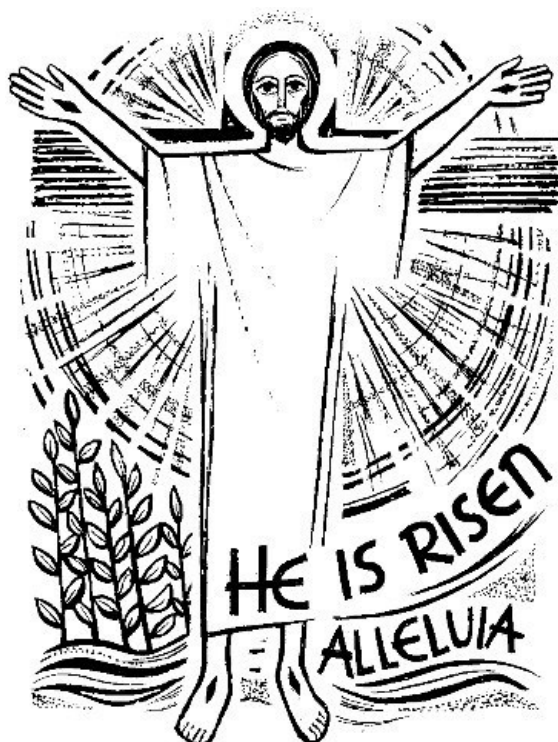
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### Parish bereavement support

Request a callback via the Office

### Hall & church availability

www.saintsofsussex.com/  
church-and-hall-availability



## Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex Newsletter

### Easter Sunday 31st March

## Easter Sunday

### First Reading:

Acts 10:34, 37-43 *We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.*

### Responsorial Psalm 117

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad

### Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4 *Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

### Sequence

**Gospel Accl:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9 *He must rise from the dead*

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

John's Gospel account of the resurrection begins with Mary Magdalen arriving alone at the tomb. Upon seeing the stone removed, she fled to Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. They ran, looked inside the tomb, and realized from the careful placement of the cloths that there had been no robbery. Coming out of the tomb they began to believe, but, as John tells us, they had not yet understood the meaning of the scriptures, they returned home. In the light of the risen appearances of the Lord, they realized what God has done in Jesus, for them and the whole world.

Through baptism into the church we take on the mantle of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above. We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come - the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

Wishing you all very happy and Holy Easter from us all  
Fr Tom, Fr David and Dc Jon

### **The Collection on Easter Sunday**

is for Fr Tom & Fr David's own personal income. Offerings can be gift aided.

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

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

**Pop-in Prayers (monthly)** at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. Join us as we pray with Jesus's words in the Gospel, offer our personal petitions and pray the Rosary. All are welcome – refreshments follow.

**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.

**Tuesday Discussion Group** at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham (follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Fr David will be with us on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April for coffee and a chat, and our next focused discussion will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**St Peter's Jumble Sale** on Saturday 4th May from 2pm. Donations and help needed . See Sylvie for more details or call on 07948826339.

**The Bosham ecumenical Lent Lunches** were very well supported. This year we have banked £900 to be split equally between Stonepillow and Voices in Exile.

### **An Unusual request**

An anonymous parishioner has most generously donated £500 for the specific purpose of enabling a family in need to go on a summer holiday this year. We are working towards identifying a family (or families) who might benefit from this generous offer. Meanwhile perhaps other parishioners may like to contribute? (If so please indicate 'Family Holiday' on the envelope / bank transfer reference.

### **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.*

### **Praying for Vocations.**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

**Funeral of Pat Ware RIP** will be held at 2pm on Friday 12th April at St Richard's with Reception of the Body the evening before at 4.30pm.

**Funeral of Myra Gilbert RIP** will be held at 12 noon St Richard's Church 16th April followed by refreshments in the lower parish room.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

### **Friday Faith Cafe at St Peter's.**

Next Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, after the 10 am Mass we continue our walk through the Passion of Christ. In this session we see the Risen Jesus through the eyes of those who were the first to encounter him after his Resurrection. Everyone is very welcome so do come along.

### Praying with Icons The National Board of Catholic Women invites you to a webinar.

Saturday 13th April 2024, 11am - 12.30 London  
Speaker: Patricia Stoa, to western eyes, icons may seem quite strange, too formal and abstract to be a way into prayer. This talk will explore the history of this special way of seeing, and offer some reflections on icons and their significance.

Patricia Stoa has degrees in theology and spirituality, and has been praying with icons for many years.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81262253037?pwd=VURISUw4alBCM3WE9paDBCNINBdz09>

Meeting ID: 812 6225 3037

Passcode: 927726

### Oaklands Catholic School are recruiting a

Head of Performing Arts. Performing Arts has a strong presence in the curriculum and our extra-curricular offer is an outstanding feature of our community. For further details about the school please visit our website [www.oaklandscatholicsschool.org](http://www.oaklandscatholicsschool.org)

A weekend in Brighton called a **New Life in the City** for 18-35 year olds. It will be a weekend of living the Benedictine charism of prayer, friendship and work. Organised by the LCSB and Brighton Mission of the Worth Abbey monks It will be time for young people to get together to make friends.

[Wwww.lcsb.uk/brighton](http://www.lcsb.uk/brighton)

### 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](http://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](http://www.arundelcathedralfriends.uk)

### 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	February 2024
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	£4,277
Bankers Orders	£6,797
Credit and debit card transactions	£861
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,935</b>
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 30 Mar	Selsey	8pm		<b>Holy Saturday</b>
	Chichester	8pm	✓	
<b>Sun 31 Mar</b> <b>EASTER</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	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
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Chichester	10am	✓	In Thanksgiving (Rozario Family)
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Chichester	8am	✓	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (Not Mass)
	Bosham	10am		Intentions of Ellie Flynn
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Chichester	8am	✓	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (Not Mass)
	Selsey	10am		Special Intention
	Chichester	7pm		Marilyn Bannen RIP (Clare Apel)
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Chichester	8am	✓	Peter's Intentions on his birthday
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Chichester	8am	✓	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (Not Mass)
	Witterings	10am		Anurika Fernando RIP
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Chichester	8am		Intentions of Dr Clare Minty
	Chichester	8pm	✓	In Thanksgiving
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> 'Low'</b> <b>Sunday of</b> <b>Easter (Divine</b> <b>Mercy Sunday)</b>	Witterings	9am		Pat Ware RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Dennis Chiles RIP (On Wedding Anniversary)
	Selsey	11am		Pat Ware RIP (Jane Isted)
	Bosham	11.30am		Tony Whiting RIP (Julia Janiec)
	Witterings	2pm		Divine Mercy Service
	Chichester	6.30pm		Marguerite Eisinger RIP

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Bosham</b>	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
<b>Chichester</b>	Wed 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 Foresheew, Nell Hassett, Nick Jarman, Norah Hough, Paul Carney, Ruiyang Xu, Rita Rooke, Roger Cluff, Simon Buckley, Susan Line, Tony Morris, Valerie Davis-White, *Please let the office know of any changes*