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2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 *The whole group of believers were united heart and soul*

Responsorial Psalm 117 *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end*

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 *Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world*

Sequence

Gospel Accl: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you have seen me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'* Alleluia!

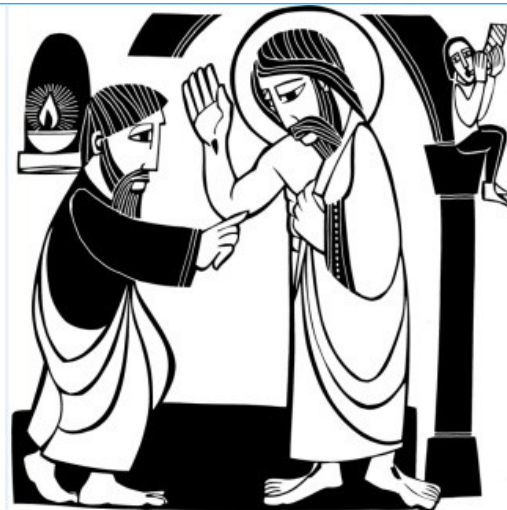
Gospel: John 20:19-31 *Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them.*

As children, as I did, you very likely learned the rhyme, 'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.' It was meant to show a certain steeliness and resolve in the face of bullies: 'Say what you like. It doesn't bother me.' To be honest, I was never very convinced of the truth of the saying. What that teacher or school bully said can remain seared into our consciousness for life. Of course, we now live in an age where words hurt and can be like Molotov cocktails. You may not even mean to be hurtful, but say or express what are deemed to be the wrong words or opinions, and you can, to coin modern phraseology, get cancelled, and by cancelled means you lose everything. Even scarier, you may have said something in the past that was discovered and then used to immolate you years later. It's heady stuff. In summation, we live in an epoch that contradicts itself. We are called to be kind, accepting, and tolerant, and that's wonderful. Yet, we must also show no mercy to anyone who deviates from the agreed-upon script.

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, I reflected anew on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. They are lynchpins of our faith, and it is good to remind ourselves of them. The Corporal Works of Mercy deal with material and physical needs. They are feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead. The Spiritual Works of Mercy deal with spiritual and emotional needs. These are to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear wrongs patiently, and pray for the living and the dead. Again, words can be a stumbling block. I struggle with the command to instruct the ignorant and admonish sinners. It sounds very 'judgy' and 'preachy', almost rude. Perhaps both can be understood as a call to be ready to speak of your faith bravely, stand up for its revealed truth, and do all these things with mercy and kindness. The bottom line, however, can be found in the Catechism:

The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God. (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2447)

Fr David



**Our Lady & the Saints
of Sussex 7th April 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter 'Low
Sunday' or 'Divine Mercy'**

Divine Mercy Sunday Service St Peter's. THIS SUNDAY 7th April 2pm Devotions, Adoration, Benediction, Confessions. Refreshments to follow in the church hall.

Spring Fair Selsey THIS SATURDAY 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.

Pop-in Prayers (monthly) at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham – Wednesday 10th 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.

Tuesday Discussion Group at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham (follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Fr David will be with us this Tuesday 9th April for coffee and a chat.

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

Due to limited numbers the wake is for family only and specifically invited guests.

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 12th April there will be another chance to see the first session of 'A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion': Jesus' Prayer of Agony. This will follow the 10am Mass. Tea and coffee will be available.

Men's Breakfast Chichester The Woolpack Inn, 71 Fishbourne Road (West), Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3J 8.00am Saturday 20 April 2024. Order breakfast in advance. Jonathan Beale had been an assistant to a Member of Parliament. He subsequently joined the BBC for whom he has been working for more than 30 years – postings included political correspondent in Westminster. In 2009 he covered the Guantanamo military commissions. Jonathan is now the BBC's Defence Correspondent and over the last ten years he has covered conflicts in Afghanistan, the Middle East and Ukraine.

Quiz Night with Fish and Chips

On 19th April in St Richard's in the lower parish room The Knights of St Columba are holding a quiz night with fish and chips. Arrive at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets in advance cost £8—please call Ray for a ticket on 788803 £8 to include the fish and chips.

Children's Liturgy The next Children's liturgy will be held at **Our Lady of the Assumption next Sunday (14th April)**. Children must register if they haven't done so before.

At St Peter's Children's liturgy is available every week, your child will be called to join in during mass.

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 Catechist Team.*

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.

Susan Line writes: *'Thank you for all your prayers and support which have helped me so much. Mass will be offered for your intentions. As I move to pastures new I shall carry with me so many happy memories, thank you. You will be in my daily prayers, God bless you all, Susan.'*

Men's Breakfast Selsey at the Boulevard this Saturday, 6 April, 9am. As ever, please feel free to bring a friend – a great relaxed atmosphere and neutral venue. And the weather forecast is good (at least for the moment).

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.

Church Fire Safety Representatives

Could you take on the role of fire safety representative for your church? We are looking for 3 new volunteer reps one for St Richards, for Our Lady of the Assumption and for St Wilfrid's. We need to ensure that we are satisfying our responsibilities with regards to fire safety. No experience is needed, as the diocese have given us a checklist of things to do. If you might be able to spare some time to do this, please call or email Amy at the office for more details on what would be involved.

Dementia Friends Session

10.30 on Wednesday 10th April at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Selsey with Mike Beale. The session will last up to one hour.

Santa Marta Group – Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation – Sat 29 June at St Peter's Hall, Shoreham By kind invitation of Bishop Richard Moth all are invited to attend a presentation and discussion on Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking – Communities and Parishes. In 2014 Pope Francis instructed Cardinal Vincent Nichols to lead the work of the Santa Marta Group as an important mission for the Catholic Church. Places can be booked through the attached link [Santa Marta Group - Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation \(29-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Tessa Ricketts, Diocesan Advisor E: tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk

St Peter's Jumble Sale (Change of Date) the jumble sale is booked for Saturday 27th April 2pm it will be in aid of Tuppenny Barn charity its an ecological and education centre in Southbourne.

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 and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please 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](#)

St Francis Leprosy Guild - Many thanks

Michael Forbes Smith would like to thank parishioners who donated to the St Francis Leprosy Guild last October. The total amount we raised was £1,319.70, a truly wonderful demonstrations of the Saints of Sussex' generosity. Very many thanks to all from the Guild.

St. Mary's Parish Church, Petworth, GU28 0AD Rev'd Gary Cregeen Priest-in-Charge of Ashburnham with Penhurst, and Rural Officer for East Sussex. **"Renewing Hope in Rural Mission and Ministry"** From an ecumenical perspective, Gary will speak about challenges and opportunities in rural ministry. **Friday 26th April at 7.30** Free Entry. Wine and Canapés. Free Parking in Town Centre (6 minute walk)

Our Parish Offertory

via bank transfer:

Name: Saints of Sussex

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Reference: 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 6 th April Easter Saturday	Chichester	8am		Intentions of Dr Clare Minty
	Chichester	6pm	✓	In Thanksgiving
Sun 7 th April 2 nd 'Low' Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	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
Mon 8 th April <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues 9 th April	Chichester	8am		Morning Prayer (Not Mass)
	Bosham	10am		Helena Denis RIP
Wed 10 th April	Chichester	8am		Morning Prayer (Not Mass)
	Selsey	10am		Wellbeing of Bryan Lock
	Chichester	7pm		Intentions of Katie Shrubbs
Thur 11 th April <i>St Stanislaus</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Richard Turrell RIP
Fri 12 th April	Chichester	8am		Morning Prayer (Not Mass)
	Witterings	10am		Wellbeing of Bryan Lock
	Chichester	2pm	✓	Funeral Mass Pat Ware RIP
Sat 13 th April	Chichester	8am		Saji Kallumkal RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Pat Ware RIP (Jean French)
Sun 14 th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	Witterings	9am		Wellbeing of Daniel Lock
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Angela Griffith RIP (Jane Burch and Family)
	Selsey	11am		Charlie Wilkins RIP (Gabriel Herbert)
	Bosham	11.30am		Michael McCormack RIP (Frank and Sally)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Margery Stephen & Peter Eisinger RIP

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
Chichester	Wed 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, Norah Hough, Paul Carney, Ruiyang Xu, Rita Rooke, Roger Cluff, Sheila Lyons, Simon Buckley, Susan Line, Tony Morris, Valerie Davis-White, *Please let the office know of any changes*