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3rd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15 *You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead*

Responsorial Psalm 4 *Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5 *Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's*

Gospel Accl: *Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 *It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you."

The disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Jesus, therefore, invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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**Our Lady & the Saints
of Sussex**

14th April 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Parish Pilgrimage Walsingham 25-27th Sept

Father David is planning a Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 25-27th September 2024. At this stage we would like to just gauge your views on take-up. How many of us would like to go, and whether you want to make your own way there or whether we hire a coach and what other requirements we might have. Please can you fill in the form letting us know whether or not you would be interested / able to join the pilgrimage:

<https://saintsofsussex.churchsuite.com/forms/adsz0xq4>

If you would like a paper copy then call Amy 782343.

Guided Adoration at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham – please join us on Wednesday 1st May at 2.30pm for our first Guided hour of Adoration (to be held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month). Our service includes silent prayer, scripture readings, intercessions and music. Refreshments to follow. All very welcome.

Tuesday Discussion Group at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham (follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Join us for focused discussion over refreshments. All most welcome.

Please join us at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid's Church, Selsey for our **Quiz and Amazing Cheese Board Social Event on Saturday 4th May** 07:30-09:30. Tickets are £10 per person and tables will accommodate 6 people to make up a Team. There will be a pay bar available to purchase wine, beer and soft drinks. Tickets are limited- please contact Karen Pirks on 07824 376760

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Josephine Jenkinson RIP a well known face at St Wilfrid's. Her funeral will be held on May 1st at 11am in Selsey.

Dermot McDermott RIP, the funeral also to be held on 1st May at St Richards at 12 noon.

Gerry Burgoyne RIP who died on Tuesday evening, originally from Shrewsbury, she worked for many years in the Respite House of Holy Cross hospital in Haslemere in James Street, Selsey

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

Friday Faith Cafe at St Peter's. Next Friday 19th April we begin to look at the letters of St Paul, beginning with 1 Thessalonians: *What is the Church?* This series is not subtitled, but the following series on the Bible will have subtitles. Tea and coffee will be available

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. We will be having a second collection for the future education of priests. Your donation can be gift aided using your usual number and envelopes.

Children's Liturgy Children's liturgy will be held at **Our Lady of the Assumption this 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.

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.

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

Month for Priestly Vocations (21 Apr - 19 May Good Shepherd Sunday ending at Pentecost). As you will know, we have an ongoing commitment to pray for vocations for the priesthood and religious life in our parish through the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration. Following Bishop Richard's invitation may I now invite you to consider joining the Apostolate if you are not already a member. Please contact the parish office or one of the priests for more information.

This coming Thursday, 18th April at 3pm at St Peter's there will be a Holy Hour for this intention led by Father Tom, followed by tea and coffee in the hall.

The Monthly EVENT - Thursday April 18th at our Lady's Church of The Assumption, Bosham. Prayers at 12.15pm followed by a light lunch and a Quiz compiled by Richard France.

Stations of Light Sunday 5.45pm St Richard's. The Stations of the Resurrection or Stations of Light (Via Lucis) are a more recent devotion than the Stations of the Cross, they mark the events that happened after the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you cannot join us, take a few minutes to look at these beautiful images, they will remain on the walls until Pentecost.

Church Fire Safety Representatives Could you take on the role of fire safety representative for your church? We are looking for 2 new volunteer reps one 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.

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.

Pro Life Group Meeting Thursday 18 April 7pm St Richards, Chichester, in the Lower Parish Room. We aim to promote a culture of life from conception to natural death. Please join us, all welcome. Phone Maria on 01903 413606 with any queries. As Pope Francis has said "to defend life is not an ideology for the Church. It is a reality; a human reality that involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christian and because they are human."

Santa Marta Group – Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation – Sat 29 June at St Peter's Hall, Shoreham a presentation and discussion on Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking. Places can be booked through the events page on the Diocesan website. If you wish to discuss before booking please contact Tessa Ricketts, tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Are you going on the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage this year? Due to the generosity of parishioners we have some grant money to give out to help contribute to the costs of our parishioners going on the pilgrimage. If you would like to make an application to the parish for some of this grant money can you either speak with one of the priests or contact the parish office?

Missio Red Boxes It's that time of the year again. Can holders of the Missio Red Boxes at St Peter's please bring them to Church for emptying? Regular collections help to support the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

Join the Our Lady's Grounds Working Party We will be holding a working party to tidy and trim overgrown hedges etc at Our Lady of the Assumption Bosham on Thursday 18th April at 1pm. We will also be working on the borders surrounding the entrance after the 10 am mass on Tuesday 23rd April. All volunteers, both skilled and unskilled, will be warmly welcomed. Wear sensible footwear and gloves and bring tools e.g. secateurs, loppers and hedge trimmers if you have them. It would be lovely to see you there. If you have any queries, please phone Kate Phillips 01243 574610 or email kphillips21@outlook.com.

School Volunteer Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Contact CAFOD Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

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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 13 th April	Chichester	8am		Saji Kallumkal RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Pat Ware RIP (Jean French)
Sun 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	Witterings	9am		Wellbeing of Daniel Lock
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Angela Griffith RIP (Jane Burch and Family)
	Selsey	11am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11.30am		Michael McCormack RIP (Frank and Sally)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Margery, Stephen & Peter Eisinger RIP
Mon 15 th April	Chichester	8am		Martin Tracey RIP
Tues 16 th April	Chichester	8am	✓	Morning Prayer (NOT MASS)
	Bosham	10am		Chris Hillyar RIP (Janice and Family)
	Chichester	12noon	✓	Funeral Mass: Myra Gilbert RIP
Wed 17 th April	Chichester	8am	✓	Regi Johnny RIP
	Selsey	10am		Deceased members of the Peters Family
	Chichester	7pm		Pat Ware RIP (Kath and Charlie Hughes)
Thur 18 th April	Chichester	8am	✓	Health and wellbeing of Roger Cluff
Fri 19 th April	Chichester	8am		Private Intention
	Witterings	10am		Harold Breeze RIP
Sat 20 th April	Chichester	8am		Andrew Yellowlees RIP (Jane Isted)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	David Owgan RIP (Judy and Gerald)
Sun 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday	Witterings	9am		Geraldine Burgoyne RIP (Gill & Geoff)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Pat Ware RIP (Julia and Ziggy)
	Selsey	11am		James Wright RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Michael Hoffmeister RIP (Knights of St Columba)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Geoff Bowen RIP (Maura Doocey)

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
Chichester	Wed 6-7pm (for this week only)	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, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Brendan Martin, David Mortby, Denise Turner, Gerald McGregor, Jean Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Jill Serna, John Partridge, Hilary Huffell, Kinga Buckley, Kitty Hall, Lois Bleasdale, Magda Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foreshow, 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*