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East Wittering, PO20 8PS

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### & St Wilfrid

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

### Safeguarding

Parish checks and training

Sg.chichester@abdiocese.org.uk

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### Parish bereavement support

Request a callback via the Office

### Hall & church availability

[www.saintsofsussex.com/  
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## 4th Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 5:8-12 *The name of Jesus Christ is the only name which can be saved*

**Responsorial Psalm 117** *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone*

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2 *We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is*

**Gospel Accl:** *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and they know me. Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** John 10:11-18 *The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.*

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Today marks the beginning of the 'month of prayer for vocations to the priesthood' in our Diocese. No-one needs reminding that we have a real shortage of priests today compared to what we have had in the past. All the Bishops of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland have been facing up to this reality and with the help of their advisors have come forward with their own strategies. As we know, Bishop Richard has presented us with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan which is already being implemented. With many others, I believe our Bishop's plan will have very positive results in the coming years with regard to vocations. This is my theory, which I am sure is not original, let me explain:

As we grow in understanding that we are a missionary church, Christ's faithful will inevitably become more involved in the running of their parishes and more generous in sharing their gifts and time in building up the local community. A direct result of this will be to 'free up' our priests to do what they have been ordained to do: To proclaim the Gospel, celebrate mass, offer the sacraments, visit the sick and truly become the shepherds they are called to be. With less administrative worries and workload they will be able to carry out their priestly duties with a 'lighter step', with more energy, freedom and joy.

As our young people observe this, they will be more attracted to the church, and with the help of our prayers and encouragement some of them might seriously consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

There is nothing novel in this theory. We all know what impact witness can have on others. May I hasten to add, much of what is being proposed is already happening in our own parish. Without doubt we are in a very strong position to embrace our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Let us do so, therefore, with confidence and a growing sense of mission, knowing that one of the fruits will surely be an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

May God continue to bless us all in this joyful season of Eastertide.

Fr Tom



## Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

21st April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

### Parish Pilgrimage Walsingham 25-27th Sept

Thanks to those who have put their views forward on the proposed pilgrimage in September. A proposal will come out soon with the details and costs. In the meantime if you would like to let us know your views it would be very helpful.

<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 1<sup>st</sup> 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). Many people think that the Church opposes science, but what does the evidence show? Join us as we listen to a talk from the Word on Fire Institute over refreshments, followed by discussion. All most welcome.

### Quiz and Fish & Chips Selsey

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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** Selsey parishioner her funeral will be held at St Wilfrid's 17th May 12 noon

### Date for your Diaries

Please note this years unity service will be held on Sunday 26th May at 3pm at St Paul's Church (Chichester Northgate Roundabout) Our theme will be the local mission.

### This weekend it 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.

### Coffee and Chat

The next meeting is on Wednesday 24th April 10.30 - 11.30 at Our Lady of the Assumption.

Join us for a cup of tea / coffee, cake and friendly chat .

### Worth Abbey June Gathering

The Abbott and Community invite you to Worth Abbey from 11.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June for a social and spiritual day. Share monastic prayer in the Abbey Church and take in the beauty that is Worth. Enjoy a guided walk through the woods and fields and visit St Bruno's retreat centre. Families welcome, there will be activities for children. [www.worthabbeypilgrims.com](http://www.worthabbeypilgrims.com)

### 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.

### Congratulations Fr Peter

There will be cake after the 9.30am mass this Sunday to mark Fr Peter's Silver Jubilee a Catholic priest. His actual anniversary falls on the feast of St George next Tuesday 23rd April, which he shares with Canon Peter Newsam our Dean (Moderator) who will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass at Midhurst at 7pm on Tuesday.

### Friday Faith Cafe at St Peter's

Next Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April we continue the series on The Letters of St Paul with looking at *The Letter to the Galatians: Identity Crisis in the Church*. This series is not subtitled. We meet in the hall after the 10 am Mass. Tea and coffee will be available and everyone is very welcome so do come along.

### Children's Liturgy

**Next Children's Liturgy at St Richard's** will be held on 5th May

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

**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 next Saturday 27th April 2pm it will be in aid of Tuppenny Barn charity its an ecological and education centre in Southbourne.

### Mass for Engaged Couples

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Join us afterwards for a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. Please book here [Mass for Engaged Couples \(05-Jul-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**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.

**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](mailto:tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk)

**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](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.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	
<b>Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex</b>	£4,277
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	£6,797
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	£861
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,935</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>£0</b>

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 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Chichester	8am		Andrew Yellowlees RIP (Jane Isted)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	David Owgan RIP (Judy and Gerald)
<b>Sun 21st April</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Good Shepherd Sunday</b>	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)
Mon 22nd Apr	Chichester	8am	✓	Luciano Fernandes RIP (Shanash & Alia)
Tues 23rd April <i>St George, Patron of England</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Pat Ware RIP (Mary and Martin Downy)
	Bosham	10am		For the health and wellbeing of Susan Line (Visiting Group)
Wed 24th April	Chichester	8am	✓	Private intention (Urszula Lipska)
	Selsey	10am		Thomas Dempsey RIP
	Chichester	7pm		Raymond Lawton RIP
Thur 25th April <i>St Mark</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Bridget Sweeney RIP (Noble Family)
Fri 26th April	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Witterings	10am		Return to health of Gemma Hutchinson
Sat 27th April	Chichester	8am		Eddy and Emmy Roblin RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Alan O'Hea RIP
<b>Sun 28th April</b> <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	Witterings	9am		Rene Coutts RIP (Gill and Geoff)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Dr Ervine Ellis RIP (O'Kane Family)
	Selsey	11am		Margaret, Anna May and Richard Gregg RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Philip Griffin RIP (Peter Griffin)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Bridie and Patrick McGreal RIP

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Bosham</b>	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
<b>Chichester</b>	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, Jean Thorpe, Jenny Edwards, Jill Serna, John Partridge, Hilary Huffell, Kinga Buckley, Kitty Hall, Lois Bleasdale, Magda Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foreshew, Nell Hassett, Norah Hough, Paul Carney, Fr Peter Newsam, 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*