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5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Barnabus explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

Responsorial Psalm 21 You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

Gospel Accl: *Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches.

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The 5th Sunday of Easter beckons us to reflect on our spiritual growth and our interconnectedness in the body of Christ. The readings for this Sunday weave a tapestry of transformation, community and active love, each thread highlighting an essential aspect of our faith.

In the first reading from Acts, we witness Saul's remarkable

transformation from a

fierce persecutor of

Christians to a

passionate advocate for

Christ. His acceptance

into the Christian

community through

Barnabas' support,

exemplifies the power of community and belonging. This

narrative encourages us to welcome and nurture those

seeking God, recognising that everyone has a place in God's family.

The Gospel from John presents the allegory of the vine and branches, where Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches.

This powerful image teaches us about our reliance on Christ for spiritual sustenance and growth. As branches cannot bear fruit by themselves, we are reminded that our spiritual vitality depends on our connection to Jesus. Through Him, we receive the grace necessary to bear fruit that reflects His love and truth in the world.

The second reading from 1 John calls us to love not merely with words but through genuine actions that embody Christ's teachings. This love is active and visible, manifesting in our daily interactions and choices. It challenges us to consider how our actions align with our professed beliefs and to live authentically as disciples of Christ.

Collectively, these readings invite us to a deeper engagement with our faith. They urge us to embrace transformation, foster community, and express love in tangible ways. As we continue to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us recommit ourselves to being fruitful branches on the vine of Christ, spreading His message of hope and salvation to all corners of the earth.

With prayers and best wishes,
Deacon Jon



**Our Lady & the Saints
of Sussex**

28th April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

EMERGENCY

Sudan Crisis Appeal 2024



The war in Sudan has forced millions of people to flee their homes, creating one of the world's largest displacement crises. Now the situation has deteriorated rapidly, and those caught up in the middle of the conflict are facing yet another crisis – hunger.

As families fleeing their homes to escape the violence run out of food, water and medicine, the UNCHR reports that, in total, approximately 24.8 million Sudanese (nearly half of the country's population) are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

Our Church partners are already supporting families who have fled to refugee camps set up on Church land. Many other aid agencies can't get into Sudan. But our Church partners need your help to scale up their response as the need escalates.

£22 can provide essential medicine and hygiene kits.

£40 can provide emergency shelter for a refugee family.

£50 can provide emergency food packages.

[Donate now](#)

We will also have a 2nd collection this weekend in all churches.

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 second talk from the Word on Fire Institute discussing miracles, stem cell research, Galileo and Richard Dawkins over refreshments, followed by discussion. All most welcome.

Friday Faith Cafe at St Peter's Continuing the series on the letters of St Paul, next Friday we will look at *The Letter to the Philippians: Knowing Jesus*. This will follow the 10am Mass and tea and coffee will be available. Everyone is very welcome so do come along.

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.

Tea for those suffering a loss, Sunday 12th May 3.00pm - 4.30pm at Our Lady Bosham. All parishioners welcome to meet friends from the parish and members of the Ministry of Consolation.

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.

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.

Silver Jubilee I would like to thank everyone, not least my wife Susan, for your support celebrating my Silver Jubilee as a Catholic priest last week. It has been a wonderful 25 years as a Catholic priest. Fr. Peter

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 4th May** 7.30pm - 9.30pm. 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

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 Thank you to our kind parishioners who have volunteered to be the fire safety reps for their churches. Over the next few months we will need to be implementing new fire safety measures in our churches.

Mass for Engaged Couples

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the engagement of couples to a life long commitment of 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](#)

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

The Catholic Church’s annual Day for Life is on **Sunday 16th June** (in addition to being the Feast Day of St Richard) . The focus this year will be on assisted suicide. Resources to come. See: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

Friends of Fr Chris Ingle are invited to his Ruby Jubilee Mass on Friday 17th May at 6pm at St Michael’s 19 Hayling Rise, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 3AL. If you would like to attend please rsvp to Fr Chris on worthing@abdiocese.org.uk. Fr Chris was ordained in Selsey, and his family lived in Sidlesham.

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.

Cake and Plant Sale Saturday 11 May 10 to 11am St Richard’s Catholic Church, Top Road, Slindon, BN18 0RH in support of Pro Life causes. Everyone welcome, also donations. Please phone Maria on 01903 413606 for collection.

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

Oaklands Catholic Secondary School are recruiting a Teacher of Business Studies and a Teacher of Mathematics both starting in September. For further details about the school please visit our website www.oaklandscatholicsschool.org

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

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

Offertory	March 2024
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	£4841
Bankers Orders	£7557
Credit and debit card transactions	£877
Total	£13,275
Gift Aid Rebate	£0

In addition, generous donations in March totalled £695 for the Parish Community Fund, £406 for Sanctuary, £588 for Easter Flowers and £830 for Holy Places. 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 27th April	Chichester	8am		Eddy and Emmy Roblin RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Alan O'Hea RIP
Sun 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter	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
Mon 29th Apr <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Josephine and Ronald France RIP
Tues 30th April	Chichester	8am	✓	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Bosham	10am		Ros Davies RIP (Susan Line)
Wed 1 st May <i>St Joseph the worker</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	In Thanksgiving
	Selsey	11am		Josephine Jenkinson RIP Funeral Mass
	Chichester	12noon		Dermot McDermott RIP Funeral Mass
	Chichester	7pm		In Thanksgiving for Pat Ware and all the flower arrangers
Thur 2 nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Primo Cauzarin RIP
Fri 3 rd May <i>SS Philip & James</i>	Chichester	8am		
	Witterings	10am		Flo Neal RIP
Sat 4 th May <i>The English Martyrs</i>	Chichester	8am		In Thanksgiving (Ginu and Mathew)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Matilda Heethawake & Rita Beryt RIP
Sun 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter	Witterings	9am		Wellbeing of Tom Govan
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Anurika Fernando RIP
	Selsey	11am		Charlie Wilkins RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Frances Messenger RIP (Frank & Sally)
	Chichester	6.30pm		Patrick Doocey RIP

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
Chichester	Wed 10-11am & 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, 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, Fr Peter Johnstone, 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*