

## Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

7th July 2024

14th Sunday in OT

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Dear sisters and brothers

We have been through a momentous seven years together as someone has pointed out: the covid pandemic, Selsey joining the Parish, the gradual implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, the successful introduction of Stewardship Groups overseen by a well-represented Parish Pastoral council.

Events which have stood out for me have been: Deacon Jon's ordination (and we are much looking forward to Mathew Thomas' Diaconate, God willing in 2 years time), the 60th anniversary of St Richard's Church, our ecumenical events. (We have the reputation for the best cakes in town!) Our recent Mass with St Richard's school in Chichester Cathedral with the warmth and sincerity of the Dean's welcome. We have also had some magnificent social events, well supported by all four of our churches. I recall especially an international supper and the wonderful surprise party for my 70th birthday last December. In the past 7 years we have enjoyed the dedicated ministry of our two Father Sebastians from Poland and since then we have benefitted greatly from Fr David whom we are delighted to be taking over from me as Parish Priest.

It would be tempting fate to thank parishioners by name. It is so easy to miss someone out! So please forgive me if instead I just thank some groups in particular. I'm thinking of all our catechists, our finance and fabric committees, our joint choir who generously volunteer to support funerals. And there are so many others, who give so much of their time and talents, often working quietly in the background. I must mention by name, however, my core team: Fr David, Deacon Jon and Amy. Without their hard work, wisdom, generosity and cheerfulness I would not have survived.

Perhaps there is no better place to end than to repeat what I said in a previous newsletter "I have never felt so affirmed in my priesthood." I have all of you to thank for this. East Preston is not so far away and I hope we will keep in touch. As I mentioned last week, if you find yourself passing, please do drop in for a cup of tea. Meanwhile, let's keep each other in our prayers.

God Bless you.

Fr Tom



## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 2:2-5 These rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them.

**Responsorial Psalm** 122 Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 The Lord's power is at its best in weakness.

**Gospel Accl:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6 A prophet is only despised in his own country

## NO PARISH DAY MASS THIS WEEKEND

It is with real regret that the clergy have had to cancel the parish day mass this weekend due to the weather forecast.

### ALL WEEKEND MASSES, IN ALL CHURCHES WILL TAKE PLACE AS NORMAL

Thank you to everyone who put in so much effort to making the parish day mass go ahead, but the clergy's overriding concern has to be for the safety of parishioners, and there was concern over numbers in St Richard's Church.

All children collecting their First Holy Communion certificates, and our young people collecting their confirmation certificates should come to the 9.30am mass on Sunday

## Pilgrimage to Walsingham 25-27 September 2024

We will be leaving by coach at 9am on Wednesday 25th September and returning on Friday 27th September around 5pm. Only 4 rooms left. Applications will be processed only with the deposit of £100 (non-refundable). **Full costs are listed on the application form.**

Link: <https://saintsofsussex.churchsuite.com/forms/motezq9p>

## Mass for the Bereaved

The regular 10.00am Mass at St Peter's on 19th July is for the intention of the bereavement support group for those bereaved since March. Refreshments will be served after Mass and will provide an opportunity to meet members of the support group.

## Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Norah Haugh**, a very well-known Wittreings parishioner. He funeral will be at St Peters on Wednesday 17th July at 11.30am. With the Reception of the body at 4.30 the day before.

**Isobel Treherne**, Fr Tom's Mum who died on Sunday.

## Adoration at St Richard's will be held in the blessed sacrament chapel on Wednesday .

We have our annual visit from the students at West Dean to look at the architecture of the church and the stained glass, and so in order not to disrupt Adoration we will ask the West Dean students to only come into the main church.

## Parish Exposition – Sunday 15 September

On this day the Bishops of England and Wales are inviting all parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful of the country in **focusing on the Eucharist** in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

It will follow ADOREMUS on the previous day: A gathering of bishops, clergy and lay people taking part in the National Eucharistic Congress at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham.

## 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



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## Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex

Offertory	May 2024
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
<b>Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex</b>	<b>£4,958</b>
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	<b>£8,133</b>
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	<b>£838</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,929</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>0</b>

In addition, generous donations in May totalled £378 for Fr. Joe £540 for Sudan (through CAFOD), £1150 for Xavarian Missionaries £ 349 for Diocesan Missionary Endeavour and £2100 for the Parish Community Fund. 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.

### Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

To celebrate the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Selsey parishioners are inviting all parishioners to picnic together next Sunday 14th July. If the weather is fine we will meet on Selsey beach at 12 noon, if it is wet, then we will meet in the Church Hall. Bring along a picnic and something to sit on.

**Tuesday Discussion Group** at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham (follows 9.30am Adoration and 10am Mass). We hear increasingly about 'having a personal relationship with Jesus' and 'knowing Jesus personally', but what does this actually mean? How do we go about knowing *about* Jesus to truly *knowing* him? Join us as we listen to a conversation with Bishop Barron and discuss, over refreshments.

**Flowers at St Peters** Would any parishioners at St Peter's like to join the flower rota? We are looking for people who might take their turn every 6/7 weeks. If you would like to learn more about what's involved please ask to speak with Erna.

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

### All children starting school (Reception class) in September

There will be a special blessing on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, for all our children starting primary school in September. Please bring your child to Mass at St Richard's Church for a blessing with other children making this exciting new step in their lives. No need to let us know in advance if you are coming, Fr David will guide the children and show them where to go / what to do on the day. Drinks, teas and coffee, and cake will be available after mass in the lower parish room and a chance for the children to meet together. All welcome.

### Statement of Financial Activities (Sofa)

Just a reminder for anyone interested to know more about how your valuable offertory donations are spent, are reminded that our parish Finance Committee work hard to ensure this information is available to you. The latest sofa report can always be found under 'reports' on our website (<https://www.saintsofsussex.com/reports.html>)

### St Peter's annual cream teas

Sunday 21st July at 3pm all welcome.  
See Sylvie for details 07948826339.

**Friday Faith Cafe at St Peter's.** Join us for tea and coffee in the hall after the 10 am Mass at St Peters next Friday during which we will explore *The First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: Living the Gospel*. Everyone is very welcome so do come and join us.

### Next Year's Confirmation Programme



Our Parish Confirmation programme for 2024/25 will begin in October, meeting fortnightly on Wednesday evenings 7.30 – 9.00pm in St Richard's parish rooms. It is for all young people in school year 10 or above.

This year, the programme will be in two parts. Part 1, 'Come and See' invites all young people who will be 15 or older by May 2025 to join a group where they can explore the Catholic faith and what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world. Part 1 will last until Christmas.

Those who then make the decision that they wish to become candidates for Confirmation will continue to Part 2, 'Discipleship'.

This part of the programme will prepare candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in early summer 2025 in Arundel Cathedral

An **information session** for parents/guardians and young people will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 18.30-20.30hrs in the school hall of St Richard's School, Cawley Road. Light refreshments will be provided.

**St Peter's Jumble Sale** 27th July 2pm help and donations greatly appreciated. See Sylvie for details 07948826339. Collecting for money for money to decorate, inside the parish hall at St Peters.

### Second Collection Next Weekend: Stella Maris

(previously Apostleship of the Sea). It is the official maritime agency of the Catholic Church in the UK.

Please note: **there will be no first Saturday drinks and nibbles this Saturday after the Vigil Mass.**

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July <i>St Maria Goretti</i>	Chichester	8am		Intentions of Chloe Shrubbs
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Therese Lynch RIP
<b>Sun 14th June</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in</b> <b>OT</b>	Witterings	9am		
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	People of the Parish
	Selsey	11am		
	Bosham	11.30am		Brian Campbell and Roger Johnson RIP
	Chichester	6.30pm		
Mon 8th July	Chichester	8am	✓	Intentions of Gerald Courtney
Tues 9th July	Chichester	8am	✓	Intentions of Fr Joseph Squillaciotti
	Bosham	10am		
Wed 10th July	Chichester	8am	✓	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Selsey	10am		George Ware RIP (Margaret Dempsey)
	Chichester	7pm		
Thur 11th July St Benedict	Chichester	8am	✓	Health and wellbeing of Katie Shrubbs
Fri 12th July	Chichester	8am		In Thanksgiving (Thomas Rozario)
	Witterings	10am		
Sat 13th June	Chichester	8am		Intentions of David Health
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Gerard Farrell RIP
<b>Sun 14th June</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in</b> <b>OT</b>	Witterings	9am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Matilda Heethawake & Rita Beryt RIP
	Selsey	11am		Steve Clune RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Deceased friends and family of the Hooley Family
	Chichester	6.30pm		Eddi Oliver RIP (Marysia Dembinski)

	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 & Sat/Sun after Mass	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, Hilary Huffell, Kinga Buckley, Kitty Hall, Lois Bleasdale, Magda Gallanti, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, 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*