

Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex Newsletter 29 Sept (26th Sunday in OT)



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“Your Word is Truth. Consecrate us in Truth” (John 17,17)

God is Good! All the Time and All the Time! God is Good!!!

In human logic, truth is the ability to represent things the way they are, without any distortion. In this way, truth is a theory that is intelligible. In spirituality, truth is a person, for Christ said: “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (John 14, 6). Person in this sense, is not the human person but the divine person. It is interesting to note that Jesus did not say “I have the truth, the Way and the Life”. Neither did he say, “I can tell the Truth, the Way and the Life”. Rather he said “I am”, which expresses both the state of his being and his actions. By implication Truth is the nature of Christ. Truth is a divine attribute.

In our sub-heading for this reflection, which is the verse for the Gospel acclamation for today, the Truth is identified with the Word of God. Your Word is truth. In the gospel of St John, the Word was at the beginning. The Word with God, and the Word was God. (John 1.1), the mystery of the incarnation. To say that God’s Word is truth can be understood in two senses. In the first sense, it means God’s Word is not falsehood. This establishes the perennial nature of God’s consistency with his work. In the second, sense God’s Word is Himself. God’s Word is divine. God’s Word is eternal. God is his Word.

The affirmation of the truth of the Word is followed by a petition, “consecrate us truth”. To consecrate means to declare something sacred, holy, set apart for God and the Church. This petition was Christ’s prayer to the Father for the entire humanity before his passion. Christ pleaded with the father to consecrate those whom the father gave him, those he chose, those who believed in him and those who would come to believe in him much later in truth. As I leave next week back to my country Nigeria and to my duty post as a teacher and as a formator young missionary priests, I share in these sentiments of God. I pray that God would consecrate the parish priests, the entire church member of St Richards parish in truth.

I use this opportunity to thank and appreciate the Bishop of AB diocese, Most Revd Richard Moth, who invited me and sent me to this lovely parish with the lovely people of God. I thank Fr Tom, the outgone parish priest, Fr Dave the current parish priest and Fr Nick the assistant parish priest. I thank our beloved secretary Amy, all the brothers and sisters, who made my stay here wonderful and worthwhile. Thank you for your great act of generosity to me and my mission. Thank you for thinking about the people of Nigeria and her plight. May God bless and nourish you with His grace and consecrate you in Truth. Amen!

Fr BEN OKON, MSP

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Numbers 11:25-29

If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets

Resp Psalm 18 The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart

2nd Reading James 5:1-6 *The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated*

Gospel Accl Alleluia, alleluia! *Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!*

Gospel Mark 9:38-50 *Do not stop anyone working a miracle in my name*

Induction Mass for Peter Edgington, Executive Head & Sydney Bridges, Head of School. Mass this Sunday 9.30 St Richard's with Bishop Richard and refreshments afterwards in the school hall.

Fr Ben is leaving Sept 30th. We thank him for all he has brought to us through his ministry over the last 3 months. In his seminary work in Nigeria, he has an outreach to many charitable endeavours, particularly in education. The situation is quite bleak. To contribute to his work and ministry, you can do so via the DONA machine/QRcode or by hand. Please mark any envelopes for Fr Ben's Charities and Outreach.

Harvest Mass, Our Lady Oct 6th Our collection this year is for the Chichester Food Bank. From next week there will be a collection box in the Narthex to receive your gifts. [Full list on website.](#)

Apply for confirmation

<https://abcathedral.churchsuite.com/forms/lobj8uad>

Classes start 2nd Oct 7.30 - 9.00pm in St Richard's parish rooms. For all young people in Year 10 or above.

St Richard's First Friday Holy Hour in support and prayer for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Friday 4th October from 6-7pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us for an hour of Adoration, Scripture and reflections, concluding with Benediction. All welcome.

A parishioner sends her heartfelt thanks for the prayers for her daughter's wellbeing. She enormously values the prayer from within our strong community.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Harvest Appeal 4th Oct

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.



Children's Liturgy is This Sunday 29th Sept it takes place at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham. Children's Liturgy also takes place every weekend at St Peter's.

The FHC programme for 2024/2025 will start with a 'Come and Find Out' Social Session where you will find out more information about the course/programme we use and the dates to put in your diary. It will be an opportunity to meet other parents, the catechists and the clergy in our parish. Our FHC programme requires a level of commitment from families and so we ask you to please wait until you have attended the first few Parents information sessions before you commit to signing up. The other 3 sessions will be based on short videos about The Catholic Church and The Sacraments and we will have an opportunity to discuss all this in an informal and friendly way. These 3 sessions are mainly aimed at adults but if childcare is a problem for you, then you are most welcome to bring them along, so please don't worry. The signing up for the programme will open once the parents sessions begin. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Friday Faith Cafe at St Peter's We continue our spiritual pilgrimage *Seeking Jesus in His Own Land*. Next Friday 4th October, following the 10am Mass, we will look at 'Jesus the Prophet'. Tea and coffee will be available so do come along you will be very welcome.

Tuesday Discussion Group at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham (follows 9.30am Adoration and 10am Mass). Join us as we listen to the second half of Bishop Barron's 2023 address at the Sharing the Church's Story Conference in London, entitled 'What is the Laity's Role in Evangelisation?' All welcome for friendly discussion over refreshments.

Harvest Supper The Bosham Meeting Point Ecumenical Harvest Supper is on Sat Oct 5th, 6.30pm at St Nicholas Church hall, Bosham. All are welcome to join us for a two course dinner with entertainment. Tickets £9 available from Our Lady on Sundays or from Sally Morley. sallymorley@hotmail.com.

School Forms ****PLEASE NOTE CARFEULLY****

St Philip Howard, Bishop Luffa, and Oaklands Secondary schools require your priests' input for your school applications. This can only be done at the following times: **Oct 18th 3.30 & 7.30; Oct 21st 7.30pm**. Lower parish room, St Richard's and wait in the queue to speak with Fr David or Fr Nick. If you are applying to Bishop Luffa, you will be required to part-fill out a form

Catholic health & care workers' Mass at Arundel Cathedral - Sat 5 Oct 24, 11am – 3pm with Bishop Richard. Talk on "Palliative care, not assisted dying" by Dr Dominic Whitehouse and social afterwards, in Cathedral Centre. Soup lunch provided – donations to Catholic Medical Missionary Society.

Guided Adoration (monthly) at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham – please join us on Wednesday 2nd October at 3pm for our monthly Guided hour of Adoration, including scripture readings, silent prayer, personal intercessions and music. Refreshments to follow. All very welcome.

Bible Study starts **Wednesday 2nd October, 7.30pm** in the Upper Parish Room at St Richard's (following Mass at 7pm). Where does the Bible come from and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell? Led by Tina Darby and Marie O'Grady (BA, Religious Studies), our approach will be grounded on 'Genesis to Jesus', the acclaimed bible study programme from the St Paul Center. Hope to see you there! (Please access via the Parish Office door, Cawley Road.)

Mothers' Prayers For all women with a mother's heart. We meet to surrender our children to the Lord and to support each other in prayer for our families. Fridays 1.30pm to 2.30pm in the lower parish room, St Richard's starting 4th October.

Anti Slavery Day 18th Oct 2024

A day of events in Chichester raising awareness of Modern Day Slavery
<https://togetherinsussex.org.uk> info@togetherinsussex.org.uk

Chichester Cathedral 10am-5pm The chapel of St. Clement will be set aside as a creative prayer space with a Modern Slavery theme and there will be an information desk about Modern Slavery in the cathedral & Evensong at 5.30pm

The Assembly Rooms 6.30pm-8.30pm A free information event with presentations from a range of organisations involved in eradicating Modern



Informal meet-up for university students and other young people (18+) after the Sunday 6.30pm Mass at St Richards. Held on a weekly basis, in term-time in the upper parish room (door to the left of the altar and then turn right up the stairs). Please bring along your friends.

The start date is this Sunday September 29th.

See you then!

Church Cleaning at St Wilf's

Please consider helping clean the church on a regular basis - the first Wednesday of every month from November, Please contact Angela at St Wilfrid's Church.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anne Hayes, Peter Habgood, and Susie Younger**. Anne's funeral will be on Wednesday 16th October at 11.30pm at Our Lady. Peter, a parishioner of Our Lady until he moved to a care home in Brighton, and Susie visited Our Lady over many years before moving away .

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



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

Offertory	August 2024
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	5248
Bankers Orders	6930
Credit and debit card transactions	757
Total	12935
Gift Aid Rebate	2822

For details on current income and expenditure go to: www.saintsofsussex.com/reports

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

In addition, generous donations in August totalled £400 for Fr Joe's Mission and £200 for the Parish Family Support Fund (previously 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.

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 28th Sept	Chichester	8am		Patrick Rozario RIP (Rozario Family)
	Chichester	4.15pm		<i>Ordinariate Rite Mass</i>
	Chichester	6pm	✓	In thanksgiving Johny and Regi Joseph RIP
Sun 29th September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Witterings	9am		John McGough RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Breda Moloney RIP
	Selsey	11am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11.30am		Madeleine Crinion RIP (Julia and Ziggy Janiec)
	Chichester	12noon		Mass in Polish
	Chichester	6.30pm		
Mon 30th Sept	Chichester	8am		Morning Prayer, rosary and Adoration (no Mass)
	Chichester	12.15pm		
Tues 1 st Oct St Therese	Chichester	8am	✓	Madeleine Crinion RIP (Mary and Martin)
	Bosham	10am		Csilla Szucs-Cevese RIP (Reka Buckley)
Wed 2 nd Oct <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Chichester	8am		Morning Prayer, rosary and Adoration (no Mass)
	Selsey	10am		
	Chichester	7pm		
Thur 3 rd Oct	Chichester	8am	✓	
Fri 4 th Oct <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Chichester	9.05am		CLASS & PARISH MASS Ron Stewart RIP (Mary and Martin)
	Witterings	10am		
Sat 5 th Oct <i>St Faustina</i>	Chichester	8am		For the intentions and wellbeing of Fr Ben (Elaine & Jan)
	Chichester	4.15pm		Ordinariate Rite
	Chichester	6pm	✓	In thanksgiving for our NHS (John Partridge)
Sun 6th Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Witterings	9am		Stephen Edwards RIP
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Saji Kallomkal RIP
	Selsey	11am		Malcom McIvor RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Maurice and Mary Hill RIP (Patrick Hill)
	Chichester	12noon		Mass in Polish
	Chichester	6.30pm		K M Philip & K M Mathew RIP

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Bosham	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
Chichester	Mon 11.15-12.05 Wed 6-7pm & Sun 7.15pm	Wed from 8.30am – 7pm
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, Jill Serna, Hilary Huffell, Kinga Buckley, Kitty Hall, Lois Bleasdale, Magda Gallanti, Maria Aldred, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foresheaw, Nell Hassett, Paul Carney, Ruiyang Xu, Rita Rooke, Sheila Lyons, Simon Buckley, Susan Line, Tony Morris, Trish Evans, Valerie Davis-White, *Please let the office know of any changes*

Gluten-Free Hosts If you require a Gluten-Free host, please advise the Welcomer (or Celebrant if a Welcomer is not available) before Mass begins. These will be placed in a small pyx in the Ciborium, on top of the other hosts. When you approach the Priest for Holy Communion, please ask for 'Gluten-Free' and they will hand the unopened pyx to you, saying, 'The Body of Christ', in the normal way. This removes the risk of contamination. Once you have responded, 'Amen', opened the pyx, and consumed the consecrated Gluten-Free host, please return the pyx to the Celebrant.