

## Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex Newsletter 06 Oct (27th Sunday in OT)



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www.saintsofsussex.com

### Regular news and insight:

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### Online Masses

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

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### Hall & church availability

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church-and-hall-availability

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to extend my gratitude to those who joined us last Sunday at St Richard's to celebrate the Induction Mass of myself and Peter with Bishop Richard Moth. It was such a joy to come together as a school and parish community and it was truly heart-warming to witness the enjoyment and enthusiasm of our children, families, and parishioners coming together in faith and fellowship. Many individuals spoke with me afterwards and shared their own fond memories of the school and the connections that they have with it. The spirit of unity was palpable, reminding us of the strength we gain from our shared beliefs and values. Moments like these not only deepen our connection to God but also strengthen the bonds within our community, creating a nurturing environment for our children to grow in their faith. I look forward to creating more opportunities where we can come together as a school and parish community.

Looking ahead, I am excited to share my vision for the school: *'To provide outstanding learning experiences for all, rooted in Gospel Values.'* Our aim is to foster an inclusive and supportive environment where every child feels loved, valued and empowered to reach their God-given potential. We believe that education is not just about excellent academic achievement; it is also about nurturing the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. We will continue to keep Jesus Christ at the centre of all we do and live out our mission statement: **To Know, To Love To Serve.**

This year, we will place a strong emphasis on community service and Catholic Social Teaching, encouraging our pupils to reach out and support those in need. Our 'Mini Vinnies' already support our local community by collecting for the Food Bank and fundraising for local charities. I envision our school as a beacon of hope and love, reflecting the teachings of Jesus in our actions. By engaging in such worthwhile projects, we will not only support our local community but also help our pupils develop a deeper understanding of their faith and the importance of giving back.

I am also committed to enhancing communication between the school and families, ensuring that parents are actively involved in their children's education and spiritual development. Together, we can create a vibrant learning environment where our children thrive academically and grow into compassionate, responsible individuals. I hope that through Children's Liturgy and with our whole school and class masses, we can encourage more children and families to be part of our thriving parish family.

As we embark on this journey together, I invite each of you to join us in prayer and support. Let us continue to nurture our school and parish community with love, faith, and hope. May our shared commitment to our children and to God guide us in the year ahead, helping us to build a brighter future for all.

Thank you for your support. Many Blessings,  
Sydney Bridges, Head of School – St Richard's Catholic Primary School

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading** *Genesis 2:18-24*

*A man and his wife become one body*

**Resp Psalm 127** *May the Lord bless us all the days of our life*

**2nd Reading** *Hebrews 2:9-11 The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified*

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

**Gospel** *Mark 10:2-16 What God has united, man must not divide*

### Calling all women who enjoyed our Ladies' Supper – and those who regretted missing it - earlier in the year. Mindful of some comments re difficulty in moving to meet other women parishioners, we have planned a Cocktails and Nibbles Evening in the Cocktail Lounge at Jungle Junction (St. Pancras) on Tuesday 22 October at 8.00pm. It will be a relaxed but welcoming venue for a Ladies' only evening when we have more opportunity to mix and get to know each other. Sign up details available in next week's newsletter.

**A Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** will be held in St Peter's church on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am. This will be followed with a soup lunch in the hall afterwards.

**School Forms** 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.

### 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](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope).



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Ron Robinson. Married Catholic (former Anglican) Priest, Fr Ron was resident in our parish for 5 years or so, along with his wife, Barbara, and family Anna with Sandy who all helped out enormously across many areas of our parish life. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. His funeral will be held at Arundel Cathedral on 15th Oct 11.30am.

**Children's Liturgy** Children's Liturgy also takes place every weekend at St Peter's. Next one is at Our Lady Bosham will be 13th October.

**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. 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. **14 Oct, 21 Oct, 4 Nov, 11 Nov.** The signing up will start after these sessions.

**Faith Cafe at St Peter's** This week we meet on Thursday after Mass and we will continue our Spiritual Pilgrimage with Fr Stephen Doyle 'Seeking Jesus in His Own Land'. This week we will explore *Jesus the Redeemer* in which we are invited to participate in Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. Tea and coffee will be available.

**Tuesday Discussion Group** at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham (follows 9.30am Adoration and 10am Mass). Join us for friendly topical discussion over refreshments.

  
**Catholic Young Adults - Chichester**  
WhatsApp group



Following our well-attended welcome Mass and pizza for the Young Adults Group last Sunday, our next Mass and Pizza will be on Sunday October 13 at 6.30pm.

Please follow us on instagram (@chiyoungcatholic) or whatsapp (scan the QR) to keep in touch and to get a copy of the calendar of events.

**QUIZ EVENING** St Richard's School Hall, organised by the Chichester Catenians. Free Entry. All welcome, Families welcome. **Saturday 19th October 5.30pm,** until 7.30pm (approx.)

Sign up to enter the quiz by using [the.saintsofsussex.com/parish website link](http://the.saintsofsussex.com/parish-website-link) or QR code below. Click 'sign up' and complete the online form. If you are entering a complete team or want to be placed in the same team as other named entrant(s), please request this in the 'notes' box.



**Bible Study** (weekly) – continues **Wednesday 9th 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? Join us for 'Genesis to Jesus', the acclaimed bible study programme from the St Paul Center, as we learn about God's love for us all, with questions and discussion. Hope to see you there! (Organisers: Tina Darby and Marie O'Grady.)

**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](mailto: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 Slavery

**Volunteers needed for the St Richards and Bosham Visiting Group** **Our Aim** – to make and maintain contact with our older parishioners and others who are experiencing illness, bereavement or loneliness by telephoning, or visiting in their own home environment or Residential/Care Homes. This may also include distributing Holy Communion. **Requirements** – Good communication and listening skills. Friendliness, empathy and confidence. Confidentiality has to be maintained. Safeguarding Training will be required and a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check needed prior to being able to make visits. The Group organises a monthly 'Event' at our Bosham church and we currently would welcome anyone able to give a lift to our parishioners with mobility difficulties. Should you be interested or have any questions, you can contact Caroline Hutchings [bullenc47@gmail.com](mailto:bullenc47@gmail.com) or, Tel. 01243 788158

**October 1st 2024—From Fr Ben**  
*I arrived home safe this morning. Already in the Seminary. Thanks so much for everything. I really appreciate you and parishioners from the entire parish. Please do communicate my love and appreciation to all and that I arrived home safely.*

**Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Sat 12th October 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral** Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. To book your place please use the attached link [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(12-Oct-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**Grandparents' Formation Day – Wed 6th Nov 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley** Come along for a day with Becky Sedgewick, author of the inspiring 'Grandparenting for Faith' book. Refreshments from 10.15am. Please bring a packed lunch. To book your place please use the attached link [Grandparents' Formation Day \(06-Nov-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

### 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
<b>Cash/Cheques/Envelopes</b>	
<b>Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex</b>	<b>5248</b>
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	<b>6930</b>
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	<b>757</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12935</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>2822</b>

**For details on current income and expenditure go to: [www.saintsofsussex.com/reports](http://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](http://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 5 <sup>th</sup> 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)
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	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
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Chichester	8am		Morning Prayer, rosary and Adoration (no Mass)
	Chichester	12.15pm	✓	Wellbeing of Fred (M&B Southward)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Chichester	8am		Morning Prayer, rosary and Adoration (no Mass)
	Bosham	10am		Csilla Szucs-Cevese RIP (Kinga Buckley)
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	Chichester	8am		Morning Prayer, rosary and Adoration (no Mass)
	Selsey	10am		Rita Keegan RIP (Cathy Long)
	Chichester	7pm		Devotions (No Mass)
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Chichester	8am		Morning Prayer, rosary and Adoration (no Mass)
	<b>Witterings</b>	<b>10am</b>		
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Chichester</b>	<b>9.05am</b>		<b>CLASS &amp; PARISH MASS</b>
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct <i>St Wilfrid</i>	Chichester	8am		Ellen Tracy RIP
	Chichester	4.15pm		Ordinariate Rite
	Chichester	6pm	✓	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Witterings	9am		Jose RIP (Sheena Te Jessa)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	John Ormonde RIP
	Selsey	11am		Mary Patricia Taylor RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Anne Granger RIP
	Chichester	12noon		Mass in Polish
	Chichester	6.30pm		Baby Paul RIP (Anson Paul and Shaiby Anson)

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Bosham</b>	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
<b>Chichester</b>	Mon 11.15-12.05 & Sun 7.15pm	Wed from 8.30am – 7pm
<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, Barry Buck, 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 Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Paul Carney, Ruiyang Xu, Rita Rooke, Roger Surrage, Sheila Lyons, Simon Buckley, Stephanie Parnell, 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.