

Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex Newsletter of 13th April Palm Sunday



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Last Tuesday night, a very biblical twelve of us gathered in the Lower Parish Room to watch Pasolini's *The Gospel According to St Matthew*. It's a masterpiece, and true to his ardently held socialist vision, Pasolini's interpretation sees the focus on Jesus as the outcast, railing against hypocrisy and injustice. Pasolini himself met a very brutal end, being murdered fifty years ago in 1975. Not satisfied with their nefarious deed, the perpetrators also mutilated his body. The crime has never been solved. Standing up for your truth can be dangerous, but if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything. This week, we journey with Jesus as he stands up for **the** truth and dies on the cross as a result.

In the movie, the Palm Sunday scene is very striking, with amazing cinematography shooting the scene first from above, then on the ground as the cloaks are thrown down to let Jesus on the donkey pass by. Tying this in with the theme of our jubilee year, the call to be pilgrims of hope can be quite a challenge initially. It can illuminate the uncomfortable reality that we can often gather with the crowd crying 'Hosanna!' on Palm Sunday and shout, 'Crucify him' on Good Friday. So often, we can be onlookers from above. We don't want to get involved. It's too messy. It's not our place. What would people say? We can also throw our cloaks down on the ground or pile on somebody because we are following the crowd, and who wants to stand apart and run the risk of being ridiculed? Peter learns how easy it is to be that person when he denies Christ three times, and the cock crowing is the realisation that this was the sign that Jesus had told him would be his wake-up call. However, don't forget that he is still given the keys to the kingdom! There's hope for all of us.

To be a pilgrim of hope is to walk a path with many twists and turns, with thorns and nails, the bruises and grazes of life, the pebbles niggling us in our shoes. However, we do so because we hope spring will follow winter and the darkness will become light. The darkest hour is before dawn, and Easter Sunday comes after Good Friday. One of my favourite pieces of scripture is the eloquent expression of this in the Song of Songs/ the Song of Solomon, 'See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come.' (Songs 2:11). As we gather for the Triduum this week, let's keep these thoughts in mind. In the Irish language, this week is known as An tSeachtain Mhór, a big or great week. May it be great for all of us.

Fr David

Palm Sunday

Gospel Luke 19:28-40 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

1st Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7* I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

Resp Psalm 22 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel Luke 22: 14-23 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Confessions/ Sacrament of Reconciliation Holy Week 2025

Saturday, April 12th, **St Richard's**, After the 6 pm Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13th, **St Richard's**, Before the Sunday Evening 5:30 pm Palm Sunday Mass

Monday, April 14th, **St Richard's**, 11:15 am to 12:05 pm

Tuesday, April 15th, **Our Lady, Bosham**, 9:30 am to 9:55

Maundy Thursday, April 17th, **St Richard's**, Noon to 1pm

Holy Saturday, April 19th, **St Richard's**, Noon to 1 pm

Alpha - Come and see!

Alpha online is coming on Tuesday 6 May, 7.30pm. What is 'online Alpha'? It is an opportunity for a life-changing encounter with Jesus, through watching a series of films on Zoom each week, exploring Faith, chatting and asking questions with others in a relaxed small group and making friendships along the way. The course runs until Tue 15 July - you will find all the dates on ChurchSuite. Please invite your family and friends to experience the Alpha journey with you. They can find out more or sign up to receive the Zoom link at: abcathe-dral.churchsuite.com/events/vfc73zsy. Looking forward to embarking on our Alpha journey with all our guests!

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Janiec

His funeral service will be held at Bosham on Friday 25th April at 12noon.

Annelise Bednall her funeral will be held at St Richard's on 2nd May at 11am.

Eileen FitzGerald Thursday 8th May, 12 noon Our Lady of the Assumption.

Ellie Butler RIP Reception of the Body St Richard's May 19th 4.30pm all welcome.

Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness

We will leave St Nicholas Church Hall, Brooks Lane, Bosham at 10.30 am and follow a prayerful path towards Our Lady of the Assumption We will then continue down through Bosham to end at Holy Trinity at approximately 12 noon.

Children's Liturgy This weekend at St Richards and at St Peter's.

Welcome!

During the Easter Vigil at St Richards Harry Stringer will be baptised, and Devon O'Donnell and Samantha Collins will be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church; all three will be confirmed along with Emilia Alonzo and Luca Alonzo. At St Peter's Easter Vigil Natalie Gale-Chambers will be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for them as they continue their Spiritual journeys.

St. Peter's Children's Mass. Could the parents of children who would like to be involved with the Readings and Music at the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday please see Christine Barton or text on 07763337665. This will be followed by the Easter Egg Hunt & Hot Cross Buns.

Good Friday Walk of Witness The walk starts at 10.15 Meet outside the Wittering Medical Centre ending at the United Reformed Church for a short service at 11.00am

St Peter's are holding a VE Day celebration

on Thursday 8th May. We have our normal coffee & soup morning, and from 1 o'clock onwards its open to the parish for VE Day celebrations with quiz, music tombola and cream tea. More details from Sylvie 07948826339. Feel free to bring any memorabilia with you.

Maundy Thursday

St Peter's 8pm

St Richard's 8pm

Good Friday

St Peter's 3pm

St Richard's 3pm

Holy Saturday

St Peter's 8.15pm

St Richard's 9pm

Easter Sunday

St Peter's 9am

St Richard's 9.30am

St Wilfrid's 11am

Our Lady 11.30am

N.B there will be no 5.30pm Mass.

Bible Study Wednesdays

7.30pm in the Lower Parish Room. We will be taking a two-week break over Easter and look forward to meeting again on Wednesday 30th April.

St Peter's Jumble Sale

Saturday 26th April 2pm for KSS air ambulance for donations and help see Sylvie 07948826339

Friday Faith Cafe at St

Peter's will resume again after Easter on Friday 25th April following the 10am Mass. We continue *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* with looking at Exodus and the Desert wanderings. Tea and coffee will be available and everyone is very welcome so do come and join us.

The Young Adults' Group

would like to thank everyone who made our 24 hours of adoration last weekend possible: our priests, those who accompanied us in prayer, who fed us and supported us in so many other ways. We have prayed for you all.

There will be no stations of the cross at Our Lady of the Assumption this week

Chrism Mass On Wednesday, we gather at the cathedral for the annual celebration at 6pm when all the priests of our diocese renew their ordination promises. The holy oils to be used for the sacraments throughout the coming year will be blessed and the Sacred Oil of Chrism will be consecrated for ordinations and confirmations. We pray for God's blessing on Bishop Richard, our priests and on our whole diocese. We encourage you to attend this very special gathering as part of diocesan family, and as a result there will not be the usual masses in our parish on that day. The mass has a special resonance this year being the 60th year of the Diocese, a jubilee year in the Universal Church.

Quiz night and Fish and Chip

Supper The Knights of St Columba are organising a quiz night with fish and chips evening. Friday 9th May 7 for 7.30pm start at St Richard's in the lower parish room. Tickets £10 per person. Bookings in advance to be made Ray Webb 01243 788803

St Richard's Holy Dusters 9.15am on Saturday, 12 April for a special Holy Week cleaning session. Come along and help get the church as shiny and bright as possible, for Easter. It will be a jolly couple of hours of cleaning

The Easter Sunday

Collection is for Fr David and Fr Nick's own personal income. Your offerings to them can be gift aided using your normal gift aid numbers.

Pilgrimage to Rome

(Parishes of Chichester and Burgess Hill) **5th –10th November 2025** Fr Nick and Fr Gus Campanello are organising a Pilgrimage for this Jubilee Year. Further info and booking form are available from Sarah at Tangney Tours (tel: 01732 886 666 sarah@tangney-tours.com). The pilgrimage costs £1220.

Community Warden

Talk about scams and how to avoid becoming a victim. After the 11 Mass in Selsey this Sunday. Coffee and tea will be available as

Mrs Mop and the Holy Dusters

Wednesday 16th April, 11am (please note time) at Our Lady of the Assumption. Join us to make our church sparkle! All welcome for one hour's sweeping and cleaning.

Tuesday Discussion Group

(follows Adoration and 10am Mass) - Join our friendly group as we listen to Bishop Barron during Lent, with topical discussion and refreshments. All most welcome.

The Paschal Candle at St Richard's was decorated by parishioner Becky Monteith. It takes inspiration from a mosaic in the Basilica of Sant' Appolinare in Classe, Ravenna (a twin city of Chichester). The *Crux Gemmata* there is from the early medieval period, the church was consecrated in 549AD. In the Basilica the Cross appears as on the Day of Judgement, jewelled, and surrounded by stars. It is directly under an image of Christ in Majesty with the four symbols of the Evangelists: an Angel for St Matthew, a Lion for St Mark, an Ox for St Luke, and an Eagle for St John. Jewelled crosses served as a symbol of the Christian Tree of Life, especially if they put out shoots from their corners. For Christians they still illustrate how an instrument of torture has become an emblem of Christ's Victory.

Our Parish Offertory

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

Offertory	February 2025
Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex	
Cash/Envelopes/Cheques	4,609
Bankers Orders	6,663
Credit and debit card transactions	3,295
Total	14,567
Gift Aid Rebate	7,910

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

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Can be made in person via the terminals in all our churches, or by scanning the QR code above to donate online.

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In addition, generous donations in February totalled £1375 for Lourdes and £64 for sanctuary. 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 12 th Apr	Chichester	8am		Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Chichester	4.15pm		<i>Ordinariate Rite</i>
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Fr Terence McLean-Wilson RIP (Caroline and John)
Sun 13th Apr Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Witterings	9am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Annalise Bednall RIP (Marion and Will)
	Selsey	11am		
	Bosham	11.30am		Pat Allen RIP (David and Monica McLeman)
	Chichester	12noon		Mass in Polish
	Chichester	5.30pm		Birthday blessings for Janejude Ighofose (Ighofose family)
Mon 14 th Apr	<i>Chichester</i>	<i>8am</i>	✓	<i>Morning Prayer, Rosary and Adoration (no Mass)</i>
	Chichester	12.15		Ann Edwards RIP
Tues 15 th Apr	Chichester	8am	✓	Mgr Nicholas France RIP (Richard France)
	Bosham	10am		John Janiec RIP (Julia and Ziggi)
Wed 16 th Apr	<i>Chichester</i>	<i>8am</i>	✓	<i>Morning Prayer, Rosary and Adoration (no Mass)</i>
	<i>Selsey</i>	<i>10am</i>		<i>Morning Prayer, Rosary and Adoration (no Mass)</i>
	Arundel Cdl	6pm		Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Thur 17 th Apr Maundy Thursday	Chichester	8pm	✓	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	Witterings	8pm		Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 18 th Apr Good Friday	Chichester	3pm	✓	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
	Witterings	3pm		Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Sat 19 th Apr Holy Saturday	Witterings	8.15pm		The Solemn Vigil of Easter
	Chichester	9pm	✓	The Solemn Vigil of Easter
Sun 20th Apr Easter Sunday	Witterings	9am		Geraldine Burgoyne RIP (Gill and Geoff Breeze)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	People of the Parish
	Selsey	11am		Tom Dempsey RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		For the health and wellbeing of Maria Aldred (all Maria's friends)
	Chichester	12noon		Mass in Polish
	<i>Chichester</i>	<i>4pm</i>		<i>Ordinariate Rite</i>

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Alan Patrick, Agnes Martin, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Barry Buck, Brendan Martin, David Mortby, Denise Turner, Gerald McGregor, Jean Thorpe, Jill Serna, Josh England, Kinga Buckley, Kitty Hall, Lois Bleasdale, Magda Gallanti, Maria Aldred, Margaret Beazley, Mary Eveleigh, Max Foreshew, Nell Hassett; Nuria Capote Rivera, Patrick Hill, Paul Carney, Ruiyang Xu, Rita Rooke, Roger Cluff, Simon Buckley, Sheila Lyons, Stephanie Parnell, Susan Line, Tony Morris, Trish Evans, *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.