

## Our Lady & the Saints of Sussex

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4th Sunday of Easter



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

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## Call and Response.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*. We reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly caring for his flock.

It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Last year, Pope Francis wrote of a “polyphony of diverse charisms and vocations [within our] Christian community.” This is part of the message of our own Diocesan Pastoral Plan. We are all expected to discern where the Lord is calling us to serve. As he explained, “Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace.”

And if discernment is to happen, we are required to make use of those essential Christian dispositions: silence, stillness, and listening.

Just prior to Ordination, I was sent on retreat to Douai Abbey. On a personal level, I was not in a good place, hit by sudden nervousness and doubts. Early one morning an elderly monk, the complete opposite of me, very calm and gentle, led us in *Lectio Divina*. I was on the point of exploding as he slowly explained step-by-step how this was done. We focused on the Psalm from the mass that day. Through the silence, stillness, and listening, I had one of the most profound experiences of God speaking to me. There were no voices, but it changed me. All my fear, doubt, (and anger) was taken away.

I will leave the final words to Pope Francis: “*Rise up!* Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace!”

Fr. Nick.

### 4th Sunday of Easter

**1st Reading** *Acts 13:14* Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles

**Resp Psalm 100** We are his people, the sheep of his flock

**2nd Reading** Revelation 7:9 The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water

*Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.*

**Gospel** John 10:27 I give eternal life to my sheep

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

### Alpha - Come and see!

**Alpha online is continuing every Tuesday at 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: [abcathedral.churchsuite.com/events/vfc73zsy](http://abcathedral.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

**Ellie Butler RIP** Reception of the Body St Richard's **May 19th 4.30pm.** The family warmly invite parishioners to attend, and to refreshments served in the lower parish room afterwards.

Ellie and her family came to the parish in 1977, and worshipped at St Richard's until she moved to a care home in 2020.

**Angela Horne RIP** A well loved and longstanding St Richard's passed away last week. Her funeral will be on 30th May at 12 noon.

### Bible Study Group

- Wednesdays 7.30pm in the Lower Parish Room. Join us as we explore the Gospel of Matthew and ask, how does Jesus, the Messiah, fulfil the Old Testament? Video study with Dr Brant Pitre, Distinguished Professor of Scripture at the Augustine Institute, followed by discussion over refreshments.

### Parish Grandparenting Group

A new group is being set up for the parish to encourage each other and share experiences and ideas of how to be a Grandparent in faith in this busy modern world.

Whether your grandchildren live with you, or across the other side of the world, are babies or grown, this group is for you.

The first meeting is on Wednesday May 21st at 7pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham PO18 8JH. To be held monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of every month thereafter.

For the first meeting, Fr Nick will be celebrating Mass at 6.30pm at Our Lady before the group session.

As you know there is plenty of parking in Bosham. Please join us. If you need more information contact Katie Furnell at: [katie\\_furnell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katie_furnell@hotmail.co.uk)

This week we start a month of prayer for priestly vocations. From this Good Shepherd Sunday until Pentecost Sunday. Praying for the mission of the church and for the priesthood in our Diocese. Look out for the free orange and blue booklets in all of our churches this weekend. Please take one and use it to guide you in prayer over the month.

### New Baptism Preparation Programme

The Baptism catechists will be holding the intro session for the summer baptism course, this Sunday 11th May at 2.30pm in the parish hall at St Richard's, with tea and cake for all members of families, babies and siblings. There will be 2 online sessions on zoom on 26th May and 23rd June at 7.30pm and an in-person session on 8th June in the parish hall at St Richard's. Please come along, you will be very welcome.

**Mass The Holy Trinity Bosham** The Southern Section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, under parishioner Michael Forbes Smith, will be celebrating Mass in Holy Trinity Church, Bosham on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am, led by Bishop Richard Moth, the Section Prior. The knights and dames of the Order will be robed for this, possibly the first full sung Roman Catholic mass (including plainsong) in the church since the Reformation. The Order would greatly welcome the support of parishioners to make this a truly uplifting spiritual occasion.

St Richards School is recruiting a clerk to the board of governors someone with good personal, organisational and computing skills. The post is for 4 hours per week, reliant on the number of meetings arranged, and any additional related work required. The pay is Grade 4 - £12.15 per hour. Much of the work of the clerk to governors can be done at home. To find out more about our school please visit the website <https://www.strichardsprimary.co.uk>.

**The 2nd collection this weekend is for the Education of Future Priests.** Your donation can be gift aided, using your normal numbers and envelopes.

**The next Monthly EVENT** is on May 15th 12.15 at Bosham with Exposition, Adoration and Rosary. This will be followed by lunch and a picture presentation by Tina Darby on her recent visit to Rome, All welcome. If you need transport to the Event, please contact Tony on 07941949760 by Tuesday 13th May.

### Tuesday Discussion Group

(follows Adoration and 10am Mass) - Join us for topical discussion over refreshments. All most welcome.

## Spring Fair at Selsey

Plants, bric-a-brac, refreshments, bottle and chocolate tombola, handbags and scarves, plants and raffle. Any donations for the stalls/raffle please leave with a St Wilfrid's volunteer. **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10-1** Stallholders needed, and please encourage friends and families to come along.

## 2025 Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrims.

If you are going to Lourdes with the Diocese this summer and would like to be put in touch with other pilgrims, to chat about the Pilgrimage and especially to discuss sharing transport to and from the UK airports, please let the Parish Office know, or click here and register: <https://abcathedral.churchsuite.com/groups/faiyqcxi>

The Friends of St Richards Catholic School are having a Colour Run on Saturday 21st June at 2pm. Come and join us for some colourful fun, and help us raise well needed funds for our new Adventure Playground! Open to all ages and running / walking abilities! To book, visit: [strichardsprimaryfriends.org/colour-run](http://strichardsprimaryfriends.org/colour-run). Add an extra splash of colour to your summer!

Darragh and Rowena, parishioners from Our Lady in Bosham, would like to thank everyone who contributed to their fundraising efforts for the London Marathon. They raised over £3,000 for Activity Alliance and the Cheetah Conservation fund. Despite the heat and the crowds they both finished. Their fundraising pages are still open at the links below:

<https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/rowena-lewthwaite>  
[https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/darragh-o-haodha?utm\\_campaign=website&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=enthuse](https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/darragh-o-haodha?utm_campaign=website&utm_medium=email&utm_source=enthuse)

## 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



**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)**

**Thursday Lectio group** In addition to praying with the Scriptures we will be preparing for the Feast of Pentecost by watching a series of short films from The Wild Goose Production, that explore The Holy Spirit in more depth.

**Friday Faith Cafe at St Peter's** 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

**Pilgrimage to Rome** (Parishes of Chichester and Burgess Hill) **5<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sarah@tangney-tours.com)). The pilgrimage costs £1220.

**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.

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

Offertory	March 2025
<b>Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex</b>	
<b>Cash/Envelopes/Cheques</b>	<b>6,175</b>
<b>Bankers Orders</b>	<b>7,785</b>
<b>Credit and debit card transactions</b>	<b>1,391</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,350</b>
<b>Gift Aid Rebate</b>	<b>1,626</b>

In addition, generous donations in March totalled £667 for Lourdes, £502 for CAFOD, £130 for Family Support Fund £528 for flowers, and £52 for Fr Joe. Your 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 10 <sup>th</sup> May <i>St John of Avila</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	Gerard Lalor RIP
	Chichester	4.15pm		<i>Ordinariate Rite</i>
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Betty Field RIP (Marie O'Grady)
<b>Sun 11th May</b> <b>Fourth 'Good Shepherd'</b> <b>Sunday of Easter</b>	Witterings	9am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	John Janiec RIP (Marian and Will)
	Selsey	11am		May Reid RIP
	Bosham	11.30am		Frances Messenger RIP
	Chichester	12noon		Mass in Polish
	Chichester	5.30pm		Private intention (Felicity Ighofose)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Carthusian Martyrs</i>	Chichester	12.15		80 <sup>th</sup> birthday blessings for Susan Johnstone (M&B Southward)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Chichester	8am	✓	<i>Morning Prayer, Rosary and Adoration (no Mass)</i>
	Bosham	10am		Eileen FitzGerald RIP (Peter and Family)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May <i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	Chichester	8am	✓	<i>Morning Prayer, Rosary and Adoration (no Mass)</i>
	Selsey	10am		Maura Lanigan RIP
	Chichester	7pm		<i>Evening prayer (No Mass)</i>
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Chichester	8am	✓	C M Jose RIP
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Chichester	8am	✓	<i>Morning Prayer, Rosary and Adoration (no Mass)</i>
	Witterings	10am		
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Chichester	8am	✓	Regi & Johny Joseph RIP
	Chichester	6pm	✓	For the intentions of Veronica Bilbe (Buck Family)
<b>Sun 18th May</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	Witterings	9am		Ann Hayes RIP (Mary Watts)
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Ellie Butler RIP (Marion and Will)
	Selsey	11am		For the safe delivery of Helen's baby
	Bosham	11.30am		Hughie O'Neill RIP (O'Neill Family)
	Chichester	12noon		Mass in Polish
	Chichester	5.30pm		People of the Parish

**Please pray for our sick parishioners:** Alan Patrick, Agnes Martin, Anthony Nageon De Lestang, Barry Buck, Brendan Martin, David Mortby, David Pearce, Denise Turner, Gerald McGregor, Jean Thorpe, Jill Serna, Josh England, Kinga Buckley, Kitty Hall, Lois Bleasdale, Magda Gallanti, Maria Aldred, Margaret Beazley, Martin Dearlove, 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, Susie Adams, Tony Morris, Trish Evans, *Please let the office know of any changes*

	Confessions	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Bosham</b>	Tues 9.30 – 10am;	Tues 9.30 – 10am,
<b>Chichester</b>	Mon 11.15am-12, Wed 6-7pm, Saturday after the 6pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 5-5.30pm	Wed from 8.30am -1pm & 6– 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

**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.