

**Parish Newsletter for
Our Lady & the Saints
of Sussex**

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Easter Sunday**

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Dear Sisters and Brothers

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

I write this a little before Holy Week due to time and printing constraints. So, I'm "looking forward" somewhat. But that's OK as I've set my sights, and I'm focussing on the Day which gives shape to each and every Sunday: Easter Day. I'm reminded as I do this of two things. The first comes from the words of the Creed where we say: I confess one

Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

We do indeed, all of us, "look forward" in the sense that we look towards the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to return in glory and awaken all the dead - some to judgement and others to eternal life. We do our level best to ensure that on that day our Lord will say "Well done good and faithful servant." We are people who live always in hope.

To help us in that quest we have the Holy Spirit of the risen Lord always at hand, dwelling within us. That quote from the Creed is tied to the confession of one Baptism and through our baptism we can say with St. Paul that we: "... have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory."

Brothers and Sisters, our new life has already begun; it is both now, and not yet. It is within us and to be looked forward to. As baptised Christians we have the enormous privilege of living Easter Day each and every day. So let us be an Easter people and may Alleluia be our song!

With mine and all your clergy's fondest prayers and best wishes.

Fr David Benedict Osborne, Parish Priest Bognor Regis



Wishing all the parishioners of
the Saints of Sussex Parish
a very joyful Easter
Fr Con, Fr Nick and Deacon Jon

Your offering on Easter Sunday is your offering to Fr Nick and Fr Con for their own personal income for the year. Your offering can be made in cash, via the dona machines, via cheque or bank transfer, and can be gift aided using your parish gift aid number.

Are you a practicing Catholic that somehow missed out on the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? The priests of the parish have planned a one session, in person course, to prepare adults who come to Mass regularly, to receive this sacrament. The preparation session will be held on 2nd May at 10am in the Upper Parish Room. If you are interested please email chichester@abdiocese.org.uk.

Bible Study - Wednesdays 7.30pm (following 7pm Mass). We resume on 15 April with a new course on the Bible and the early church. All most welcome.

Quiz Night fundraiser for Parish Funds

Friday 17th April 7.30pm, Selsey Club, Coxes Road. £3 pp (teams of 6 people). With a raffle on the night. To book contact Karen Pirks 07824376760

Grandparents' Pilgrimage, The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, Wednesday 17 June 11am – 3pm A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register, W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

Parish Finances for February 2026

Offertory	February 2026
Cash/Cheques/Envelopes	£4,176
Bankers Orders	£7,818
Credit and debit card transactions	£3,825
Total	£15,319
Gift Aid Rebate	£9,491

In additions generous donations totalled £1950 for the Community Family Support Fund, £951 for the Diocesan Lourdes appeal and £84 for the Parish Charity Fund. Please also note the gift aid sum, which was achieved simply by eligible parishioners gift aiding their offertory and other contributions. Parish expenditure in February 2026 was £15,032. Thank you all for your continuing generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Resp. Psalm 118 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Colossians 3: 1-4, Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival of the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel John 20: 1-9 He must rise from the dead.

Intercessions: www.saintsofsussex.com/intercessions

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our dearly departed parishioners:

Mary Noble The Reception of Mary's body will be at St Richard's on Thursday 9th April at 4pm and her funeral will be held at St Richard's 11am 10th April.

Lois Bleasdale Parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption, wife to Chris, and Mum to Niki Harman, we pray for the repose of her soul. The funeral will be held at St Richard's on Friday 17th April at 12 noon

Dulcie McGeough Parishioner of St Peter's for over 70 years, we celebrate the life of much loved Dulcie at her funeral on Friday 24th April St Peter's 10am

Joan Honour-Smith Parishioner of St Peter's for many years, we pray for the repose of her soul. Her funeral will be held on Thursday 30th April at St Peter's 10am.

We remember **Anne Condon** also recently deceased.

Tuesday Discussion Group, Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham (follows Adoration and 10am Mass). Join us on Tuesday 14 April for discussion and response on the parish vision, as set out in the latest deanery newsletter. All welcome.

Fr Ben has written us all a letter of thanks for the generous collection we made last summer for his charitable causes in Nigeria. £3,151.00 was collected. If you would like to read his letter in full please email the parish office for a copy.

He has given us a full breakdown of what the money was spent on including medical assistance, school fees, equipment for students, and other one-off fees/ costs for people in need. He also writes that they are now committing to helping 5 young children at the Missionary Sisters of the Poorest of the Poor (*Anawim*), with more longer term support.

Dates for your diary - at a glance:

- 17/4 **Quiz Night** (fundraiser for Church funds) 7.30pm Selsey Club, Coxes Rd
21/4 Alpha starts in the parish—St Richard's 7pm
18/4 next **First Holy Communion** classes—St Richard's lower parish room
7/6 **Corpus Christi Procession** and Open Air Mass 11am St Richards School Field
15/6 **St Richard's Day Mass** - Chichester Cathedral 10.30am
27/6 **Parish has Talent - an evening of music and mayhem** St Richard's School, 7.30pm

Try Alpha

Starts Tuesday 21 April at 7pm, St Richard's Lower Parish Room. You may be asking, "What's Alpha and who is it aimed at?" Alpha is an opportunity for you to explore the Christian faith on your terms. Each session unpacks a big question on life, faith and purpose and is designed to spark conversation. There's no pressure, follow up or charge. If you have already experienced Alpha then please invite someone to come along or volunteer for one of the many hospitality roles.. being part of the cooking team, welcoming or setting up. Just visit the home page of our website for more details and to sign up for this great adventure. www.saintsofsussex.com/alpha.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Correction. We will not hold a service at St Peter's this year but the following service will be held at Arundel Cathedral:

Vigil of the Feast of Divine Mercy Saturday 11th April at Arundel Cathedral from

2.30pm Divine Mercy Devotions, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, veneration of the image of Divine Mercy, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and concluding with Holy Mass at 5pm, Vigil of the Octave Sunday of Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy.



Children's Liturgy

Easter Sunday at Our Lady, Bosham.
Easter Sunday at St Peter's.

Baptism Programme for Summer 2026 Are you thinking about baptism for your child? If so, the new summer programme for baptism preparation is coming up. **26th April The introduction session** 2.30pm St Richards Lower Parish Room, **Online Zoom Sessions 7.30-8.30pm 11th May and 1st June**, and the **in-person class on 17th May at 2.30** St Richards Lower Parish Room. Please contact the parish office if you have any queries about the programme.

Mass for World Peace Friday 29 May 6.30pm, English Martyrs Church, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4UH. People across our community of faith are invited to join Worthing Deanery Justice & Peace Group and pray for peace in our world. The Mass, celebrated by Fr Liam O'Connor, will offer an opportunity to pray for all those impacted by war, and for healing.

Friday Faith Cafe will resume after the 10am Mass at St Peters, The Witterings, on Friday 17th April. We will continue to watch the DVD *A.D. Kingdom and Empire*. which follows the growth of the Church in the Roman Empire. Tea and coffee will be available and everyone is very welcome.

Parish has Talent - music and mayhem.

Friday 27th June 7pm at St Richard's School. Please save the date for what promises to be a very fun evening. More details will be released soon, but at this stage we are appealing for performers. Talented parishioners from all four churches are being asked to put on a 5 minute performance of music, singing, dance or comedy to entertain guests. If you would like to learn more about what would be involved as a performer please email chichester@abdiocese.org.uk. *Tickets for the event will be limited and will go on sale later.*

Jumble Sale at St Peter's Saturday 11th April at 2pm in the Church hall. Fundraising for the sick of the parish. If you have jumble to donate please contact Sylvie on 07948 826339 .

Date	Church	Time	online	Mass Intention
Sat 4th April Holy Saturday	Bosham	8.15pm		Solemn Vigil of Easter
	Chichester	8.30pm	✓	Solemn Vigil of Easter
Sun 5th April Easter Sunday	Chichester	8am		People of the Parish
	Witterings	9am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	People of the Parish
	Selsey	11am		People of the Parish
	Bosham	11.30am		People of the Parish
Mon 6 th April Easter Monday	Chichester	10am		Mary Noble RIP (Mary Downy)
Tues 7 th April Easter Tuesday	Chichester	10am		Health and wellbeing of Catherine
Wed 8 th April Easter Wednesday	Chichester	10am		Holy Souls
Thurs 9 th April Easter Thursday	Chichester	10am		For the intentions of all who provide the church with sacred music. (R. France)
Fri 10 th April Easter Friday	Chichester	11am	✓	Requiem Mass Mary Noble RIP
Sat 11th April Easter Saturday	Chichester	12 noon		Holy Souls (Madonna and Rachel)
	Chichester	6pm	✓	Reg and Molly Harris RIP (Marie Taylor)
Sun 12th April Second 'Low' Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Witterings	9am		People of the Parish
	Chichester	9.30am	✓	Breda and Seamus Moloney RIP
	Selsey	11am		Blessings on the marriage of Joan and Avon Pereira
	Bosham	11.30am		Winnie Walls RIP (Clare Walls and Family)
	Chichester	5.30pm		Paul Bahoshy RIP

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Anna Anscombe, Agnes Martin, Barry Buck, David Pearce, Elizabeth McCaughey, Gerald McGregor, Joe Egan, Jill Serna, Jim Buckland, Josephine Ferlisi, Kitty Hall, Mary Eveleigh, Nell Hasset; Patricia Herron, Patricia Smith, Patrick Hill, Ruiyang Xu, Rita Rooke, Roger Cluff, Sheila Lyons, Susan Line, Trish Evans, Valerie & John Dane.
Please let the office know of any changes

Anointing at the hospital If you are going in to hospital and you would like Fr Nick or Fr Con to anoint you, please do let us know. Staff at the hospital will not always let us know if Catholic patients are staying at the hospital.

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.