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SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA

The Church of England worshipping in Word and Sacrament at Lago Jardín, Los Balcones and La Siesta and ministering through the southern Costa Blanca and eastern Murcia.

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FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th July 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN
THIS CHAPLAINCY.**

At our 1700 celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Enia Rose De Oliveira will be baptized. We will welcome Enia Rose as a baptized Christian and member of the Church and we pray for Cauan and Jade her parents and Fuensanta, José, Yohan and Erika her godparents. Father Richard baptized Enia's siblings over the years and this will be the third child of Cauan and Jade he will have baptized.

We will have a full baptismal Mass so there will be a special order of service given to you on the day.

Pray for Enia Rose as she is baptized.

Home Communions

Father Richard will take Holy Communion to people at home according to their circumstances. This is a privilege and enables for prayer in the home at difficult times and for the communicant to receive Holy Communion at home. Please never hesitate to contact me if you would like Holy Communion at home if you are unable to come to church because of sickness or being housebound. Obviously Covid circumstances are taken into consideration.

Here are some guidelines to assist you:

1. If you can, please arrange a surface with a white cloth upon which I can place the Blessed Sacrament. If this is difficult please do not worry too much but it is appreciated.
2. The Priest will not enter into general conversation until after the celebration which lasts about ten minutes. Then he would appreciate a cup of tea and chat with you but if your circumstances don't allow, please do not worry.
3. Please consider giving a donation to the Church for the Priest's ministry. He will have had to drive to you and it also enables you to give your weekly collection to support the priestly ministry in the parish / chaplaincy. This means there can be a Priest available for you and for others with a priestly presence in the parish / chaplaincy. It is a long-established custom – if you can – to make an offering to the Church in thankfulness for the ministry of the Church.
4. You don't have to tidy up before the priest arrives! Just prepare spiritually for an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist by being prayerful before his arrival.

Father Richard writes:

Dear friends

Last week I quoted from "The Christian Priest today" – written by Bishop Michael Ramsey (Archbishop of Canterbury 1961 – 1974) as a compilation of his charges to candidates for Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. I first read the book some thirty-seven years ago and during that time I have found myself returning to it over and over again. It is a timeless classic. This book is my manual of Priestcraft. His chapter about the Priest – *Man of Prayer* – particularly stands out.

"Being with God with the people on your heart" is the meaning of the Divine Office, of the Eucharist and of every part of your prayer and your service of the people.

Last week I wrote a few words about the Divine Office and this week I write about The Eucharist. Please note that Bishop Ramsey does not talk about Holy Communion but The

Eucharist. As I explained in my homily for Corpus Christi, The Eucharist comes from the Greek word for *thanksgiving*. A Priest goes to the Altar *to celebrate with thanksgiving* The Eucharist that Jesus Christ, the great High Priest, has left to the Priests of the Church to celebrate. The life of a Priest is a life of thanksgiving for the privilege of offering The Holy Eucharist for and with the people of God in the Priest's charge.

Bishop Ramsey writes further:

You will find yourself, as celebrant at the Eucharist, privileged with a unique intensity to "be with God with people on your heart". Do not approach this act without quiet recollection before, and always follow it with quiet recollection after.

It is for this reason you will be see me quietly (in silence) sitting, contemplating, and recollecting before the Eucharist – praying for God's strength for a worthy offering of the Eucharist and *praying for all who will gather at the altar for that celebration and praying for those who are not there*. But this is not just a priestly act. All of us – without exception and without fail – should pray quietly before the Eucharist and pray in thanksgiving afterwards. Too often we are noisy, busy, chatty – but think why we are there. To have an encounter with the Living Lord in the Eucharist. It does, genuinely, grieve my heart when I see people not praying. Your life would be changed! *Be still and know that I am God*, says the Psalmist.

The Priest is to teach about the Eucharist and I pray to God daily that I do this. In some sacristies (the place in the church where the vestments, vessels and altar requisites are kept) you may see a sign: *Celebrate each Mass as if it were your last*. It is a profound statement. The Eucharist is at the heart of the life of the Priest. It is central to the Priest's life *just as it must be central to the life of us all*. The first work of the Priest is to celebrate the Eucharist. It is the most important and precious act he undertakes as a Priest.

As teacher and interpreter of the Eucharist, and as the one who leads the people in their sacramental worship, the Priest has an immense role. But for him, in his own life, the Eucharist is more than that. As Christ's own minister in the words and the acts of the consecration he is drawn closer to Christ's own priesthood than words can ever tell. – Bishop Michael Ramsey, The Christian Priest today.

*Almighty God, give us priests:
to establish the honour of your name
to offer the holy sacrifice of the altar;
to give us Jesus in the holy sacrament;
to proclaim the faith of Jesus;
to baptise and to teach the young;
to tend your sheep; to seek the lost;
to give pardon to the penitent sinner;
to bless our homes; to pray for the afflicted;
to comfort mourners;
to strengthen us in our last hour;
to commend our souls;
Almighty God give us priests!*

*Holy Father, you gave us Christ
as the shepherd of our souls;*

*may your people always have priests
who care for them with his great love.*

*We make our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen*

God bless you all.

Your priest and friend, Father Richard

Ministry of a Lector

I am beginning again a roster of lay people to read at the Eucharist as a Lector. This stopped during the Pandemic and now is the time to recommence it. I have been grateful for those who have kept ministry alive, in a restricted manner, during the Pandemic. However, I now believe that its time to open this up again.

I invite those who would like to be part of team of Lectors to send me an email by the end of July and then I will organise a gathering. It is open to anyone who would like to read to come forward and I would welcome this. Those who are not resident in the Chaplaincy the whole year are also welcome though I do realise this is more difficult but I am sure we can work around it.

The commitment will be:

1. To be prepared to read on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings until further notice.
2. To practise the readings in the week before and study them. These I will send in good time.
3. To arrive at church in plenty of time for quiet recollection before sharing in the Liturgy of the Word. Coming in at the last minute is not suitable for the ministry in which you share. You are proclaiming God's Word.



So I invite those who have read before and those who haven't to send me an email and I will start to organise this ministry once again. This will be under my auspices as your Priest.

It is not a job you do in church! It is a ministry that you share with the Priest in proclaiming Sacred Scripture in the Eucharistic assembly to the people of God. May God bless you in this.
Father Richard

FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

1. You can give in the plate each week.
2. You can join our envelope scheme to give a regular amount on a weekly basis - and set aside money for those weeks when you cannot be here.
3. **You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy - this helps us budget more effectively.**

If you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your giving.

If you are a Spanish tax payer you can have a tax offset by notifying your accountant when arranging your yearly tax along with the Spanish bank account number who will then arrange a claim and the money will be donated back to the Chaplaincy.

One off donations would be gratefully received to assist us at this difficult time.
Thank you for your help.

For more information contact Father Richard, the Churchwardens, or your Congregational Warden.

The Chaplaincy relies on generous and sacrificial giving in response to a generous God who sacrificed his Son for us all on the cross.

Spanish Bank details. Banco Sabadell.

IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414

BSAB ESBB / Capellania Anglicana de Torrevieja

UK Bank details. Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Address : Tufton Street, London Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied. The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 31 70 39.

God bless you all for your support.
Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)



We are always grateful for your giving to the Chaplaincy. It is the main way by which the Priestly Ministry and Chaplaincy life is sustained. Without your giving there would be no Chaplaincy. Thank you to all who give so generously.

If you don't already, please would you consider a monthly standing order to either our UK to Spanish bank accounts? This would help us enormously in our financial planning.

It means your giving happens on a regular basis and we would be so grateful for this. Think of what the Chaplaincy means not only to you but the wider church community and the Church of England presence in this area.

Please see Peter or Jennifer or send Father Richard an email if you could help. Thank you.



Sue's Homemade Lemon Curd and Pickled Onions and Jill's Homemade Marmalade

Sue Brassington is selling *made to order* homemade lemon curd after each service. Please see her if you would like order some. Thank you, Sue! (She also taking orders for pickled onions available in six weeks.) Jill Dorsett is receiving orders for homemade marmalade. Thank you, Jill!



DATES AHEAD:

Monday 15th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Church celebrates that day when the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven. There will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 1130 at La Siesta Church followed by lunch at a local restaurant – to be confirmed. It is a glorious summer festival and we praise God for the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Assumption, by God, into heavenly glory. Please come along and join the celebration.

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We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy.
If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home.

You no longer have to wear a mask in church
(though if you chose to that is perfectly acceptable to protect yourself and protect others).

Hand sanitizer will still be available as you enter the church.

You are encouraged still to use this to protect yourself and others.

Holy Communion will still be administered in one kind for the time being.

You will be able to line up for Holy Communion instead of coming up individually.

Holy Communion is offered with the words "The Body of Christ" to which you say **Amen**
before consuming the Sacred Host.

Holy Communion (in one kind still for the time being) will continue to be offered in front of
the altar as we have been doing since the Pandemic.

Regarding the sharing of the Sign of Peace,
we will remain with the status quo for the time being.

POST-PANDEMIC INFORMATION

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. *In due course the Chaplaincy Council will decide the way forward. However, as the Church is being used to store so much stuff from Los Balcones we will need to wait.*
2. There is to be a building project to renovate the church but **Los Balcones church is now closed for the foreseeable future. It will re-open but it is impossible to say when. All services for the Chaplaincy will be held at La Siesta.**

3. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy.

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| Saturday 9 th July | 1700 |
| Sunday 17 th July | 1130 |
| Saturday 23 rd July | 1700 |
| Saturday 30 th July | 1700 |
| Sunday 7 th August | 1130 |
| Saturday 13 th August | 1700 |
| Monday 15 th August | 1130 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY |
| Sunday 21 st August | 1130 |
| Saturday 27 th August | 1700 |
| Sunday 4 th September | 1130 |
| Saturday 10 th September | 1700 |

The live-streamed liturgies continue in a limited form now:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorre vieja> and ask to join the group.
2. You will be asked three questions. Please complete them and agree to the rules of the group.
3. When the livestream starts it will appear on your device in the Facebook stream. The stream will start a few minutes before the broadcast so you can get settled in. You can only see this when I start the livestream.

WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

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| Saturday 9 th July | 1700 | Holy Eucharist | <i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i> |
| Sunday 10 th July | 1100 | Holy Eucharist | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| Monday 11 th July | 1800 | Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| Saturday 16 th July | 1700 | Evening Prayer | <i>Live-streamed</i> |
| Sunday 17 th July | 1130 | Holy Eucharist | <i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i> |

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín

Because Lago Jardín is not going to be used for the foreseeable future (until social distancing rules change) the Blessed Sacrament has been removed from Lago Jardín to be kept safely at the Chaplaincy House.

If you would like a Mass intention, please contact Father Richard.

Father Richard's Prayer List for July 2022:

Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time: Liz Shouksmith, Anne John, Lesley Critchley, Charlie Smith, Allan Harris, David, Theo, Patricia Gilbert, Marie Creighton, Jennifer Moody, Erol Moody, Faras, Justin Clarke, Peter John, Mo and Bryan Bailey, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Gwen Simmons, Kathryn Moore, Isaac Jalal, Father Terence, John Mileham, Samantha Shaw, Alex, Gerry Hopkins, Father Helge, Solveig Petterson, Eileen Catlin.



Please pray for the recently departed:

Those killed as a result of the conflict in Ukraine.

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.

If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).

Please pray for the Anglican Church in Perú, for Bishop Jorge Aguilar, and the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Laity there.

Sunday 10th July 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

The Law is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68(69):14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah
and men shall dwell there in possession.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

Second reading

Colossians 1:15-20

All things were created through Christ and for Christ

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Or:

cf.Jn6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The good Samaritan

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

Homily



Our news media give a rather depressing picture of human nature, incurably bent on war, destruction, social and political injustice, and on all types and forms of immorality. That, of course, is what is seen as making news. But it should blind none of us from being more aware in our daily lives of the

basic goodness of human nature, and of noting the many selfless and quite unnoticed acts of love and charity. And by being positive about our human nature and its capabilities for good, we become more aware of our own potential to love selflessly. This is what Jesus tries to help the lawyer to experience. Instead of giving him a dictionary definition of "neighbour," he presents him with the parable about the Samaritan who acts not out of a sense of duty or of guilt, but out of sheer love and generosity. Though we are not told, we can hope that the lawyer is fired with enthusiasm to live in a similar manner.

Perhaps we get impatient with the slowness of our society to make changes for the common good. But perfect love is not so soon reached. It's well to remember that Deuteronomy's law of love was given while the people were on their journey to the Promised Land, and that the Gospel parables were told while the disciples were still on their way to Jerusalem. Perfect charity is a challenge all through life. Along that journey there can be stops and even wrong

turnings, but if we remember the Good Samaritan we can renew our desire to follow his example.

To stress the negatives in the parable — the violence of the brigands, the neglect by the priest and the levite — would be pessimistic and miss the real point. The Samaritan shows the virtues of humanity – even in people of whom little good was expected. The Jews were meant to take special care of the stranger, the widow, and the orphan. These were the groups most in need of charity, and so whoever came to their help would be helpful to all, without exception.

The Angelus



The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary, (as above)

And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, (as above)

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His + cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.