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FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th July 2022

SEVENTEENTH 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.**

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

I am writing weekly about the life of a Priest.

All members of the Church, by virtue of their Baptism, are called to ministry as the people of God. You may have heard of the term "Royal Priesthood" – it's because, in Holy Baptism, we become sharers in the life of Christ who is Priest, Prophet, and King. At Baptism we are given the precious gift of the Christian life in abundance which sets us out on the Christian pilgrimage. We are here to proclaim the Kingdom of God, to live out the Kingdom of God, to be examples of the Kingdom of God, and to promote the Kingdom of God.

From the Royal Priesthood of the People of God, made holy through Baptism, Christ calls some to share in the sacred ministry of the Church through the laying-on-of-hands in ordination. The Church of England, along with the Roman Catholic Church and Orthodox Church, has the threefold order of ministry: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Bishops, Priests, and Deacons are ordained by Bishops in apostolic succession.

Priests, as a particular prayer puts it, *are to renew in his name the sacrifice of human redemption, to set before your children the paschal banquet, to lead your holy people in charity, to nourish them with the word and strengthen them with the Sacraments.* This is a beautiful description of the calling of a Priest and all Priests should be measured against this prayer I believe. The prayer continues: *As they give up their lives for you and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters, they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself and offer you a constant witness of faith and love.*

Being a Priest is a high calling but not a particularly easy one at times. There are many challenges. In "The Christian Priest today" Bishop Michael Ramsey writes:

Be ready to accept humiliations. They can hurt terribly, but they help you to be humble. There can be trivial humiliations. Accept them. There can be bigger humiliations: some cherished plan misfires, or some injustice is done to you, or some slight or affront, or some sorrow, or some trouble caused by a mistake of your own. All these can be so many chances to be a little nearer to our humble and crucified Lord. There is nothing to fear if you are near to our Lord and in his hands.

Bishop Ramsey also writes:

Let the griefs, pains, and humiliations which come to you help you. You will hate them, as they always hurt. But they help you to be near Christ, and you will be learning not to fear them. There is the pain of disappointment when some cherished plan has gone wrong, and you are inclined to be bitter and resentful – but let it help you to think about Christ's pain and disappointment. There is the pain sometimes of the opposition, or misunderstanding, or abuse perhaps, coming to you from other people: it can feel terrible, but again – near to Christ.

Not easy reading, I know, but then, as I said, being a Priest is not easy. Priests are fallible like everyone else. They are also human beings like everyone else. Of course, there are many joys too and I will come to this another week.

The quotes from Bishop Ramsey lead to our next thoughts. What can the people of God do to help their Priests? By praying for them and loving them, supporting them and caring for them, upholding them and affirming them, encouraging and embracing them.

These qualities make such a difference in any Parish or Chaplaincy.

I thank the Lord greatly for the blessings this brings here.

God bless you all.

Your priest and friend, Father Richard

Ministry of a Lector

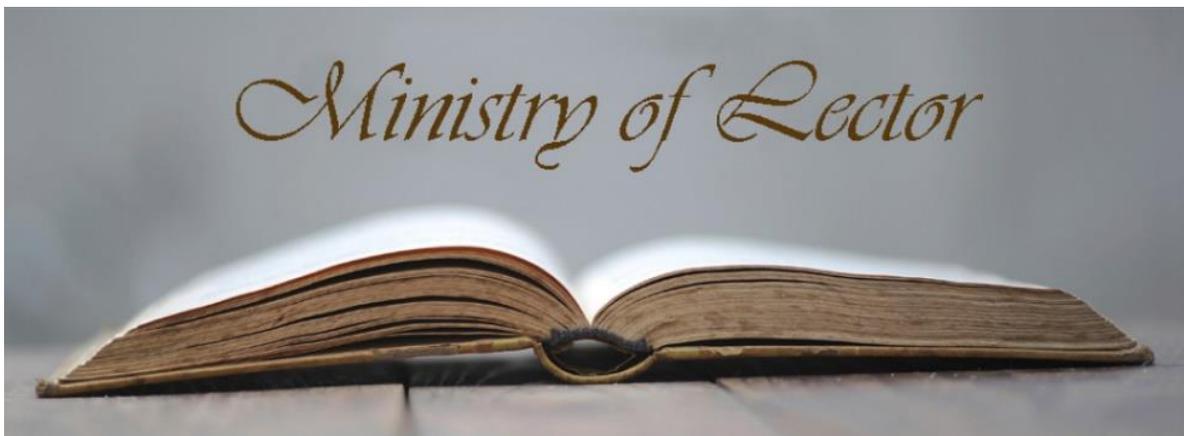
I am beginning again a roster of lay people to read at the Eucharist as a Lector. This stopped during the Pandemic and now is the time to recommence it. I have been grateful for those who have kept ministry alive, in a restricted manner, during the Pandemic. However, I now believe that its time to open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

July draw of the 100 Club

1st prize - 30€ number 67 Sue Maude
2nd prize- 20€ number 6 Lesley Glen
3rd prize - 10€ number 47 Mona Naaman
(donated back to the Chaplaincy)



Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja

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.

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	
Sunday 18 th September	1130	
Saturday 24 th September	1700	

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

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja> 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:

Saturday 23 rd July	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 24 th July	1100	Holy Eucharist	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Monday 25 th July	1800	Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Saturday 30 th July	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 31 st July	1100	Holy Eucharist	<i>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: Anna Horsnell, 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 25th July 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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

Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham negotiates with the Lord

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied

'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6-8

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:

you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the presence of the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction

you give me life and frustrate my foes.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second reading

Colossians 2:12-14

Christ has brought you to life with him and forgiven us all our sins

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Rm8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit you received is the spirit of sons,
and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

How to pray

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them:

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Homily

When the Old Testament calls God "Father" it means guardian of the people or of groups within the nation (see Deut 32:6; Ps 68:5; Is 63:16; 64:8; Jer 3:4, Mal 1:6,2:10). There is a more personal touch in Sirach 23:1,4. But neither in the Old Testament nor in the writings of Qumran is such an intimacy with God expressed as in Luke 11:2. The repeating of the word "Abba" in Romans 8:15, Gal 4:6 and Mark 14:36 shows how the early Christians were aware of Jesus' intimacy with the Father.

The simple prayer taught by Jesus contrasts with the fulsome formulations used in Jewish and Greco-Roman prayers, not to mention some modern equivalents! Although "abba" can be translated "daddy," one should not think of God as a weakly indulgent "papa," spoiling his children by granting every whim and never correcting them. On the contrary, Jesus taught much about our duties to love our enemies and to trust, love and reverence the heavenly Father, who is the Lord God Almighty.

There is a positive value in praying alone as well as in praying with others. Not only did he pray in the garden and in quiet places, but Jesus also prayed in the synagogue and in the

temple. He would have said the *Shema*, the daily prayer of a faithful Jew, about loving God with all our heart and soul. And in the temple he blamed the priests for failing to make it a house of prayer for all nations. Do we ourselves pray daily? Do we pray that God's will be done? And do we give thanks in all circumstances?

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.