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SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA

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FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28th May 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY



**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.**

Please remember to turn off your mobile phone before our services begin. Please don't use a mobile phone in church.

Please remember to talk to God in prayer before our services begin. There is plenty of time to talk to each other afterwards. Your talking may distract someone else's praying. Please keep a devotional silence.

Father Richard's contact details are on the front of this newsletter.

Our Churchwardens are:

Peter Maude (churchwardenpeter@gmail.com)

Jennifer Saville (chaplaincywardenjennifer@gmail.com)

They also act as Joint Treasurers.

The Vice-Chairman of the Chaplaincy Council is:

Joan Berry (losbalconeswarden@gmail.com)

The Honorary Secretary to the Chaplaincy Council is:

Mary Western (honsectorrevieja@yahoo.com)

We take the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults seriously. Our Safeguarding Policy is displayed at La Siesta and is available on our website:

<https://www.c-of-e-torrevieja.com/safeguarding-policy/>

Our Safeguarding Officer is Anna Horsnell who can be contacted at

safeguardingtorrevieja@gmail.com

The Congregational Warden at La Siesta is:

Sue Maude (wardenlasiesta@gmail.com)

Our other two churches remain temporarily closed.

Home Communion

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:

We welcome Father Robert this week. As you know Father Robert's dear and beloved wife, Val, died some weeks ago. He is visiting with his family and I know many of you will want to see him. He will be at the Pentecost Vigil on Saturday evening at 1700.

This Sunday is the culmination of the Easter season with the celebration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church on the Day of Pentecost. It is a great day of celebration and we shall offer the Eucharist on Saturday at 1700 at La Siesta. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son and is the fulfilment of the promise of Our Lord before his Ascension into heaven not to leave the disciples comfortless. On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit came as tongues of flames and a rushing wind as the disciples were at prayer with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pentecost Sunday is one of the great festivals of the Church and, even though we celebrate a Vigil Mass at 1700, I hope and pray we may see the importance of this day by sharing in the Eucharist for Pentecost. All of us, baptised and confirmed, have received the gift of the Holy Spirit and are renewed by the Holy Spirit in our lives. Think about it for a moment. Your life is a Christian life formed by the Holy Spirit. Come and pray in thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit and allow the Holy Spirit to stir you up. Jesus says he will not leave us *comfortless* but so often our comfort zones and patterns of life take precedence. To move on in the Christian life we must step outside our created boundaries and allow the Holy Spirit to mould us as he wills: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Because we celebrate a Vigil for Pentecost this year will have a greater sense of the Church at prayer waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We have an extended Liturgy of the Word, similar to the Easter Vigil, which takes us through the Old Testament scriptures pointing out the Spirit of God which comes to its climax with the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. As a community let us wait in prayer as the early Church did.

We welcome Mary Western in her appointment, by the Chaplaincy Council, to be Honorary Secretary to the Chaplaincy Council and we pray for God's blessing on her work. There is a lot of work that goes on *behind the scenes* in our community and we have to be an effective administrative unit. So thank you, Mary, for agreeing to take on this important role.

Finally, a gentle reminder that you may not intinct the Host into the Chalice at the Eucharist. Since the Pandemic this has not been permitted because of health reasons and this continues to be the case. If you do not wish to consume from the Chalice, please continue to receive the fullness of the Eucharist in one kind only. That is please consume the Host and then return to your place. Please remember that the Priest has to consume the Chalice at the end of the distribution of Holy Communion.

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost we praise God for the Holy Spirit at work in our community and we place ourselves afresh ready for the Holy Spirit to stir us up in the Faith and continue to fashion us as he will: *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

May the Lord bless you all with the stirring gift of the Holy Spirit.

Your priest and friend,
Father Richard

Dates ahead:



Thursday 15th June

Bingo and Afternoon Tea Party

15th June at 1600 at the home of Sue Brassington, Los Altos.

10€ per ticket to include food, tea/coffee and two bingo tickets.

Cava and wine will be sold plus extra bingo tickets.

Caller: Father Richard

Tickets on sale soon.

Thursday 29th June

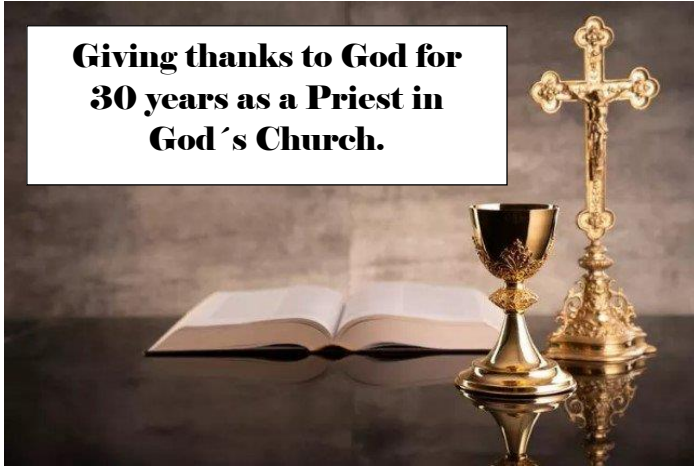
SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES PATRONAL FESTIVAL

1130 HOLY EUCHARIST at La Siesta

This is an important day in our Chaplaincy life to celebrate our Patronal Festival and to offer praise for the prayers of the saints under whose intercession we have been placed. It is a day to give thanks to God for our community and to ask for God's blessing on us as we praise him for Ss Peter and Paul. There will be a celebration afterwards. Watch this space.



**Giving thanks to God for
30 years as a Priest in
God's Church.**



Tuesday 18th July
1130 HOLY EUCHARIST
in thanksgiving for
Father Richard's 30th
anniversary to the
Sacred Priesthood at La
Siesta Church followed
by lunch. Details to
follow. All welcome.

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND GENEROUSLY ABOUT THIS.



Sue's Homemade Lemon Curd 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! Jill Dorsett is receiving orders for homemade marmalade. Thank you, Jill!





Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja

The Chalice containing the Precious Blood of Christ is offered for those who wish to receive it. Holy Communion is offered with the words "The Body of Christ" to which you say **Amen** before consuming the Sacred Host. The words "The Blood of Christ" are said to which you say **Amen** before receiving from the Chalice. The Chalice is optional.

INTINCTION IS NOT PERMITTED.

ONGOING INFORMATION

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice.
There is a building project to renovate the church at Los Balcones, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción. There is no indication when this will be completed.
2. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy until our other churches are opened again so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy.

Sunday 21 st May	1130	
Saturday 27 th May	1700	
Sunday 4 th June	1130	
Saturday 10 th June	1700	
Sunday 18 th June	1130	
Saturday 24 th June	1700	
Sunday 2 nd July	1130	
Saturday 8 th July	1700	
Sunday 16 th July	1130	
Tuesday 18 th July	1130	<i>Father Richard's 30th anniversary of ordination to the Sacred Priesthood</i>
Saturday 22 nd July	1700	
Saturday 29 th July	1700	
Sunday 6 th August	1130	

There is a liturgical Facebook group.

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.

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín

The Blessed Sacrament has been removed from Lago Jardín to be kept safely with Father Richard until the church re-opens.



Father Richard's Prayer List for May 2023:

Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time: Garth Sutherland, Andrew Little, Philip Howse, Brian Smith, Jamie Hill, Carol and family, Raj Panchal, Peter Passey, Paul McNab, Lesley Critchley, Charlie Smith, David, Luke Thompson, Gwen Simmons, Gerry Hopkins.

Please help Father Richard by letting him know when people can be taken off the prayer list.

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 28th May 2023

These are the readings for Sunday morning.

The ones you will hear on Saturday evening will be different as it is a Pentecost Vigil.

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 1: 7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

Or:

Rm 5: 5; cf. 8: 11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,

pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
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

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

or

Alleluia!

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

or

Alleluia!

You take back your spirit, they die,

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

or

Alleluia!

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

or

Alleluia!

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay

All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Homily

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's

Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.



The Regina Cæli
(used during Eastertime)



Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray.

O God , who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

