

### Mass Intentions from May 4 -10, 2024

Sat. May 4/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. May 5/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Eileen Shanahan Estela & Ray Angelo Taguinod & Richard Gélinas	- Teresa Baird - Shanahan & Scott family - Guia Gélinas
Wed. May 8/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Thur. May 9/10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of Parissi family	- Velia Parissi
Fri. May 10/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families	- Teresa Baird

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - (Year B)

**“No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”**

#### **First Reading** (Acts 10;25-26. 34-35.44-48)

Acts tells how the Spirit has been poured out on all people. Those once excluded are now included because God does not have favorites.

#### **Second Reading** (1 John 4:7-10)

John proclaims that God is love.  
This love is shown most especially in Jesus Christ.  
He is the sacrifice who takes away our sins.

#### **Gospel** ( John15:9-17)

Jesus invites his disciples to remain in his love and keep the commandments. He calls them his friends because he has revealed to them all that he has learnt from the Father.

#### **Reflection:**

So much has been written about the value of human friendship. John’s first letter speaks of the love that underpins God’s relationship with humankind. Jesus expresses this love by calling us into friendship with him. Jesus is a true friend who is always faithful.

It’s through our life of prayer that our friendship with him grows.

We can pray in the words of St. Richard of Chichester:

“Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.” Amen.

**May you continue to experience the love God has for you,  
especially as demonstrated in the life, ministry, teaching, example,  
death, and resurrection of Jesus and may you model that love  
in your concern for others.**



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week  
In memory of Nelson Odal.**

**By: Conception Odal.**



Confirmation is the sacrament in which, through the laying on of hands anointing with the Chrism oil, and prayer, those already baptized are strengthened by the Holy Spirit in order that they may steadfastly profess the faith and faithfully live up to their profession.

**Today Fr. George Joseph will confirm  
Angelo Fucito and Jilliene Mendoza.**

“A SPECIAL THANK YOU” is extended to Lina Forlini and all our Catechists who volunteered their precious time and talent every Sunday morning to make the program a success.

We also **THANK** all the parents and children for their participation and cooperation in making the program a success.



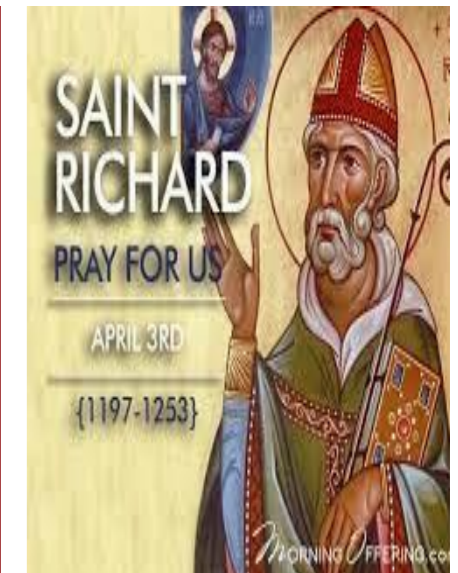
O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain,  
with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.  
AMEN.



**AS WE CONTINUE CELEBRATING  
ST. RICHARDS 60TH ANNIVERSARY...**

#### **The Life of St. Richard**

St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253), also known as Richard de Wyche, who became **Saint Richard**, was a man of strong character, an accomplished scholar, energetic, kind, modest about his own powers, cheerful, courageous and highly ethical individual. He loved people and was greatly beloved by them.

#### **12/15 Pilgrim Shrine**

Chichester Cathedral is still today the seat of a bishop (Church of England), and the Roman Catholic diocese of Arundel and Brighton encompasses the city of Chichester in its universal agape.

Richard, the bishop, was canonized in 1262 by Pope Urban IV on 22 January. April 3 began to be celebrated as his feast day in all the Benedictine abbeys in England and today both English Catholics and Anglicans honour him on that day. The body of St. Richard was transported from its original burial place in the nave of Chichester Cathedral to an elaborate shrine on 16 June 1276.

“Until it was destroyed in 1538 by order of King Henry VIII, his shrine behind the high altar attracted almost as many pilgrims as Saint Thomas’ shrine at Canterbury. The bones of the Saint were probably thrown away and the treasures were confiscated by the Crown. In recent time the site of the Shrine has increasingly been renewed as a center of devotion.” In 2002-03, the Diocese celebrated the 750th anniversary of his death.

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