

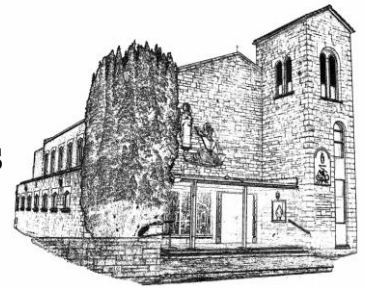
The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT

14th/15th March 2015

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	In Thanksgiving – 50 th Wedding Anniversary	
Monday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		St. Patrick	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Thursday		St. Joseph	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am		
Saturday		Weekday of Lent	No Morning Mass

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

	5.30pm	Good Health of Lisa Cole	
Sunday	10.00am	For the Intentions of the Parish	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[4th Sunday of Lent – page 166 in the Parish Mass Book]

NEW MINISTER AT EAST BEACH: This Saturday afternoon Phil Harding was Inducted as the new Pastor at East Beach Evangelical Church. As we welcome Phil, and his wife Lindy, to Selsey we pray for God's blessing upon them and the community at the East Beach Church.

SPONSORED SWIM: Seven intrepid swimmers between them swam a total of 320 lengths at the Oasis Swimming Pool last Sunday to raise funds for the Church Maintenance Fund. Our thanks go to them, and to the group of supporters who cheered them on. The sponsorship money is still being collected – from those who sponsored individual swimmers and those who sponsored the group – so we won't know the total raised for another week or two.

NEW ENVELOPES: If you use numbered envelopes for your regular donations to the Church, and didn't collect your new box of envelopes last weekend – please ask Fr. John who has a box with your name on it in the Sacristy.

CURRY LUNCH: The ever-popular Curry Lunch in the Parish Hall will be next Sunday. Tickets are now on sale - £7.00 for adults; £3.00 for children. Buy your ticket and book your place at the table early, as places are limited.

MINISTERS FOR HOLY WEEK: If there are any Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion able to help at any of the Services during Holy Week – from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday inclusive – could they ring Stella Crist on 603221 to let her know of their availability.

COMMUNION

The key word for the third season of meetings in preparation for our diocesan Golden Jubilee is "Communion" – the Church as a communion/community of people who have in common a shared belief and faith in the person of Jesus Christ. The first session posed the question, "what is the Church?" The answer given by the Second Vatican Council introduced what, at first sight, might seem a subtle change of emphasis but one that started a profound self-understanding of itself by the Church.

"The Light of Nations" are the opening words, and title, of the document. For centuries the Church saw itself as the light of the nations – but a light perched on a hilltop which said in effect: here is where God dwells on earth and where the Truth is to be found and there is only one way to be saved and that is to come and join us! But the teaching of the Vatican Council is that it is Jesus Christ who is the Light of Nations. The Church, therefore, becomes the sign or sacrament of Christ's presence in the world: as the moon reflects the light of the sun onto the darkened world, so the Church reflects the life and love of Christ into the dark corners of people's lives.

But the Church is not bricks and mortar – buildings however simple or spectacular. The Church is people: not "them" but "us." All who believe in Jesus, and have been baptised, are the "living stones" that make up the Church. The faith of each of us in Jesus is a little light which, coming together "in communion" make up the light of the nations. When we have grasped this truth then we can go on to talk about what the Church does and what it is for.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: After the starkness of the Church during the penitential season of Lent we can now begin to look forward to a blaze of colour at Easter. The retiring collection next weekend will be for flowers and other seasonal decorations for the Church during Easter time. This collection can be Gift Aided using one of the purple envelopes in the box, if you have one.

JUBILEE DISCUSSION GROUP: The second meeting of the discussion group, in preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the diocese later this year, will be on Tuesday, beginning at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. This meeting is about "The People of God" explaining how everyone can have a relationship with God, whether Christian, of another faith or of none: no one need live or die outside the mercy of God. All are welcome.

LITURGY GROUP: All who help with the preparation and celebration of our parish liturgy are invited to a meeting of Friday evening to begin preparing for the liturgy of Holy Week and the Season of Easter. All are welcome, especially those who have not been before.

BAGS2THEFUTURE: Thanks to all who have already filled bags with clothing and footwear for the next collection. The filled bags will be collected after next weekend so please bring them to the Church porch next time you come.

THE GENERAL ELECTION 2015: If you missed the letter from the Bishop's of England and Wales about the forthcoming General Election in May, please take one from the porch this weekend.

LENTEN ALMS: The Lenten Alms box (in the Church porch) is for enclosed Orders of Women in the diocese; you can give more alms to CAFOD in the give regularly envelopes in the porch; and there are boxes in the porch for groceries for "Stonepillow" – supporting homeless people in the area.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui and Michael Brooker; Max Foreshew, Tricia Green, Christina Hackett, Nell Hassett, Dave Mortby, Peggy Owens, Samantha Phillips, Theresa Watson and all in the parish who are sick.

Please speak to Fr. John if you would like the parish to pray for you, or for someone in your family.

Collections:	7 th /8 th March	Offertory Collection	£394.24p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£86.25p