

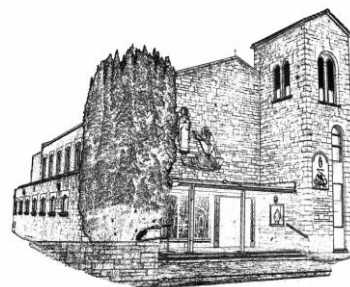
The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

21st/22nd March 2015

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Good Health of Lisa Cole	
Sunday	10.00am	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Wednesday		The Annunciation of the Lord	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Lent	
	12.00noon		
Saturday		Weekday of Lent	No Morning Mass

THE PASSION OF THE LORD (PALM SUNDAY)

	5.30pm	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of Paddy and Carmel Solon	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[5th Sunday of Lent – page 173 in the Parish Mass Book]

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: The retiring collection this weekend is an opportunity to contribute towards the cost of 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be a public way of the Cross in the Church, pausing to pray before the beautiful coloured glass windows that tell the story of Jesus' journey to Calvary Hill: this Sunday afternoon beginning at 4.00pm. All are welcome.

JUBILEE DISCUSSION GROUP: The third 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 discusses the Church as "the Body of Christ" – the traditional way of describing the Church but which the Second Vatican Council redefined in a radical way. All are welcome.

MASS ON FRIDAY AND HUNGER LUNCH: Mass on Friday will be at 12.00noon and will be followed by a "hunger lunch" in the Hall. At the beginning of Lent all of us were invited to fast on the Lent Fast Day; this Friday there will be a very simple shared lunch in the Hall so that we can, again, remember those in our world who are hungry. Any proceeds from the lunch will be donated to "Stonepillow" reminding us that there are also people who are hungry very close to home!

PENANCE SERVICE: Our Lenten Service of Penance and Reconciliation in the parish will be on Friday evening at 7.00pm. Fr. Peter Johnstone will again be joining us to help with hearing Confessions for those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament. All will be welcome.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Ever since the end of the last Ice Age our nations on the edge of the European Continent have been an attractive place for people to settle; even after we became separated from the mainland, waves of migrants continued through the ages to find their way here. Each wave brought with it new cultural and religious traditions which eventually became integrated into our national life, while retaining some of their original identities. So we can claim to be well practiced in getting along together, celebrating what we have in common and respecting our differences.

People of faith, for the most part, accept that there is but one God. However, there may be differences in the way different faith groups understand God, relate to God in prayer and worship, and so serve God in their lives. As a result of quicker and easier modes of transport in the modern era we may now be experiencing a larger and richer variety of different cultural and religious traditions than in any previous age. While not all share our Catholic, or even Christian, faith they nevertheless belong to the People of God by virtue of their faith in God: we are all God's children. As with the migrating peoples to our lands for tens of thousands of years, we should be continuing the tradition of celebrating what we have in common and respecting our differences.

Jesus taught us to call God "our Father" – one of the great insights and truths of our Christian faith. At the second session of our Jubilee discussion group during the week we were reminded of the richness and diversity of the People of God and how important it is to work with other people of faith to make our world a better place, worthy of the God and Father who created us and calls us all to be the sons and daughters of the one God.

SERVICES OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION: As well as our Lenten Penance Service next Friday, there will be Penance Services in other local Churches: at Arundel Cathedral on Tuesday at 7.30pm; St. Richard's, Chichester next Sunday at 4.00pm; at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis on Monday, 30th March at 7.30pm

SPONSORED SWIM: So far the seven swimmers have, between them, raised a total of £614.00p for the Church Maintenance Fund – with a bit more to come! If you still owe some sponsorship money please hand it over soon.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING: We will be holding a "Books and Bakes" day on Saturday, 2nd May (to catch the Bank Holiday visitors). Please have a look on your bookcases and shelves to see if there any books – or like "media" – which you could donate to the stalls for "Books;" donations to the stalls for "Bakes" will be welcome nearer the day.

It is also proposed to hold another "Car Wash" later in the year: before fixing a date, John Bradley (603803) would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to give their services free to washing cars to help raise fund for the Church.

THANKS: The weekly payments to the parish bank account have been larger than usual for the last week or two! There has been the amount raised from the recent sponsored swim (see above); several generous donation to the Church Maintenance Fund (£400.00p in total); one individual held his own book stall (and raised £50.00p.); and other special donations. May we thank all those who have contributed in any way for their great generosity?

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:	15 th /16 th March	Offertory Collection	£396.36p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£102.51p