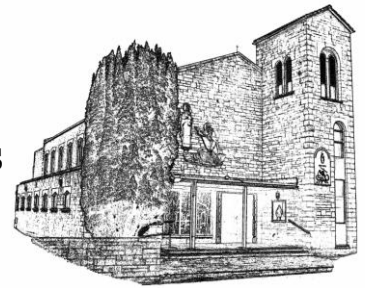


The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

7th/8th March 2015

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Georgina Doherty RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am		
Saturday		Weekday of Lent	No Morning Mass

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

	5.30pm	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	In Thanksgiving – 50 th Wedding Anniversary	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

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THE GENERAL ELECTION 2015: The Bishop's of England and Wales have written a letter to the Catholic community in preparation for the General Election in May. It encourages us to use our right to vote responsibly and reminds us of the issues that we should have in mind, as Christians, when we come to decide how best to cast our vote. There is a copy for everyone: please take a copy as you leave Church today.

SPONSORED SWIM: Our swimmers, and their supporters, will be gathering at the Oasis Pool this Sunday morning for this year's sponsored swim. If you haven't been asked to sponsor an individual swimmer you can sponsor the "team effort" using a special sponsor form on a clip board in the Porch. All monies raised will be for the Church Maintenance Fund, particularly for our new windows on the car park side of the Church. We are, again, grateful to the Bunn Leisure Centre for the use of two lanes of the Oasis Pool.

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.

NEW ENVELOPES: All who use numbered envelopes for their regular donations to the Church – in the offertory and retiring collections – are able to collect a new box of envelopes this weekend: they will be distributed in the Porch after Mass by Ian and Precy on Saturday evening and by Precy on Sunday morning. Anyone who would like to use envelopes in future, please ask Ian or Precy.

GIVE

The third and last of our highlighted words for Lent is “Give.” Almsgiving, like praying and fasting, is also an integral part of our Catholic culture and tradition. But of the three Lenten disciplines it is the one we most share with people of other Churches and Faiths, and with people of none. There is something deeply human about “giving” to others. We can think of the spontaneous and generous response to every disaster appeal; of the various yearly fundraising appeals for people in need, such as the approaching Comic Relief; the response of the international community to the Ebola crisis in Western Africa; and numerous others.

We are now, more than in the past, encouraged to make a link between fasting and almsgiving: the fruits of our fasting and self-denial can be not only spiritual but practical in that what we do without benefits others. There was a very generous response to the CAFOD Lent Fast Day last weekend and many may use the “Give Regularly” envelopes to make further donations later in Lent. We are also supporting Stonepillow this Lent as our local charity: it supports people who are homeless in the wider Chichester area. You may like to pop an extra item or two in the shopping basket when doing the weekly shop and place them in the special boxes in the Church Porch. There is a list in the porch of food and other groceries that Stonepillow can use. And there is the traditional Lenten Alms box (a wall box in the Church Porch) to support Enclosed Congregations of Women in the diocese – the nearest being the Poor Clares at Crossbush just outside Arundel.

CURRY LUNCH: The next ever-popular Curry Lunch in the Parish Hall will be on Sunday, 22nd March. 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.

WELCOMERS: There are some notes available for those who serve the parish as “welcomers” or who would like to become a “welcomer.” We have both regular and occasional visitors to the parish during the summer months, because of the holiday facilities that Selsey offers, so we need always to be ready to welcome them to our parish Mass. We all share the responsibility to be a friendly community but some can represent us in a special way as “welcomers.” More volunteers will be welcome especially for the Sunday morning Mass. With enough volunteers rotas can be organised so no one needs to do it every week. Ask Fr. John for the leaflet and for more details.

JUBILEE DISCUSSION GROUP: The first meeting in the new season of discussions, in preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the diocese later this year, will be on Tuesday, beginning at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. The theme for this season is The Church – what the Church is; what it does; what is it here for.

The six meetings are based on the document “Lumen Gentium” – which means “Light of the Nations.” The discussions are helped by speakers recorded on a DVD and notes in a booklet. “Lumen Gentium” is the most important Constitution of the Second Vatican Council because it redefines the Church for our time and so what it means to be a Catholic. All are welcome.

NEW MINISTER AT EAST BEACH: Fr. John hopes to be able to represent the parish at the Induction Service next Saturday afternoon of Phil Harding as the new Pastor at East Beach Evangelical Church. May we welcome Phil, and his wife Lindy, to Selsey and pray for Phil as he begins his Ministry at the Evangelical Church?

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jackie Brooker; Max Foreshow, 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:	28 th February/1 st March	Offertory Collection	£387.83p
		Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£192.22p
		St. Wilfrid’s Kitchen	£30.00p