

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

13th/14th February 2016

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Good Health of Matt Davis	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Peters Family	
Tuesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am	Tom and Pat Hobbs RIP	
Saturday		Weekday of Lent	No Morning Mass

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[1st Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 153 in the Parish Mass Book]

PLEASE PRAY FOR Peter Kench who died suddenly last Monday morning. Peter will be greatly missed in the parish where, among other things, he brought his professional expertise to the Parish Finance Committee and to its special working party that has supervised the work in recent years to secure the Church against the elements. He also served the local community by devoting a great deal of time to the Selsey Venture Club as a principle organiser of the Club and as a regular driver of the Venture Buses. His funeral arrangements have yet to be finalised. May he rest in peace!

PASTORAL LETTER: There is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard this weekend: the second in his series of messages for the Year of Mercy. An important theme during the year is reconciliation which Bishop Richard asks us to think about.

SELSEY FOLK AND MUSIC CLUB: All are welcome to the next gathering - in its new location at the Fisherman's Joy - of the Selsey Folk and Music Club on Wednesday from 7.30pm. Come to play, sing or just listen to and enjoy the music. There is a £2.00 entry fee to the Club.

LENT FAST DAY: Friday this week is the Lent Fast Day with the theme of "Turn on the Taps." CAFOD is appealing for support with the many projects it sponsors to bring fresh clean water to countless villages in developing countries where, otherwise, the people have to walk miles every day to fetch water. What we save from self-denial we can give to CAFOD using the special fast day envelopes. As in previous years the Government's UK Aid project will give CAFOD £1 for every £1 raised this Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We will follow the Way of the Cross using the beautiful stained glass windows in the Church: at 4.00pm on the second, fourth and sixth Sundays of Lent.

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CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION

Celebration is not an obvious word to describe the process of seeking to be reconciled with God and others especially when it involves having to face up to and admit our faults and failings. And if it means having to confess those shortcomings to God, either in prayer or in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, then the experience becomes even more uncomfortable, especially when we recall experiences of going to Confession in the past. And we live in a world where freedom of expression, the right to choose, self expression and self promotion are all highly valued. It's little wonder that Confession has dropped off the agenda of most Catholics these days.

Lent is a regular reminder that we can't have things all our own way – we also have a responsibility to respect the rights of others and to respond to their needs. It's a reminder, too, that the world was created not just for me: it is entrusted to us by God to share with all God's children. Pausing to reflect on my success or failure in living up to the expectations God has for me can be an uncomfortable experience. But God never gives up on any of us which is why we need not fear to seek reconciliation with God and, through God, with others.

Pope Francis invites us during this Year of Mercy to see God as compassionate and merciful, understanding of our frailties and ready to forgive. Reconciliation is something to celebrate because it enables us to put failure behind us, make a fresh start, and so become the person God sees in each of us: made in God's image and able to grow into God's likeness. There will be extra opportunities in Lent and beyond to celebrate reconciliation and find peace with God and others.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next meeting for the children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion will be next Saturday: 10.00am in the Parish Hall. The following Saturday the children will be making their First Confession: please pray for them as they make the final preparations for this important day.

RECONCILIATION AT THE CATHEDRAL: Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass at 10.00am next Saturday at the Cathedral in Arundel. Following Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.30am during which time Bishop Richard will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession. The morning will end with Benediction at 11.30am. All are welcome.

“NEW TO YOU SALE” Congratulations to everyone who contributed in any way to the Table Top Sale last weekend which raised an incredible £475.38p for the Building Maintenance Fund. Unsold items were also donated to local Social Services, Stonepillow and other charities.

SPONSORED SWIM: The annual fundraising swim will be in The Oasis Pool at Bunn Leisure Centre on Sunday, 28th February. Two lanes have been booked for a 12.00noon start. Swimmers (of all ages) are welcome to sign-on to swim as many lengths as they can manage. Sponsors are also wanted, to sponsor individuals or to sponsor “the team.” There are forms in the Church Porch for both swimmers and sponsors. All proceeds for the Building Maintenance Fund.

LENTEN ALMS: Giving to charity is a traditional Lenten discipline and the Lenten Alms box is one of the many opportunities for giving. This year Bishop Richard is suggesting that Lenten Alms be given to the diocesan response to refugees who are being supported by charities and other organisations within the diocese such as “Brighton Voices in Exile.” You will find the Lenten Alms box in the Church Porch below the notice board to the left of the main entrance.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Julian Davenport, Matt Davis, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Margaret Kortens, Grace Ledger, Sean Mangan, Peggy Owens, Samantha Phillips, Sheilagh Roberts, John Topp, 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:	6 th /7 th February	Offertory Collection	£353.87p
		Lourdes Sick Pilgrims Fund	£68.05p
		New to You Sale	£475.38p