

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
28th February 2016

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Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Noel Sherlock RIP	
Monday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		St. David	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	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Michael Brooker RIP	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[3rd Sunday in Lent - page 160 in the Parish Mass Book]

JOHN TOPP RIP: Please pray for John Topp who died on Tuesday after a long illness. Pray, too, for Peggy and for all their family, relatives and friends. His Funeral Mass will be 12.00noon on Friday, 11th March at St. Mary's, Preston Park in Brighton - his childhood Church where he was an Altar Server and where there is a family grave in a nearby Churchyard. May he rest in peace!

PETER KENCH RIP: The funeral Mass for Peter Kench will be in St. Wilfrid's on Monday, 14th March at 12.00noon. The day and hour are at the request of the Selsey Venture Club with which Peter was very much involved: many of the Club members, organisers and drivers will want to be present to show their deep gratitude for all that he did for the Club. May he rest in peace!

SPONSORED SWIM: There will be members of the swimming "Team" outside the Church after Mass seeking sponsorship for this year's Sponsored Swim: you can sponsor them as individuals or they will be happy to accept sponsorship for the whole "Team." The annual swim will be in The Oasis Pool at Bunn Leisure Centre this Sunday beginning at 12.00noon. All proceeds for the Building Maintenance Fund.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday this week is the annual Day of Prayer for the women of the world. The host Church in Selsey is the East Beach Evangelical Church and the Service will be at 2.30pm. There will be refreshments afterwards and a chance to meet other Selsey Christians: all are welcome.

COFFEE WEEKEND: There will be coffee and other refreshments in the Hall after Mass next weekend: all will be welcome - an opportunity for good conversation with fellow parishioners.

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“24 HOURS FOR THE LORD”

At the request of Pope Francis there will be a 24 hour vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament next Friday and Saturday in Basilicas and Cathedrals, Churches and Chapels, Monasteries and Convents all over the world. Individuals, groups and families will be able to pop in to pray for as little or as long as they can manage.

St. Richard's in Chichester is the nearest Church to Selsey that will be open for the 24 hours – from 8.00am on Friday to 8.00am on Saturday. The 24-hour vigil in St. Richard's begins with Mass (at 8.00am). At 9.05am there will be a Parents' Prayer Service and at 3.20pm a Children's Prayer Service (for parents at the beginning of the school day, and for children at the end). In between you will be able to light a candle at the “Throne of Grace” and priests will be available for those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). There will be Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm and a Service of Praise and Worship at 8.00pm. The Church will then remain open: for individual prayer and adoration (and the opportunity for Confession up to 11.00pm) until Mass at 8.00am on Saturday morning (and breakfast afterwards for the “early birds”).

Pope Francis is encouraging the idea of going on pilgrimage during the Holy Year: a visit to St. Richard's at the end of this week, especially if it is as a family or with a small group of friends, would certainly count as a “mini-pilgrimage.” In St. Wilfrid's, on the little “altar” near the statue of Our Lady, there are some free leaflets on “Preparing for Confession” and on “Spending 15 Minutes before the Blessed Sacrament.” At the Repository – at the back of the Church – there is a selection of reflection and prayer booklets on the “Year of Mercy” that would be helpful in preparing for a visit to St. Richard's.

This special event will replace the Lenten Service of Penance and Reconciliation this year.

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 aid the diocesan response to refugees especially those 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.

OPEN PARISH MEETING: The springtime Open Meeting of the Parish will be on Friday, 11th March beginning at 7.30pm. The main items on the agenda will be a presentation of the parish accounts for 2015 and the proposed budget for 2016. All will be welcome.

SELSEY COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS: This local organisation of trained volunteers can often be the “first on the scene” when there is an emergency. However, it requires help at all levels - from Trustees to First-Aiders - if it is to continue providing a valuable service to the local community. There will be an “open meeting” on Wednesday, 21st March at the Selsey Venture Club for anyone who might be able to help in any appropriate way.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This year there will be two ways of travelling to Lourdes with the annual diocesan pilgrimage - by coach or flying. Those travelling overland will depart on 28th July and return on 5th August; those going by air will depart on 29th July and return on 4th August. There is an online application form at <http://www.ablourdes.org> for those who wish to join this year's pilgrimage (please speak to Fr. John if you are not able to use a computer). Assisted pilgrims should contact the Pilgrimage Office on 01403 740110.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beryl Ayres, Jacqui Brooker, Julian Davenport, Matt Davis, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Margaret Kortens, Grace Ledger, Sean Mangan, Peggy Owens, Samantha Phillips, Sheilagh Roberts, 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:	20 th /21 st February	Offertory Collection	£394.34p
£206.81p		Lent Fast Day	