

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT
12th/13th March 2016

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Peter Kench RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday of Lent	
	12.00noon	Funeral Mass for Peter John Kench	
Tuesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Thursday		St. Patrick	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am		
Saturday Mass		St. Joseph	No Morning

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Jannece Family	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[5th Sunday in Lent - page 176 in the Parish Mass Book]

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: The retiring collection this weekend is an opportunity to make a donation towards the cost of flowers, and other seasonal decorations, for the Church at Easter. This collection can be Gift Aided, using a special purple envelope, if you use numbered envelopes.

AN ENCOUNTER EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Jack Regan - the diocesan Youth Ministry Adviser - will speak briefly at the end of Mass this Saturday about an evening of "prayer, praise, adoration and fellowship" for 18 - 30s at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis next Friday, beginning at 7.00pm.

FUNERAL MASS: The funeral Mass for Peter Kench will be on Monday, at 12.00noon. We will be welcoming many people from the town who knew Peter through his work with the Selsey Venture Club: members, organisers and drivers. Parishioners are asked to leave sufficient parking places for all three Venture Club Buses on the right-hand side of the car park nearest to the main door of the Church. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Mass, to which all are invited. May he rest in peace!

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING MEETING: The next meeting of the group will be on Tuesday, beginning at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. There will be a review of recent events and planning for forthcoming events including Books and Bakes at the end of April and Plants and Preserves at the beginning of June. Also on the agenda will be discussion of the Parish Centenary and a

visit from Bishop Richard at the end of May. There is much to plan for - so all will be welcome, especially if you can help with any future events.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING: The next meeting for the children in our First Communion Programme will be next Saturday: 10.00am in the Parish Hall.

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DISCIPLES OF THE LORD

Generally people don't like to be told what to believe or how to live their lives. So those who feel they are called to proclaim a message from a soapbox, or to leaflet us in the street, or at the front door are usually treated with courtesy but generally politely ignored. Yet for the last twenty years or more we as Christians have been exhorted often to proclaim the Gospel; to witness to our faith; to evangelise our increasingly secular world. If people don't appreciate being preached at, how are we to fulfil our vocation to spread the faith?

There may be occasions when friends, neighbours, colleagues at work do genuinely want to know about our Christian faith and we should never miss the opportunity to answer simply and honestly their questions. But the best way to give witness is by the way we live: a good life well lived could be worth hundreds of sermons. Two members of our parish who have died recently are excellent examples of individuals who have inspired others by the way they lived. Jillian Barrett suffered polio as a child but what she was able to do for others from her wheelchair was truly remarkable. But, more than what she did, it was her approach to life that touched so many: despite her obvious disability she was always cheerful, had all the time in the world for others and no time for self-pity.

Many who knew Peter Kench have described him as a very "private" person and yet he will be long remembered in the town for the great work he did for the Selsey Venture Club, not just all the time he devoted to driving the Venture Club buses but for an incredible amount of time he gave to working "behind the scenes" – with organisation, administration, fundraising and much else necessary to keep the buses on the road. He also was a supporter of the Selsey Community First Responders. And in our own parish he brought his professional knowledge and expertise to the Finance Committee especially to the recent work to repair the Church. He has also been a generous benefactor to the parish. Peter and Jillian are great examples of individuals who are able, whatever their circumstances, to give witness to our Christian faith and proclaim our Gospel of love by their life as a disciple of the Lord.

PALM SUNDAY: Next weekend we enter the most solemn week in the Christian calendar - Holy Week - with the Blessing and Procession of Palms at the beginning of the Mass for Passion (Palm) Sunday. Please assemble before Mass in the Parish Hall where the palms will be blessed before we process into the Church recalling the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the crowds singing their Hosannas.

Whether or not we are able to take part in the liturgies of Holy Week we should try to make the week during which we celebrate the Lord's Last Supper, commemorate his Passion and Death, and rejoice at his Resurrection, a week like no other week in the year.

THE SPONSORED SWIM: Sponsorship money is still being collected and counted for the recent sponsored swim for the Building Maintenance Fund so we are not yet able to publish the final total. Please help if you sponsored any of the swimmers but are yet "pay up!"

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beryl Ayres, Jacqui Brooker, Julian Davenport, Matt Davis, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Margaret Kortens, Grace Ledger, Sean Mangan, Samantha Phillips, Sheilagh Roberts 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:	5 th /6 th March	Offertory Collection	£359.94p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£60.93p