

## The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April 2016

#### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Matt Davis RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday		St Stanislaus	
	10.00am	A Special Intention	
Tuesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am	Good Health of Liz Bevis	
Saturday Mass		Weekday in Eastertide	No Morning

#### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Gerry Cawley RIP	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

*[3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - page 265 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS:** The annual retiring collection, that enables the diocese to pay for the training of its future priests, will be this weekend. The diocese pays the college, seminary and university fees for those hoping to be ordained as priests for the Church of Arundel and Brighton; in return they promise life-long service to the Church. As this is a diocesan collection those who use numbered envelopes can place their donation in one of the special purple envelopes.

**SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP:** The Group next meets on Tuesday: 6.30pm in the Presbytery. All will be most welcome.

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The next meeting for the children preparing for Holy Communion will be next Saturday: please note this meeting will be in the Presbytery at the usual time - 10.00am.

The remaining dates in the programme are

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May (in the Hall)                      Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May (in the Presbytery)

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June: the children in the Hall; the parents meet with Fr. John in the Presbytery.                      Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June: children and parents will meet in the Church for a rehearsal.

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 10.00am: the Celebration of the First Reception of Holy Communion.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:** A selection of new posters has arrived during the week with details of events around the diocese during the summer and into the autumn: please check the diocesan notice board to see if any may be of interest to you.

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### CLOTHE THE NAKED & HOUSE THE HOMELESS

The two most harrowing meditations for those following the Way of the Cross during Lent and Holy Week must surely be the tenth and eleventh Stations: “Jesus is stripped of his garments” and “Jesus is nailed to the Cross.” It is almost impossible to imagine which of the two was the most horrific for Jesus or anyone being crucified – the indignity and humiliation of being stripped naked or the excruciating pain of the nails being driven into hands and feet. The clothes we wear are very much more than protection from the elements: they are essential to our dignity, and a sign of the respect we are entitled to, as a human being – to deny someone proper clothing is to de-humanise them.

A very popular attraction at our Christmas and Summer Fairs is the Good-as-New stall: people from the town come to buy clothes and shoes knowing them to be of good quality and very reasonably priced. Similarly, the donations of clothing we make to the regular “Bags2theFuture” collections find their way to people in developing countries so that they can clothe themselves and their families at affordable rates. These are but two examples of how the “redistribution of clothing” can be a corporal work of mercy – and there are many more.

To “house the homeless” is the fourth corporal work of mercy. Again, we can mostly fulfil this command through the support we give to those individuals and organisations that are working with people who are homeless, such as Shelter, Crisis at Christmas and, locally, Stonepillow. There are, however, a number of major social issues in the area of housing, or lack of it. The problem facing governments and local authorities is not only that of those living on the streets: increasing numbers in the younger generations are finding it virtually impossible to get onto the housing ladder and there is the responsibility we have to house refugees and asylum-seekers. The command to “house the homeless” should influence our response as Christians to these problems.

**SWIMATHON:** Thanks to some late sponsorship the total amount raised for the Building Maintenance Fund by the recent Sponsored Swim has now risen to £685.00p. May we again thank all those who organised, took part in and supported this important annual fund-raising event?

**PARKING:** May we ask people to be careful when parking in Church Road, especially on Sunday mornings? Please remember to leave plenty of space for the Venture Bus immediately in front of the Church door, and avoid double parking on both sides of the road: remember it is a bus route. And please leave the specially designated spaces in the car park free for Blue Badge holders.

**STONEPILLOW:** The local organisation - based at Hunston - that provides support for people who are homeless enables us to exercise Corporal Works of Mercy in a very practical way. Please remember the collecting box under the large table in the porch: there are lists of suitable food and drink displayed nearby showing the kind of things that are always helpful to the cooks at Stonepillow.

**PARISH AUDIT:** As part of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust Registered Charity, the parish has been selected for a professional audit of our accounts for 2015. We are confident that our parish accounts are well managed and in good order, thanks to those members of the Finance Committee with special responsibilities for the accounts and for our Gift Aid scheme. The audit will be this Friday.

**ENCOUNTER BOGNOR REGIS:** The recent first local Encounter Evening, for Catholics in the 18 to 30 age group, was a great success. There will be more such evenings - of “Prayer, Praise,

Adoration and Fellowship” - during the coming months: they are listed on a card available in the Church porch. If you are in this age-group, or if you know someone who is, please take a card giving further details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beryl Ayres, Jacqui Brooker, Julian Davenport, Max Foresheew, 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.*

Collection:  
£416.00p

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund  
£64.00p