

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid, Selsey

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
11th/12th March 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Good Health of Jill Grinstead	
Sunday	10.00am	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		St Patrick	
	10.00am		
Saturday Mass		Weekday of Lent	No Morning

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish
Sunday	10.00am	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[2nd Sunday of Lent - page 155 in the Parish Mass Book]

WELCOME: Father Peter Johnstone from Chichester, who knows the road to Selsey well, will be celebrating Mass with the parish this weekend. Father Michael is unable to join us this weekend but will be resuming his visits to Selsey next week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Using our beautiful stained glass Stations of the Cross there will be a public Way of the Cross this Sunday at 4.00pm. There will also be Stations of the Cross on the fourth and sixth Sundays of Lent.

LENT FAST DAY: The retiring collection this weekend is to receive the fruits of our self-denial on Friday just past so that CAFOD can fund Religious Communities, and others, around the world that are in a position to help individuals and families in their neighbourhood to become self-sufficient and independent.

NUMBERED ENVELOPES: The new boxes of numbered envelopes for the offertory and retiring collections for the next year are now available. If you did not receive your new box last weekend, please look out for it this weekend. If you would like to join the scheme, and use numbered envelopes for your donations to the parish, please ask Ian Purse for more information.

THE CUTHMAN LECTURES: John Bell, member of the Iona Community and hymn writer (a regular contributor to "Thought for the Day" on the Radio 4 Today programme), will be giving one in a series of talks at St. Andrew and St. Cuthman Parish Church, Storrington at 7.30pm this Monday evening. All are welcome. Visit the Iona Community website - News + Events - for details.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP: The March meeting of the Group will be on Tuesday - at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. The Books and Bakes Sale heads the agenda: all are welcome.

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FASTING

Doesn't life impose enough "penances" on most people without our needing to take on extra fasting and self-denial in Lent, or at any other time? So, why does the Church oblige us to observe a day of fasting and abstinence at the beginning and end of Lent and encourage us to practise self-denial every Friday, especially during Lent? Why do we "give up something for Lent" as one of the traditional Lenten disciplines?

Abram was asked by God to leave his country, family and father's house for a land that God would show him (the first Reading). St. Paul, before his conversion on the road to Damascus, was all set for a good career as a Pharisee. Both were called to let go of all that was familiar, to leave their "comfort zone" for something very different and new – and without any guarantee, apart from their faith, that what God was promising would come to pass. Their God-given vocation called for "detachment" – a word in the spiritual "dictionary" that we probably don't hear very much these days. Voluntary self-denial and other penances should be a test of our detachment from things we take for granted, enjoy and even depend on. Abram's faith in God brought him many blessings (and not a few hardships); St. Paul was happy to "bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News" (the second Reading) as he proclaimed the name and message of Christ Jesus to the pagan world. God may not call us to a change in our life as dramatic as those of Abram or Paul but our token, or symbolic, acts of penance in Lent are an annual test of our detachment from the "things of this world" so that we can be ready at all times to hear and respond to our own calling from God leading us to "new pastures!"

QUIZ AND CHIPS EVENING: A great time was had by all at the recent Quiz Evening: the grey cells were greatly helped in answering all the questions by a generous serving of excellent fish and chips. May we thank all those who organised the evening; those who donated prizes for the raffle; and all those who attended the evening: together they raised £138.00p for the Building Maintenance Fund?

LOST AND FOUND: An honest citizen of Selsey purchased a book - "A Century Not Out" by Graham Collyer - from the shelves in the Hall and came away with much more than he paid for the book! Inside he found an expensive bookmarker: two banknotes of high denomination. If you donated a book on "one hundred years of the I'Anson Cup" - a book for real local cricket enthusiasts - then please ask Fr. John for the return of your bookmarker!

PILGRIMAGE TO KRACOW: St Richard's parish in Chichester is organising a pilgrimage to Kracow from 25th to 30th September and is inviting people from neighbouring parishes to apply. Included in the fare will be the return flight from Gatwick, accommodation, all transport whilst in Poland, the services of a courier, entrance fees and all gratuities. The proposed itinerary may not be suitable for less able travellers. The fare will be £760 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half-board basis. A single room supplement is available for £150. A completed booking form and deposit of £250 is required by 29th March; the balance by 29th June. For more information, and for a booking form, please 'phone the Parish Office: (01243) 782343.

BOOKS AND BAKES: The sale of books - and other similar media - together with a wonderful selection of cakes, buns, pies and other homemade delights, will be on Saturday, 25th March. Contributions for the Book Sale can now be left in the Porch. Proceeds will be for the Church Building Fund.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Grace Ledger, Reon McSharry, John O'Shea, 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: 4th/5th March
£410.61p

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund

£59.66p