

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

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
18th/19th March 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		
Monday		St. Joseph	
	10.00am	Good Health of Sandra Brinkley	
Tuesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Saturday		The Annunciation of the Lord	No
Morning Mass			

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am Intentions of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[3rd Sunday of Lent - page 158 in the Parish Mass Book]

LENTEN ALMS: Hidden for years behind a high hedgerow the former Carmelite Convent at Hunston is at present clearly visible from the road (as work begins on changing it to a new Free School). The Carmelite Order of Nuns is an Enclosed Order: a community of women devoted to a life on prayer, study and contemplation. The Carmelite Community at Hunston closed some years ago, but there are still Enclosed Orders of Nuns in the Diocese, the nearest at Crossbush near Arundel. There is a wall box in the Church Porch to receive charitable donations during the season of Lent. Lenten Alms are to support those communities of women who devote their life to praying for and on behalf of our Church and world - while we are busy rushing around with little or no time to stop and wonder at the beauty of the world and give praise and thanks to its Creator!

BISHOP RICHARD: Tuesday will be the second anniversary of the appointment of Bishop Richard as the fifth Bishop of our Diocese: please remember him in your prayers on this anniversary.

PLEASE NOTE that there will be no Mass on Friday: Fr. John has a morning hospital appointment.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: Pope Francis introduced the idea, during the Year of Mercy, that a major Church in every part of the world should stay open for an uninterrupted period of 24 hours midway through Lent for prayer and penance. The initiative was so popular last year that it is now being repeated. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for a full day and night with times for quiet prayer and for shared worship and devotions. Throughout there will be the opportunity for personal Confession. Our local major Church this year is Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis and the "24 Hours for

the Lord” will be from 10.00am next Friday until 10.00am on Saturday. The full programme is pinned to the notice board in the Porch.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The second meeting for those who have joined the Confirmation Programme will be on Friday evening in the Presbytery: 7.45 for 8.00pm.

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ALMSGIVING

Water seems to feature somewhere behind many humanitarian crises: either not enough or too much. Some parts of the world regularly face drought, which soon leads to famine and so to large numbers facing starvation. In are other parts of the world regular long periods of rainfall can eventually destroy homes and farms; or whole communities can be wiped out by tsunamis; or rising sea levels are threatening many coastal communities. Nearer home many of those fleeing war torn countries have had to face the hazard of crossing the Mediterranean Sea to reach safety and security.

The Gospel story of Jesus’ meeting with the woman at the well is about need and water – but it is a story on two levels. Both Jesus and the woman are in need of water to drink but the woman is the one with the bucket. Breaking all the conventions of the day, Jesus asks the woman to share the water in her bucket. This request to meet a very basic human need leads to a conversation during which the woman is able to reveal much deeper human and spiritual needs enabling Jesus to explain how he is the one to meet those needs, ultimately with a spring of “living water” that will never run out. Lent is a special time to practice generosity: almsgiving is the third Lenten discipline. The source of the water welling up inside us is a share in God’s life – Grace – first given to us at baptism and nourished throughout our life by our relationship with Jesus in prayer, the Sacraments, the Church and by our response to those in need: “when I was thirsty you gave me drink.”

Almsgiving is an expression of our Christian love for others, but also a means of increasing and deepening it: if we don’t give regularly we are in danger of ceasing to give at all, just as a spring of water not regularly topped up by rainfall eventually dries up.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The children, who recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, will begin preparing for Holy Communion when they meet next Saturday afternoon at 1.00pm in the Presbytery.

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 next Saturday from 10.00am to 12.00noon. Donations of books can be brought to the Church this weekend; after Mass on Monday; from 2.00pm on Friday. If you are baking, and contributions to the cake stall are always welcome, then edible donations can be brought to the Hall on Friday afternoon or from 9.00am on Saturday morning. And please don’t forget to come yourself - and bring some friends and neighbours: all are welcome. Proceeds will be for the Church Building Fund.

EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL: CAFOD - a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) - is offering Catholics the opportunity to respond, through their parish Churches, to the current national appeal being made by DEC to bring urgent famine relief to the affected countries of East Africa. If you haven’t already responded to the appeal there will be an extra retiring collection next weekend. If you would like CAFOD to collect the tax you have paid on your donation, using the Gift Aid Scheme, then please use the green “Give Today” half of the CAFOD envelopes in the porch and mark the front “Emergency Appeal.”

SCAM PREVENTION: A date and time have now been arranged with PCSO Richard Moorey from Chichester Police Station for an information meeting in the Hall on protecting ourselves from crime: it will be on Friday, 7th April at 3.00pm. Further details in the Newsletter next weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Max Foresheew, Nell Hassett, Grace Ledger, 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:
£355.62p

11th/12th March

Offertory Collection

Lent Fast Day

£175.72p