

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

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PARISH PRIEST: Father John Healy

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

21st/22nd March 2020

Mass is Suspended until Further Notice

Saturday	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	
Monday Mass		Weekday in Lent	No
Tuesday Mass		Weekday in Lent	No
Wednesday No Mass		The Annunciation of the Lord	
Thursday Mass		Weekday in Lent	No
Friday Mass		Weekday in Lent	No
Saturday No Mass		Weekday in Lent	

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

5.30pm No Mass

Sunday 10.00am No Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

Covid-19 Virus

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a joint statement in response to the latest advice from the Government, particularly in respect of public gatherings. Essentially, the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments in public is suspended until further notice.

Our Church will be open for personal prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament at the usual times on Monday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Monday and Friday mornings from 9.00 to 10.30am; Saturday evening from 4.00 to 6.30pm (including from 4.45 to 5.15pm for the Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confessions); Sunday morning from 9.00 to 11.30am.

Few, if any, can yet imagine what the effects of these restrictions are likely to be on our personal and family spiritual lives or on the community life of every parish: worse even than during times of war. It is most unlikely that we will be unable to celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week, The Triduum and Easter Sunday this year and that the celebrations of Holy Communion and Confirmation will need to be postponed to the autumn. Baptisms

and Weddings may need to be deferred for the time-being. The Anointing of the Sick and Funerals will need to be approached with the utmost sensitivity whenever they may be needed.

We urgently need the prayers and patience of everyone as together we face an unprecedented time but, with God's help, we will be able to overcome.

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“KEEPING IN TOUCH” At times like this history and experience show that people come together to support and help each other, especially reaching out to the frail and elderly, particularly if they live alone. The people of Selsey have a strong tradition of 'good neighbourliness' as do the parishioners of St Wilfrid's. We all need to double our efforts: if you have noticed an empty space in the pews near where you and your family have usually sat, and you were not sure why, then ask around and gently raise an alarm!

The Newsletter will be published weekly as a way of keeping in touch and passing on news and views from the parish and from the local Deanery and beyond. The Newsletter is also posted on the parish website (see above for the address) every weekend and there will also be other items regarding the current crisis such as the letter from Cardinal Vincent Nicholls to Catholics in England and Wales. If you know anyone who is not on the internet, please take a Newsletter to their home.

A number of parishes are already live-streaming their weekend and midweek Masses, and others are planning to do so shortly. The nearest to Selsey is St Mary of the Angels in Worthing: see www.stmaryoftheangels.org.uk for details.

NUMBERED ENVELOPES: Those who use numbered envelopes for their weekly, and other special, donations to the parish will find their new box waiting for them in the Porch. The Gift-Aid Co-ordinator – Steve Worley – is the only person in the parish who is able to match the envelope number against each Gift-Aider so please be sure to take your own box of envelopes. If anyone is unable to collect their own new box, Steve will endeavour to ensure your box is delivered in time.

SWIMATHON 2020: If you sponsored the swimmers at the recent sponsored swim please pop your donation in an envelope, with your name on it, and entrust it to Nell, Julian, Nikki, Marion or Fr. John (posting it through his letterbox if you wish).

THE CHICHESTER FOODBANK: Those who rely on the local Foodbank, which includes individuals and families living in Selsey, are probably among those least able to stock up their fridges, freezers, kitchen cupboards and larders for “a rainy day!” If, after doing your weekly shop, you find you have some items “surplus to requirement” then please remember the Chichester Foodbank basket in the Porch. The Foodbank traditionally provides lunchpacks during school holidays for children “on free school meals” during term-time: this service is needed more than ever now that the schools are closed for the time-being. The current list of urgent donations include tinned meat, tinned vegetables (but not sweetcorn or pulses), instant mash / tinned potatoes, sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, cleaning products, rice pudding/custard, toilet rolls.

GREEN FOR GO, GO FOR HELP! There is a poster in the Porch that has been produced by The Ecumenical Mental Health Project in Surrey and Sussex. Mental health or, more usually, mental ill-health is increasingly a concern for all of us as we are becoming more aware of how it affects so many individuals and families. The Green poster lists contact details for a wide variety of organisations offering support and help – particularly at times like the present.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Angela Barnado, Jacqui Brooker, Joanne Donoghue, Max
ForesheW, Magda Gallanti, Angela Goff, Nell Hassett, David Mortby, Brian Rogers, Cyril
Wass 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
£293.90p

14th/15th March 2020

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund

£40.94p