

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

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5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  
2020

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March

### Mass is Suspended until Further Notice

Saturday	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	
Monday		Weekday in the Fifth Week of Lent	No Mass
Tuesday		Weekday in the Fifth Week of Lent	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in the Fifth Week of Lent	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in the Fifth Week of Lent	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in the Fifth Week of Lent	No Mass
Saturday		Weekday in the Fifth Week of Lent	No Mass

### PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	
Sacrament of Reconciliation:		<i>None this Saturday</i>	

### Covid-19 Virus

Seven days is a long time at the height of a crisis! On most days during the last week there has been an updated instruction from Bishop Richard, as well as the daily broadcast from the Government.

In a letter to parish priests, dated 24 March, Bishop Richard wrote

“Following the Government announcement yesterday, *mandating the closure of places of worship*, it is with great sadness that I must ask that all churches, halls and associated facilities be closed until further notice.”

Sadly the proposals outlined in the Newsletter last weekend for keeping the Church open for personal prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament have now to be postponed. The Government is to review the present very severe restrictions in three weeks time meaning that all Churches will be completely closed throughout Holy Week until Easter Sunday and beyond.

All Lent Services of Penance and Reconciliation have been cancelled and Churches continue to be closed even at times when a priest would usually be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Anyone wishing to make an individual Confession should make an appointment with a priest.

We are able, of course, to pray to God anywhere and at any time: let us continue with our prayers and our patience as together we face this unprecedented time so that, with God's help, we will be able to overcome.

### **“KEEPING IN TOUCH”**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:** Now that our Church, along with every other Church, is closed for the time-being we will need to keep in touch “electronically” - by land-line or mobile 'phone or the internet in all its various manifestations! If you are online, please do read the Newsletter that will be published every Saturday. And if you have a printer please do a copy for any parishioner living near you who may not be on the internet. Copies will also be pinned onto the little notice board in the small window to the right of the main entrance door to the Church and on the outside Notice Board in front of the Church. See [www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk](http://www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk).

**PASTORAL MESSAGE:** Bishop Richard has written a letter this weekend to the people of the diocese: it has been uploaded to our website. He asks all of us to “work with everyone else in society to do everything we can to respond to the crisis caused by the Coronavirus.” He encourages us to remember that we belong to a worldwide community of faith that is united in praise of God in the Eucharist: it even includes “the saints and angels” - so we never need to feel alone! He suggests that we try joining in the celebration of the Eucharist from Churches that are able to livestream the Mass and he encourages us to “continue your lives of prayer and your reflection on the Scriptures. Pray the Rosary and, in this Season of Lent, reflect on the Stations of the Cross.” These, of course, we can do at home...!

**PARISH WEBSITE:** There is a small problem with some of the files that are being uploaded onto the website, particularly with the parish Newsletter. Because of an incompatibility between different systems being used to write the files, words at the end of the lines of text are being moved to the next line - which makes for uncomfortable reading! Hopefully we may be able to correct this difficulty shortly.

**LIVESTREAMING:** A number of parishes are already livestreaming 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](http://www.stmaryoftheangels.org.uk) for details. Bishop Richard is hoping to celebrate the Holy Week Services and The Triduum at Arundel Cathedral - behind closed doors: they will be livestreamed. More details in the Newsletter next weekend on

how to log into Services in the Cathedral and other Churches around the diocese.

**THE ANNUNCIATION:** Wednesday last was the solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord: it's just nine months to Christmas! What will Christmas 2020 look like? Will we still be coping with the epidemic or will the Coronavirus have been just a bad dream? Will our outlook, priorities, values be different, shaped by the crisis shared by all? Will the countless volunteers now offering to help others bring the same spirit to the nation's celebration of next Christmas? Or, what.....!?

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Sadly Archbishops and priests are no different to anyone in death and their funerals, for the moment, will have to be conducted behind the locked doors of the Church, with only the closest family present. On Monday please pray for Archbishop Peter Smith who will be buried in the Crypt of St George's Cathedral, Southwark following his Requiem Mass in the Cathedral. On Tuesday Bishop Richard will celebrate the Funeral Mass of Father David Rea, priest of the diocese who died on 17<sup>th</sup> March, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, East Preston where he had been parish priest for many years: he will be buried in Angering. May they rest in peace!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Angela Barnado, Jacqui Brooker, Joanne Donoghue, Max Foresheew, 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.*

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21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

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