

OUR LADY & SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO, WISBECH

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TODAY (16th FEBRUARY) 7th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sundays year A

Weekdays year B

Saturday 22nd

Sunday 23rd

Monday 24th Feria.

Tuesday 25th Feria.

6 pm Vigil Mass (William Farr RIP)

10.15 am Parish Mass (For the People)

10:30 am Mass

No Mass

Wednesday 26th ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 Morning Prayer

10:00 Mass

18:00 Mass

Thursday 27th Lent Feria

Friday 28th Lent Feria.

10 am Mass

10 am Mass

NEXT SUNDAY (1st March) 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

6 pm (Saturday Evening) Vigil Mass – (For the People)

10.15 am Parish Mass (Liz Davies Intention)

PARISH SICK LIST

Eva Atherton, Babu, Peter Barker, Andrew Clark, Anne Lynn. Baba Egus, Bernard & Eileen Goose, Cian Harty, Ros Hoyle, Mike Lynne, Doris Ferrar, Ruben McBean-Wills, Jacqueline Madramootoo, Fr David Paul, Declan Sewter. Kathleen Smith, Fr John Warrington, Anna Wilson, Dawn Saint, Carol Rodgers, Liz Davies, Fr Michael Ryan

(To add a name, please use the slip available at the back of church.)

Feb 16th Plate £147.20; Envelopes £29.00;

READINGS FOR 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st READING: From the book of Leviticus 19:1-2,3:17-18

Response **THE LORD IS COMPASSION AND LOVE**

2nd READING: From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 3;16-23

Accl **ALLELUIA ALLELUIA! IF ANYONE LOVES ME HE WILL KEEP MY WORD, AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE SHALL COME TO HIM. ALLELUIA**

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 5;38-48

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *(TO BE READ AS THE PRIEST GIVES COMMUNION TO THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS)* **I WILL RECOUNT ALL YOUR WONDERS, I WILL REJOICE IN YOU AND BE GLAD, AND SING PSALMS TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH**

Next weekend the Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated by Fr John Ablewhite (A retired Westminster Priest) and the 10:15 am Sunday Mass will be celebrated by Fr Michael Stokes. Fr Caulfield will be away from noon on the 29th February until late on the 2nd of March

ASH WEDNESDAY This is not a holy day of obligation so you do not have to come to mass however it is traditional to mark the commencement of Lent with the Distribution of Ashes'

Thus, there will be a brief service at 08:00 for those wishing to receive the ashes before going to work as well as 2 masses during the day. (Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist may wish to consider visiting their regulars on this day and may take some blessed ashes with them to share with our parishioners who are unable to join us in the Parish Church.

Lenten Fast. Please be advised that Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Those who are infirm are not obliged to fast or abstain. On Shrove Tuesday by tradition the house is cleared of those food stuffs that are not eaten during Lent, hence it is not in the spirit of the season to buy in goods to have a party, such as pancakes. However, the rules governing the foods we may and may not eat during lent are far less prescriptive than in the past and so it is for each of us to decide what we will or will not 'Give up' during lent. Although Sundays are not counted as days of Lent, we shall however be having plain biscuits with our tea and coffee after Mass. No cakes or fancy biscuits.

LENT HOUSE MASSES During Lent we will have House Masses on Wednesday evenings. Fr Caulfield is grateful to the families who have offered to host a Mass.

The House masses will be on Wednesday evenings at 19:00hrs Dates are: 4th, 11th 18th and 25th March and 1st April Details will be published as to venues on the Parish Website and on the Parish Notice Board.

STUDENT CROSS Preparations are being made for us to host the Midland Leg of the Student Cross on Tuesday 7th April. If you would like to help with the catering please contact Mrs Isabella Alecock after Mass.

VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAR THE CHOIR LOFT and the adjoining rooms on Saturday 14th March at 10:30. If anyone has personal belongings in the Choir loft please remove them before the 14th of March or they may be discarded on the recycling centre.

STATION MASS TUESDAY 10TH MARCH The parish is being afforded the honour of hosting one of this year's Station Masses. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 18:00 with confessions until 18:45 followed by Mass at 19:00. The bishop will be presiding at the Mass accompanied by the Rural Dean and priests of the deanery. It is a rare privilege for a church other than the deanery church to host such a mass.

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS This year's procession of witness through the town will commence at Our Lady and St Charles Borromeo at 10 am. It is hoped that the First Holy Communion children and the confirmation candidates will be able to play a part in the opening liturgy and then we shall walk into town via Tillery Park, the Clarkson Memorial and finishing in the market Square.

IGNITE. Please see the leaflets at the back of the church for the various Ignite events for the youth in the diocese. Of particular interest for some is the Pilgrimage to Malta for those aged 16 and over in July. 'In the footsteps of St Paul '27th -31st July 2020 Contact Ignite 01508486236; igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk;

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Formally the World Women's Day of Prayer) A service to be held on Friday 6th March, 7 pm at St Augustine's Church and a strong encouragement to men to come along to what was traditionally a women's occasion.

PANCAKE EVENING on Tuesday 25th February at 7 pm, Tickets will be on sale this weekend £3.00 each for two pancakes with an assortment of toppings and a hot drink. Extra pancakes are available for 50 p each.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr Anton Woods Friday 6th March 11:00

Mrs Eileen Homden Friday 20th March 10:00

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

WELCOME!

To all newcomers and to all our visitors. We hope that you will come into the Rosmini Centre (next to the Church) after the Sunday Mass where we serve refreshments and meet each other – please come and join us.

Websites: Diocese <https://www.rcdea.org.uk>

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