

AN AND OUR LADY & SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO, WISBECH

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TODAY (15th March)3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Sundays year A

Weekdays year B

Saturday 14 th	6 pm Vigil Mass (Eileen Connolly RIP)
Sunday 15 th	10.15 am Parish Mass (Michael and Carmen Green Intention)
Monday 16 th Lent Feria.	10 am Mass
Tuesday 17 th St Patrick	10 am Mass
Wednesday 18 th Lent Feria	7 pm House Mass
Thursday 19 th St Joseph Spouse of The BVM	10 am Mass Archbishop Peter Smith RIP
Friday 20 th Lent Feria.	10 am Requiem Mass for Eileen Homden

NEXT SUNDAY (22nd March) 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

6 pm (Saturday Evening) YOUTH MASS

10.15 am Parish Mass (For the People))

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10am-11am

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.)

March 8th Plate £161.49; Envelopes £18.00; 2nd Coll for CAFOD 164.44

READINGS FOR Third Sunday of Lent Year A

1st READING: From the book of Exodus 17: 3-7

Response **O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE; 'HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART.'**

2nd READING: From the first letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Accl **GLORY TO YOU, O CHRIST, YOU ARE THE WORD OF GOD!**

LORD, YOU ARE REALLY THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD; GIVE ME THE LIVING WATER, SO THAT I MAY NEVER GET THIRSTY.

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 4;5-42

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (TO BE READ AS THE PRIEST GIVES COMMUNION TO THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS) FOR ANYONE WHO DRINKS IT, SAYS THE LORD, THE WATER I SHALL GIVE WILL BECOME IN HIM A SPRING WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE.

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:, 18th and 25th March and 1st April
Details will be published as to venues on the Parish Website and on the Parish Notice Board. This Wed. Mass will be at Ian and Evelyn Duffy 'Fairview' PE13 7DH

CORONAVIRUS: The Bishops Conference of England and Wales have offered guidelines for to be followed as precautionary measures during the current state of alert for the coronavirus. There is no cause for alarm but sensible precautions are advised. Full details are published on the Parish Website, our Facebook Page and are available on a printout available at the back of the church. Please note the instructions followed in this parish are those stipulated by the Bishop of East Anglia. Other diocese, possibly with higher population density, may have slightly different practice which you are asked to observe if you are visiting. To avoid any confusion please follow the regulations of the diocese you are visiting and do not compare and contrast, the Bishops are following the medical advice appropriate to their own region.

Please keep an eye on the Parish Website and Facebook Page for Updates. If we go to level 3 the Bishop will decide what arrangements are to be made for Masses. Weekday Masses are unlikely to be affected because the numbers are usually under 30 but it may be necessary to find suitable outdoor facilities for congregations of over 100. A large garden or possibly the Rosmini Centre Car Park. I stress this is just a contingency plan at present and any offers of a suitable outdoor location, garden/field/paddock, for an outdoor Mass would be welcome.

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.

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;

LENTEN OBSERVANCES. Lent is a time that has long accrued odd customs and traditions that are not and never have been a proper part of the Lenten observance. One such 'Tradition' is the covering of statues. Though widely practiced this is a practise that was never properly adopted by the church and was actually abrogated with the publication of the General Instruction on the Roman Missal in 1969. It is however a custom which persists and may be permitted. With that in mind in this parish the Crosses will be covered on Palm Sunday and the statues will be veiled during Holy Week, The Altar will be stripped on Holy Thursday after the Mass of the Lords Supper. Crosses are unveiled after the ritual on Good Friday but the statues will remain veiled until the Easter Vigil when they will be unveiled during the singing of the Gloria. The altar will be redressed during the offertory at the Easter Vigil.

Lent Ends with the beginning of the Easter Triduum on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lords Supper, (Please note that because of the Corona Virus there will be no Mandatum this year) after the mass there will be a period of watching before the altar of repose, a rota for watchers will be made available shortly for volunteers to fill in. At 10 pm the watch will end with Night Prayer. The full Holy Week timetable will be available as of the 4th Sunday of Lent,

Barbara Woods would like to thank everyone who sent her cards and sympathy messages on the death of her husband Anton..

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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