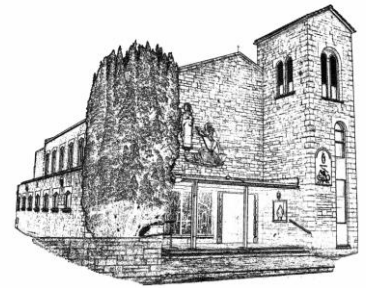


The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th/20th October 2013

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	Sally Diamond (anniversary)	
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Saturday		Weekday of the Year	No Morning Mass

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Sacrament of Reconciliation:		Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.	

[29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – page 152 in the Parish Mass Book]

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: There has always been a very practical side to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ: not only does the Church preach the message of God's love for people everywhere, it demonstrates it in real works of love. Missionaries build schools, provide healthcare, set up food programmes and in many other ways give help and assistance to people in need. The special retiring collection this weekend helps Missio to fund missionaries and the "young" Churches in developing countries do the work of the Church. Please use the special envelopes provided by Missio for the collection and, if you want to Gift Aid your donation, complete the attached declaration so that Missio can reclaim the tax.

ST PHILIP HOWARD: This Sunday afternoon there will be a special Mass in the Cathedral with Bishop Kieran to mark the Feast of St. Philip Howard, co-Patron of our Cathedral Church at Arundel, followed by tea in the Cathedral Centre: all are welcome.

CANON BERNARD THOM: Thursday this week is the fourth anniversary of the death of Canon Bernard Thom, a former parish priest of this parish. May he rest in peace!

PARISH WEBSITE: Our own parish website has now been on the internet for a week: you can visit it at www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk. On the Gallery Page there will be pictures of parish events – such as the Quiz Night on Friday. The weekly Newsletter will be included in future – so you will be able to read it even when you are away on holiday!

KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING OUR PAST

Earlier this week the bishop and 40 priests and deacons of the diocese enjoyed a fascinating journey into the past to discover the origins and growth of the Church in our diocese. Our “story” began, of course, in Selsey with the arrival of St. Wilfrid and his efforts to teach the people of Selsey to catch fish, as well as preaching the Gospel to them. In little more than half-a-dozen years he laid the foundations for the first Cathedral in Sussex (transferred to Chichester 300 years later) and for a monastery (now under the sea).

We also learnt about St. Richard of Chichester and his significant contribution to building up the Mediaeval Church, not just in Sussex but across the land. It was interesting to discover that many of the problems the Church faced centuries ago bear an uncanny resemblance to those we experience in our time. The biggest challenge to our spiritual forebears came in the 16th and 17th centuries with the Reformation and, for Catholics, the penal times that followed. How the Catholics of Sussex and Surrey learned to live alongside others while remaining faithful to the Church has much to teach us. Then they were the minority among the majority who belonged to the Reformed Churches; today we are the minority in a secular age when most people have no active religious allegiance – a position we share with other Christians and people of other faiths.

Finally, after being reminded of our Catholic history over the last 200 years, we came away somewhat cheered and encouraged: there was never a “golden age” for Catholics – every generation had its own challenges, but every generation has faced them with courage and resolve and, with God’s help, has overcome them and continued to grow.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL DEMONSTRATION: Janet Pledger, from the Selsey Florist, will be making a welcome return to the Parish Hall on Thursday, 7th November for another floral demonstration – with a particular emphasis on Christmas: Advent/Christmas Wreaths, table decorations etc. The demonstration will begin promptly at 7.00pm and will be followed by tea/coffee and a raffle of items made during the evening. Admission free: all are welcome.

CURRY LUNCH: Tickets are now on sale for the Curry Lunch on Sunday, 17th November - £7.00 each for a ‘winter warmer’ on a cold November Sunday.

A SPONSORED SWIM: This will not be a dip in the cold winter sea but a swim in a local (heated) pool. If you are interested in taking part, please sign on a clipboard in the porch: details will be finalised when the extent of interest had be gauged.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: This year it will be on Saturday, 30th November: stalls will include New and Nearly New, the usual Chocolate and Bottle Tombolas, Christmas Gifts and Cards, homemade Cakes and Preserves, Crafts, Raffles, etc. Please start sifting, sorting and collecting contributions for the different stalls.

FAMILY DAY: Plans are under way for a “Family Day” during the half-term holiday at the newly opened Sussex Heritage Centre near Arundel. It will be on Wednesday, 30th October – so if you are a parent or grandparent thinking about how to keep the children occupied during the mid-term break, this could be for you! More details to follow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Kathy Chart, Tom Dempsey, Max Foreshew, Christina Hackett, Nell Hassett, Dave Mortby, Peggy Owens, Louis Rameau, Theresa Watson 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:	12 th /13 th October	Offertory Collection	£514.59p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£82.21p
		Sale of Jams and Preserves	£50.00p