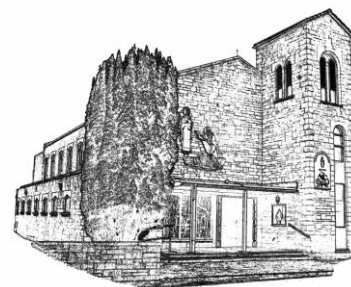


The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th/29th September 2013

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Brown Family	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		St Jerome	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	No Mass
Wednesday		The Holy Guardian Angels	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Friday		St Francis of Assisi	No Mass
Saturday		Weekday of the Year	No Morning Mass

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am Intentions of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – page 143 in the Parish Mass Book]

PLEASE PRAY FOR Darral Ackerman who died last Sunday morning after suffering a serious illness for several months. Please pray, too, for his family and friends at this time of great sadness. His funeral will be on Wednesday, 9th October at 1.45pm in St. Richards Church in Chichester at his own request. May he rest in peace!

“PLEDGE SUNDAY”: You are invited this weekend to make a “Pledge” or promise to help pay for the first stage of making good the defects to our Church – ensuring that the roofs are leak-proof. We hope to clear the debt incurred by 2017. Last week, in an attachment to the Newsletter, a number of suggestions were made: this weekend you can place your “Pledge” in a special “Pledge Box” on the little “Altar” near the shrine of Our Lady. Whatever you can do to help will be greatly valued and all the promises of help will assist the Finance Committee in predicting the “cash flow” over the next four years – how much will be spent on the repairs and how much we can expect to receive from all sources: the weekly offertory collection and extra donations to the regular Church Maintenance Fund retiring collections; special donations (a one-off this year or annual donation for the next four years); the amount we may be able to claim back from the Inland Revenue from donations that are Gift Aided; the support for fund raising projects; other possible ways of helping. You are welcome to use an envelope to be found near the Newsletters for your “Pledge” before placing it in the “Pledge Box.”

Our thanks to those who have already made generous donations to the Church Maintenance Fund and to everyone who put extra in the retiring collection last weekend in response to the appeal.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This is the time of the year when we give thanks for all the good things we enjoy from the land and the sea. The two little prayers at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass are a model for all Harvest Thanksgiving: we bless and thank God for the fruits of earth and vine but also for the human hands that have worked to produce the bread and wine we offer. In the Biblical tradition, the “first fruits” of the harvest were offered to God but, just as important, a portion of every harvest was set aside for the poor.

We live surrounded by an abundance of the fruits of harvests from the land and sea, from trees and shrubs, and many local people are employed to plant and grow, to pick and process them throughout the year. So as we give thanks let us not forget those not as blessed and fortunate as we are. Some of these live very close to us but most live in distant countries.

On Friday this week we are invited to remember the vast numbers in the developing world who suffer hunger most of their lives – especially families in which parents have a daily struggle to feed their children and may often have to deny themselves a proper diet for the sake of the children. On Friday – Harvest Fast Day – CAFOD invites us to identify with them for just one day and to give to CAFOD what we save by going without.

Next Sunday we can support those nearer to home who may be hungry and depend on help from “Stonepillow” – a hostel at Hunston for people who are homeless. You can bring fresh produce from your own garden to place before the Altar but harvest produce in cans, packets, jars and bottles with a longer shelf life will help “Stonepillow” maintain a full larder.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING MEETING: The next monthly meeting of the Group will be on Tuesday this week: please note that the meeting will begin at 6.30pm – half an hour earlier than usual. It is a meeting open to all willing to help with the planning, organising and staffing of fundraising activities between now and the end of the year. These include the Quiz Night, a Curry Lunch and, the last major event of the year, the Autumn / Christmas Fair on 30th November.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION: Before those Sunflowers shed their petals and turn to seed we need to know who has grown the largest! All entries must be in by 5th October and the winner will be announced in mid-October. Bring your Sunflower with you to Church or, if that’s not possible, a photo with the Sunflower grower standing beside it (to help the judges judge the height!).

QUIZ NIGHT AND PLOUGHMAN’S SUPPER: Tickets are on sale after Mass – at £6.00 per person – to enter the Quiz Night on Friday, 18th October, beginning at 7.00pm. You can organise a Team of friends and neighbours or you can purchase a ticket and join an ‘ad hoc’ Team on the night. The winning team will hold for a year the “St. Wilfrid’s Brain Box Tankard” – extra points will be awarded to the Team with the most original name!

ST RICHARD’S PRIMARY SCHOOL: There will be an Open Day on Wednesday, 16th October at our local Catholic Primary School in Chichester when the Headteacher and Year 6 children will be giving guided tours of the school in the morning and again in the afternoon.

PASSION PLAY – EASTER 2014: The planning and rehearsing of the next Selsey Passion Play are getting under way. Volunteers are needed: please see a poster in the porch for details.

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:	21 st /22 nd September	Offertory Collection	£391.61p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£103.03p