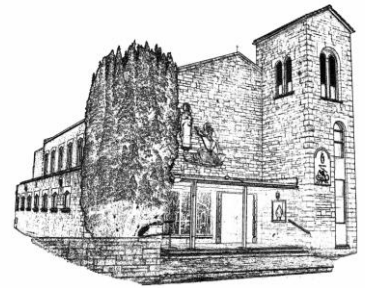


The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th/6th October 2013

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		
Monday		Our Lady of the Rosary	
	10.00am		
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		St Wilfrid	
	10.00am		

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

[27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – page 146 in the Parish Mass Book]

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: Today we give thanks for the fruits of the harvest and, also, have a chance to share a small portion of them with those not as blessed as we are. If you have brought harvest produce – either from your own garden or from your shopping basket – to share with homeless people who seek help from “Stonepillow” please place them before the Altar during the Procession of Gifts or before or after Mass. And for hungry people in developing countries, please place your Harvest Fast Day envelope in the retiring collection to help the work of CAFOD.

PASTORAL MESSAGE: Today we will listen to a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Kieran introducing the second season in our preparation for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of our diocese in 2015. As in the first season the focus of our preparation will be looking again at an important document of the Second Vatican Council – this time the Council’s teaching on Revelation – the Word of God: “how God makes himself known, and not just how he makes himself known, but why.”

BAPTISM: We will be celebrating, during the 10.00am Mass this Sunday, the baptism of William Newman. Several weeks ago we welcomed him into the community at the door of the Church and now, in the waters of Baptism, we welcome him into the family of God as a baptised member of the Church. Please pray for him and his family on this very special day for them.

THE FUNERAL MASS for Darral Ackerman will be on Wednesday, at 1.45pm in St. Richards Church in Chichester. May he rest in peace!

DEI VERBUM – THE WORD OF GOD

This weekend, in a Pastoral Letter, we are introduced to the second season in our preparation for the diocesan Jubilee. “Dei Verbum” – the title of the Second Vatican Council document that is the focus of the season – was at the time a remarkable document that has had a profound influence on the Catholic Church in the last 50 years. Before the Council, Catholics had not paid much attention to the Bible: few owned a copy and fewer ever read it and when it was proclaimed in Church it was read in Latin. The Catholic “bible” was the Catechism – it was not God’s Word we attended to but the teaching and tradition of the Church through the ages.

We are now well used to hearing the Scriptures proclaimed in English and we are all encouraged to have our own copy of the Bible. Scripture is integral to the celebration of all the Sacraments and is central to any act of worship or service of prayer in Church or wherever and whenever Catholics gather to praise God.

Advent is traditionally a time for groups to meet in homes or Church halls for shared prayer, reflection and discussion. A small group met in our hall during the first season to talk about the liturgy: this year we hope to do the same around Advent. There will be more details nearer the time of arrangements in the parish to spend time learning about the importance of the Bible in our lives.

ST. WILFRID’S FEAST DAY: Saturday is the Feast of St. Wilfrid. There will be Mass in his honour at 10.00am at which we will be joined by a small group of “pilgrims” from the Sussex Heritage Centre in Warningcamp who will then walk to St. Wilfrid’s Chapel in Church Norton for a short prayer service. Parishioners are very welcome to join them for the “mini pilgrimage” and then to walk back to the Church (or arrange for someone to bring them back by car!).

And in honour of St. Wilfrid, there will be coffee and a slice of “St. Wilfrid’s Day” cake in the Hall after Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday morning (in place of refreshments this weekend).

“PLEDGE SUNDAY”: Very many thanks to all those who placed a promise in the golden “Pledge Box” to help raise the funds to pay for the repairs to the Church roof and rear wall. The greatest number of promises were to help (or continue to help) with fund raising activities for the next four years. But there were also an encouraging number of promises to increase donations to the offertory collections and the Church Maintenance Fund retiring collections – and a number of inquiries about Gift Aiding them. Some parishioners have made very generous donations to the fund – as a one-off now or as the first of a special donation each year for the next four years. It will take a week or two to respond to all the pledges made and donations received. The “Pledge Box” will remain in place for the next week or two in case anyone else wishes to make a pledge.

FUNDRAISING: Thanks to all who filled Bags2thefuture: many more than earlier this year, raising £250 for the Building Maintenance Fund. Individual and group tickets are still available for the Quiz Night with Ploughman’s Supper on 16th October. Please note that individual ticket holders will be able to join a team on the night.

ST RICHARD’S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please see a poster on the notice board in the porch with details of the Open Day on Wednesday, 16th October at our local Catholic Primary School in Chichester.

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:	28 th /29 th September	Offertory Collection	£400.10p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£100.14p