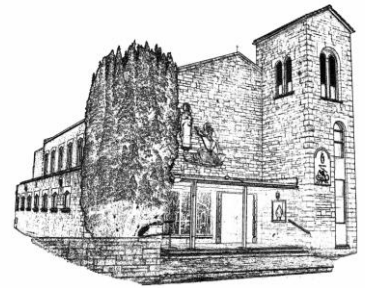


The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd/3rd November 2013

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		
Monday	10.00am	St. Charles Borromeo	
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Thursday		Intentions of the Parish	No Mass
Friday		Intentions of the Parish	No Mass
Saturday		Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	No Morning Mass

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

[31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – page 157 in the Parish Mass Book]

RETIRED PRIESTS FUND: At present there are 36 retired priests cared for by the Diocese, many living independent lives for as long as possible. The Diocese provides accommodation and pastoral care even for those “retired” priests who are still willing and able to assist parishes with their services. As time goes on a retired priest, like any other aging person, may require more and more assistance to continue living at home. The diocese ensures he receives all necessary personal and pastoral care. Eventually he may need to move to a residential or nursing home, and the Diocese will help find suitable accommodation. The retiring collection this weekend is to help the Diocese provide this care for its retired priests – at a cost in 2012 of £301,000.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: All are welcome for refreshments and good conversation in the Hall after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Application forms are available in the porch for parents who want to enrol their child on the programme to prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion in 2014. Children who were seven years or over on 1st September can join the programme. Please fill in a form and return it to Fr. John.

Any young person wanting to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation please speak to Fr. John.

ANNIVERSARY: Monday is the 29th anniversary of the death of Father John Campbell Price, a former parish priest of this parish: may he rest in peace!

HOLY SOULS

There has been a fair amount of comment recently in the media about the plight of elderly people, most of the focus on problems concerning their physical and bodily needs. Their spiritual needs receive less attention although the loneliness suffered by many elderly people is sometimes spoken about. Being valued and loved; a feeling of belonging; being useful to others are all deep spiritual needs: should they not be of as much concern – perhaps more – than any physical needs? All too many older people seem to be experiencing purgatory while living in this world.

Purgatory – a time between our physical death and our being accepted by God into the heavenly kingdom – is difficult to understand. As we have no clear idea of what it like there is no harm in using our imagination a little in trying to describe it. Loneliness must be a part of the purgatory experience: separated by death from the family and other communities we belonged to in this world, but not yet invited to take our place in the communion of saints, it must be a little like going on a silent retreat or a long journey without travelling companions.

Spending time alone – by choice or by necessity – is an opportunity to reflect on our life and relationships. Purgatory may be a time when God invites us to review our whole life looking at what might have been had we not taken some wrong turns along the way or made some bad choices. Most people find it very hard to accept personal responsibility for the things that go wrong in their life: it is easier and more comfortable to blame others, or the system, or their genes, or mistakes made in their upbringing, or whoever or whatever. Maybe God sees things differently and Purgatory is seeing our life as God sees it. Possibly many elderly people in their loneliness begin to look back on their lives and face up to their mistakes: our sympathy and understanding in their final years in this world may be as valuable as our prayers for them in Purgatory!

REMEMBERING THE DEAD: Lists of departed relatives and friends can be placed in the November Box in front of the Altar if you would like the parish to pray for them during November. Please ask Fr. John if you would like Mass offered for your deceased relatives and friends during November.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING MEETING: All are invited to the meeting on Monday evening, beginning at 6.30pm in the Hall, to organise the remaining events on our social and fundraising calendar for 2013.

They are the **Curry Lunch** on Sunday, 17th November – £7.00 each for a ‘winter warmer’ on a cold November Sunday. This year’s **Christmas Fair** at the end of the month (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. And, lastly, a **Sponsored Swim**: please sign on a clipboard in the porch – details will be finalised when the extent of interest had be gauged.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL DEMONSTRATION: Janet Pledger, from the Selsey Florist, will be making a welcome return to the Parish Hall on Thursday 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.

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:	26 th /27 th October	Offertory Collection	£410.39p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£74.93p