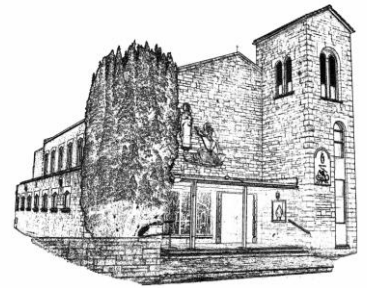


The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30th November/1st December 2013

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday of Advent	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		St. Francis Xavier	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Saturday		St. Ambrose	No Morning Mass

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

[1st Sunday of Advent – page 82 in the Parish Mass Book]

LENA SORKIN RIP: Please pray for Lena Katherine Sorkin, who lived at St. Peter's Crescent and who died last Sunday after being ill for some time. Her Funeral Service will be at Chichester Crematorium on Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm. Pray, too, for her husband Marcel and their family and friends. May she rest in peace!

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR: With the First Sunday of Advent we begin a new year in the life of the Church as it worships God and prays through the year. There is a new edition of the Parish Mass Book that provides all the liturgical texts for Sundays and Solemnities from now until Pentecost Sunday. Those who use their own missals may like to note that the Readings for Sundays and Solemnities are now to be found in Cycle A (Year One), and for Weekdays from Year II.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: A very big thanks to all who donated gifts for the Fair, who organised and staffed the various stalls, and who came to support it on the day. If you were unable to visit the Christmas Fair when it was open to the public there is a second chance: after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning you can browse the stalls with a cup of coffee in hand – or you can just join fellow parishioners for the coffee and a chat. All welcome.

CAFOD APPEAL: Following the special retiring collection last weekend we are able to send a cheque for £294.77p to CAFOD to help bring relief to the people of the Philippines following Typhoon Haiyan. Thanks to all who contributed so generously.

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THE YEAR OF MATTHEW

Year A in the three year cycle of Scripture readings used at Mass is known as the Year of Matthew as most of the Gospel readings throughout the year will be from his Gospel. It was thought for a long time that the Gospel bearing Matthew's name was the first of the four Gospels to be written, but scholars now agree that the author had to hand earlier written accounts of the life and teaching of Jesus when he wrote his version – particularly the Gospel of Mark. It is also generally accepted that the author was not the Apostle of that name who had been a tax collector called Levi before Jesus called him to be a disciple.

The Gospel of Matthew is the most “Jewish” of the four Gospels – written by a convert from Judaism to Christianity for a Church community that was, like him, made up largely of fellow converts from Judaism, as well as a smaller number of pagan converts. The author wanted to show both groups in the community, but particularly those who had grown up in the Jewish faith, that Jesus was the true Messiah, the one whom the People of Israel had long expected. More than in any other Gospel, Matthew quotes passages from the Hebrew Scriptures, particularly from the prophets of Israel, to show that Jesus was most definitely the link between the Chosen People of Israel – through whose history God had first revealed himself – and the new People of God, the Church that is open to all who accept Jesus as Lord.

Only in our own time have Christians come to appreciate how important it is in coming to know God that we understand the history of the People of Israel, and are familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures (what we call the Old Testament). This new understanding of the story of our faith makes it even more important than previously to listen to the Gospel of Matthew.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION: There will be the traditional retiring collection next weekend to help with the costs of flowers, and other seasonal decorations, for the Church throughout the Season of Christmas.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: If you would like to join students and staff at St. Philip Howard Catholic High School for “Carols by Candlelight” on Thursday, 12th December from 2.30 to 4.30pm please ask Fr. John for a ticket. Seasonal refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon. Members of the Venture Club will be able to travel to and from the school in the bus: please speak to Fr. John or Peter Kench to book a place on the bus.

FUND RAISING: Enough people have shown an interest in the **Sponsored Swim**: the date and place to be announced shortly – so please sign-on if you would like to take part.

To round off the year there will be a Christmas “**Sing-a-Long**” with the “Clonky Brothers” after Mass on Sunday, 15th December: £4.00 per ticket to cover costs, including nibbles, mulled wine and mince pies – on sale after Mass today.

The parish is now registered with **shop2fundraise.com**: charities receive a small commission whenever members shop on line at a wide range of popular retailers – at no extra cost to those using the service. For more information please see an article on the parish website – www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk – under the “News” window. You will also find on the parish website all the latest news, including galleries of photos, from the parish and information about future events: well worth a visit!

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:	23 rd /24 th November	Offertory Collection	£373.70p
		CAFOD Disaster Appeal	£294.77p