

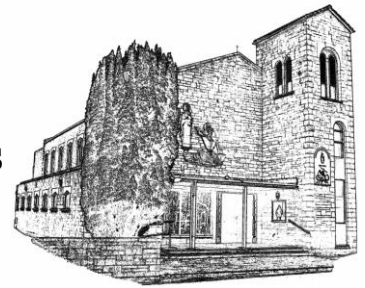
The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

31st January/1st February 2015

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		
Monday		The Presentation of the Lord	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Thursday		St. Agatha	No Mass
Friday		St. Paul Miki and Companion Martyrs	
	10.00am	Richard Dennett RIP	
Saturday		Weekday of the Year	No Morning Mass

5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

	5.30pm	Canon Michael Reynell	
Sunday	10.00am	For the Intentions of the Parish	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[4th Sunday of the Year – page 132 in the Parish Mass Book]

EDUCATION SUNDAY: “All Gifts and All People” is the theme for Education Sunday. At the heart of the Christian understanding of education is the recognition that every child and young person is a unique individual with his or her own special God-given gifts and talents that need to be “drawn out” so that the child can reach his or her own potential and become a responsible and valued member of the human family.

Education Sunday is the day each year when we are asked to support the work of the Catholic Education Service that represents the interests of Catholic Education at the national level. There is a retiring collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

Next Sunday Mrs Catherine Hunn, the Headteacher of St. Richard’s Primary School in Chichester, will be visiting the parish and will speak at the end of Mass about the work in the Cathedral Deanery to provide a good Catholic education for families in the parishes of the Deanery.

LITURGY MEETING: All who are involved in the preparation and celebration of the liturgy in our parish are invited to a meeting – on Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall – to begin planning for the seasons of Lent and Easter. As well as those already involved in our parish liturgy, anyone who would like to become more involved, will be welcome.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: There will be coffee in the Hall after Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday morning: St. Wilfrid’s Kitchen will be open if you need to restock with jams and chutneys.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

The education of children and young people is a universal human right. It is striking how reports and pictures from parts of the world devastated by poverty, epidemics, war, natural disasters or any other major disruption to ordinary life always show the local population coming together to build or rebuild schools for their children as a top priority. They also show the enthusiasm of children for education, often in large classes in the most basic of accommodation, and with the minimum of resources. In wealthy countries parents tend to take education for granted: they expect our schools to be housed in modern buildings, to be well equipped, staffed by highly trained teachers, and their children to be well cared for and kept safe – and it is only right that they should. Today we pause to show our appreciation for all who work hard to provide good education for the younger generations, to pray for them and so thank them for the invaluable service they provide.

Since the earliest times the provision of education has been a high priority on the Christian agenda. Those who went as missionaries to places where the Gospel hadn't been preached often went as trained teachers or health care workers and so preached the Gospel in action as well as in word. When Catholic parishes were re-established in our own country during the 19th century, our forebears usually built the parish school before the parish Church. It is in this spirit that responsibility for maintaining our Catholic education system is one the whole community shares. There are those who argue that denominational schools are exclusive and cause divisions in our society. But they forget that the Churches were providing education (often free) long before the State accepted that it had a responsibility to ensure all children received a good education. The insights that Christian educators have, after centuries of experience, have made, and continue to make, a significant contribution to the best way of educating future generations. It is this we celebrate today.

STARS OF MARY: The next meeting of the group – for individuals and families in the deanery that have difficulties coping with Sunday Mass in their own parishes – will be next Sunday at St. Richard's in Chichester. Mass will be at 3.00pm, followed by tea and cakes: all are welcome.

SPONSORED SWIM: Bunn Leisure Centre has again kindly given us the use of two lanes at the Oasis Pool for a sponsored swim: the (provisional) date is Sunday, 22nd February from 11.30am. Sponsor forms for individual and collective sponsorship will be available when the date is finalised: in the meantime, swimmers may like to begin training for the event!

A & B NEWS: The February edition of our diocesan monthly magazine is available this weekend: please take a FREE copy as you leave to find out what is happening in the rest of our diocese.

PROMOTIONS: For the next few weeks complimentary copies of Bible Alive and The Tablet will be available in the porch. Please take a copy of Bible Alive if you are looking for a regular periodical to help deepen your knowledge of and love for the Scriptures; or of The Tablet, if you want a weekly publication that helps keep you up to date on current Catholic news and thinking.

OPEN PARISH MEETING: The first meeting of 2015 open to all parishioners will be on Tuesday, 17th February at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. The main item on the agenda for the February meeting is to approve the parish accounts for 2014 and discuss spending for 2015. If you have any other item for the agenda, please let Ian Purse or Fr. John have a note of your proposal.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jackie Brooker; Max Foreshew, Tricia Green, Christina Hackett, Nell Hassett, Dave Mortby, Peggy Owens, Samantha Phillips, 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:	25 th /26 th January	Offertory Collection	£336.75p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£62.60p