

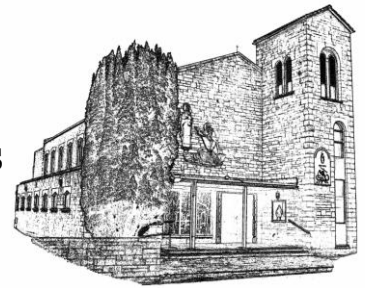
The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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3rd/4th January 2015

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Canon Michael Reynell RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday in Christmas Time	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Weekday in Christmas Time	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Christmas Time	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Christmas Time	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Christmas Time	
	10.00am		
Saturday		Weekday in Christmas Time	No Morning Mass

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	For the Intentions of the Parish	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[The Epiphany of the Lord – page 118 in the Parish Mass Book]

CANON MICHAEL REYNELL RIP: Father Michael died peacefully last Sunday morning in St. Richard's Hospital: he had been admitted a few days previously. He was visited in hospital several times by Fr. Andrew from the parish, in his capacity as the hospital's Catholic Chaplain, who had also administered the last rites to Fr. Michael. The funeral arrangements for Fr. Michael will be announced, in the Newsletter and on the parish website, as soon as they have been finalised. Please pray for Fr. Michael, for his family and close friends, and for all who have fond memories of him in all the parishes in which he served as a priest during a long priestly ministry. May he rest in peace!

PLEASE PRAY FOR Lydia Maynard who died last Tuesday after suffering ill-health for the last several years. Her funeral will be in St. Wilfrid's at 11.00am on Friday, 23rd January. Please pray, also, for her husband Tony, their children and all their family and friends. May she rest in peace!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: This weekend we celebrate the Lord's Epiphany marking the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem. A tradition on the Epiphany is to bless water for use in the blessing of families and homes at the beginning of a new year. Please take some blessed water home: there is a sheet available with a suggested service to use to bless your home. (See notes over the page)

COFFEE AFTER MASS: All are welcome to coffee, and other refreshments, as well as good conversation in the Hall after Mass.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

An ancient tradition associated with the Feast of the Epiphany is the blessing of homes (and other buildings) with holy water blessed especially for the purpose. At the end of Mass today, water will be blessed and you are invited to take some home with you. There are also sheets available (that can be adapted to circumstances) that invite the family to come together for a brief service: a reflection, Scripture reading, and a short prayer of blessing as the holy water is sprinkled in each of the main rooms. To do this, decant the water into a suitable bowl or dish and use a small sprig from an evergreen tree or bush as a “sprinkler.”

If you want to go further, there is a tradition of marking the lintels of the main doorways of the house with chalk. The marking this year is **20 + C + M + B + 15**. The numbers are the date of the new year; the letters are the initials of the names of the three Magi as they have come down to us by tradition – Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. The numbers and letters are separated by a Cross (not a plus sign). The letters are also an abbreviation for the latin words, “Christus mansionem benedicat,” which translates as “Christ blesses this house.”

In his Pastoral Letter on the feast of the Holy Family last weekend Archbishop Peter wrote about how Jesus, living with Mary and Joseph in the family of Nazareth, is a model for all families. He then wrote, “Our homes should shine out as “holy places,” a communion of life and love rooted in our relationship with God and reflected in our love for one another.”

Blessing your homes at the start of a new year can help make them holy places. And please don't feel excluded if you live alone: any and all of your visitors during the year can enjoy the “blessedness” of your home as much as anyone living in it.

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION: All donations to this year's Crib Collection will be sent to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre who sponsor charities in the Holy Land that care for and support children in need in Jesus' own land.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES: The proceeds from the Parish Supper and from the Christmas Message Board, a total of £273.85p, will be divided between Stonepillow - the local charity that supports homeless and vulnerable people in West Sussex – and the Selsey Venture Bus – that provides transport for the older citizens of Selsey, including a weekly service on Sunday mornings to our 10.00am Mass.

BAGS2THEFUTURE: We are due a collection in February and empty bags are now available. You may fill them with clothing and footwear that you no longer need. However, heavier fabrics such as curtains and bedding are **no longer** collected. Filled bags can be left in the porch.

RED BOXES: If you have brought your Red Missionary Box to be emptied, please collect a new one from the porch.

NEW ROTAS: The new rota for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion from next weekend until the beginning of Holy Week is now available. Please collect your copy from the porch if you haven't already received it by email.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Max Foreshew, Tricia Green, Christina Hackett, Nell Hassett, Billy Jones, Dave Mortby, Peggy Owens, Samantha Phillips, Ken Wass, 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:	24 th /25 th December	Christmas Offertory Collection	£1,199.24p
	27 th /28 th December	Offertory Collection	£402.63p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£56.50p
		Christmas Charities	£273.85p