

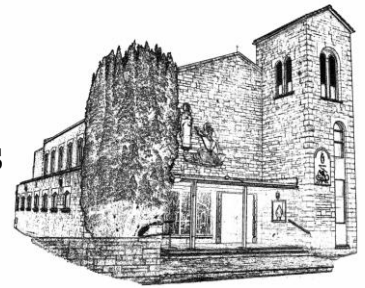
# The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Alice Poppy (anniversary)	
Monday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am		
Saturday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Morning Mass

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

	5.30pm	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	In Thanksgiving	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

*[The Ascension of the Lord – page 276 in the Parish Mass Book]*

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY: “Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.” These were the parting words of Jesus to his disciples as recorded in the Gospel of Luke (in his Gospel, which we hear today, Mark simply notes that is what the disciples did after Jesus returned to the Father). The Lord’s final command to his followers is shared by the whole Church. On Communications Sunday, however, we remember particularly those who “proclaim the Good News” through the mass media which are able to reach vast numbers with our good news stories.

Please support, in today’s retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network, those who work for, and on behalf of, the Church in the mass media industry.

PLANTS AND PRESERVES: Our next major fundraising event is the sale of plants for the garden and patio and preserves for the larder. It will be on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June – time for those with green fingers to bring on their seedlings and trim their growing plants. And if your fingers are not green, you may like to think of acquiring plants in other ways to donate for the plant sale.

SITUATION VACANT: The parish Finance Committee is seeking a new member to be the Committee secretary. The Committee meets three or four times a year and will value an additional member to prepare the agenda and record the minutes: basic computer skills are necessary. Someone with office or secretarial experience will ideally fill the position. The secretary may also be able to take charge of creating and maintaining a simple record on computer of all the maintenance work being carried out in the parish. Please speak to Fr. John if you may be able to help.

### “WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY”

It was difficult to spot a live politician, national or local, during the recent election campaigns! There were no local public meetings with those seeking to represent us; election information came through the post; no one knocked at door to canvas support. It was probably a very different experience for those living in marginal constituencies where there was no shortage of opportunities to enter into discussion with candidates for election. But, for the rest of us, the media was just about the only way to find out what those seeking to represent us had to offer – very much a monologue rather than the dialogue that elections once provided.

This is but one example of the influence the media can have in shaping our thoughts, opinions, beliefs and, possibly, the way we live our lives. It is a powerful tool in the hands of politicians and any other group that seeks our support or wants to persuade us of the value of what it has to offer. The media is a powerful tool but also a subtle one: used carefully it can present in an appealing and attractive manner opinions and beliefs that are corrosive and damaging. So we need to be ever watchful of the influence the media may be having on us.

The whole Church shares in the task entrusted to it of going out “to the whole world” there to proclaim “Good News to all creation.” We are doing so at a time when many in the world are searching for meaning, identity, truth and justice often in situations of confusion and conflict. The inspiration of Pope Francis, who has captured the attention of the media, continues to influence many people around the world – most recently on such issues as human trafficking and the modern slave trade, the search for peace in the Middle East and elsewhere, a new relationship between Cuba and North America and much else besides. Today we are asked to support those who make sure that the Good News we have been entrusted with reaches out to the largest audiences through the mass media in all its different forms.

**SELSEY FOLK AND MUSIC CLUB:** The next gathering of the club will be on Wednesday evening: from 7.30pm in the Hall. All are welcome – to play, sing or just listen; refreshments available.

**SUMMER EVENTS:** There are new posters on the Deanery and Diocesan notice board in the porch advertising events during the coming months. There may be something there of interest to you!

### “FESTIVAL 50”

We have booked the use of two minibuses with seating for 34 people to transport all from the parish who want to be a part of the celebrations at the Amex Stadium, Brighton on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of our diocese. Entrance to the Stadium will be free, but there will be a modest charge for transport. Just a few places left so please add your name to the list at the Festival 50 display area if you would like to go.

The day will culminate with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 3.00pm but will be preceded by a day of activities and events for all ages. There is more information in the A & B Golden Jubilee Souvenir Magazine or on the Festival website – [www.dabnet.org/Festival50](http://www.dabnet.org/Festival50).

A reminder: To enable people and priests from every parish to be present at the Amex Stadium there will no Sunday Mass in parishes on July 5<sup>th</sup>, but there will be a Saturday evening Mass as usual the evening before.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Jacqui and Michael Brooker; Max Foresheew, 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:	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> May	Offertory Collection	£410.96p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£81.20p