

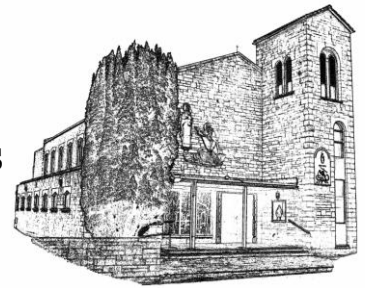
# The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		The English Martyrs	
	10.00am	Patrick Dempsey (anniversary)	
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

## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

	5.30pm	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

*[5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – page 268 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**COFFEE AFTER MASS:** All are welcome to the Hall after Mass for coffee and other refreshments. At the same time, there will be a further opportunity to browse and buy the remaining books from the Book Fair and the cakes, pies, pastries, preserves from the Bakes Fair. All are welcome.

**CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION:** This Sunday afternoon young people from the parishes of our Deanery will be gathering with their family and friends at Arundel Cathedral to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for all those who will become Confirmed members of the Church, that they will be strengthened in their faith and generous in their service to others.

**JUBILEE DISCUSSION GROUP:** The sixth and final meeting in this year's series of discussions will be on Tuesday, beginning at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Most important teaching documents of the Church end with a chapter on the place of Mary, the Mother of Jesus: the Constitution on the Church of the Second Vatican Council was no exception. This meeting will discuss "Mary, Model of the Church" – her example as a true disciple of her Son and her place in the life of the Church.

**BOOKS and BAKES:** May we thank all those who organised, set up and assisted on the day with the sale of books and the usual delectable homemade cooking, baking and preserves? We are grateful, also, to all those who donated books and who spent hours in the kitchen. Finally, we thank all who supported the Fair by coming and spending money. All proceeds we go towards the Church Maintenance Fund.

## "THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS"

Those who attended the Jubilee discussion group during the week had an opportunity to reflect upon and talk about what we mean, when we say in the Creed at Mass, "I believe in... the communion of saints." From the moment of our baptism we are called to be saints – to live a holy life in this world (the theme of the previous week) and then to live fully in the presence of God for "life everlasting."

Recent decades have seen a marked shift in the language and rituals of death: many people no longer talk about a loved one dying but say they have "passed away" and the important focus at funeral services is to remember and celebrate (with the near obligatory family tribute or eulogy) the life of the deceased. The emphasis is on looking backwards rather than looking forwards. An increasing number of funeral services are now "secular" – no service in Church or Chapel; no priest or minister present; no prayers said or hymns sung. More and more people have come to doubt the certainty of life beyond the present.

Words from Eucharist Prayer 3 were quoted in the recorded talks, "To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory, when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes. For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all ages." For us as Christians the whole of life is a journey to God (for we are a "pilgrim people") and our death is but a significant moment on that journey as we leave this world, with all its limitations, only to continue towards God, pausing for a time of purification if we need it!

**MAINTENANCE WORK:** The latest work, much less visible than the recent installation of the new windows but just as important, has been replacing metal lintels over doors and windows at the rear of the Church. Rust had set in and the resulting expansion was causing considerable movement in the surrounding stonework. Not very exciting maintenance work but, nevertheless, it is essential to keeping the Church in good repair. Much more noticeable has been the repairs to the Church bells that have been silent for many months! These projects are involving parishioners giving their time and expertise: may we thank them for sorting out faults in our Church and wisely supervising the expenditure of the money we all raise for the Church Maintenance Fund?

## "FESTIVAL 50"

There will be a day of events and activities for people of all ages before the diocese comes together for the great Mass of Thanksgiving to mark our Golden Jubilee as the Church of Arundel and Brighton. Bishop Richard will open the day at 10.00am. Then there will be talks to listen to; exhibitions to visit; school choir singing for us; displays of art and flowers to admire; activities for children and others for young people. Please take a copy of the A & B Golden Jubilee Souvenir Magazine (one per family) for much more information, or visit the Festival website – [www.dabnet.org/Festival50](http://www.dabnet.org/Festival50).

If you want to be a part of it, please sign-up as soon as possible. Entrance to the Amex Stadium, Brighton on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July will be free, but there will be a charge for transport – by minibus or coach: the cost will depend on numbers and the final mode of transport.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Jacqui and Michael 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 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> April	Offertory Collection	£466.09p
		Education of Future Priests	£182.52p