

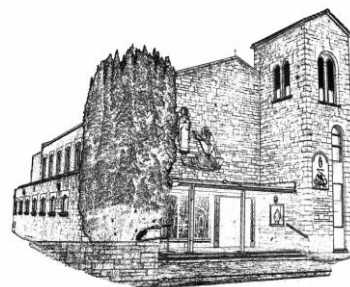
# The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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

**9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

## Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		
Monday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		St. Matthias	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am		
Saturday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Morning Mass

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

	5.30pm	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Alice Poppy (anniversary)	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

*[6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – page 270 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**A & B GOLDEN JUBILEE:** If you didn't receive one last weekend, please be sure to take home a copy of the Festival 50 Souvenir Magazine. It is more than a guide to the Festival 50 celebration at the Amex Stadium on 5<sup>th</sup> July – although it is certainly that. It also gives a brief reminder of the history of our diocese and an insight into its life 50 years on from its foundation. And if you are wondering what all the fuss is about there is an article on why we have Jubilees and Festivals.

**BOOKS AND BAKES:** The result of last weekend's Fair was an extremely impressive total of £434.94p: a fitting tribute to the combined efforts of those who assisted in any way with the sale of books, the baking of cakes and the making of jams and preserves. So, may we again thank all those who contributed in any way to the success of the Fair – our third major fundraising activity of 2015 following the equally successful Sponsored Swim and Curry Lunch?

**SOCIAL AND FUDRAISING GROUP:** The May meeting of the Group will be on Tuesday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall, to continue planning the fundraising activities. All are most welcome

**COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY:** Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network – that supports those who work for, and on behalf of, the Church in the mass media industry. So much of the information that people receive today, which shapes what they believe, the opinions they have, and the way they live, comes through the new "social media" as well as the more traditional mass media. So it is important that the Church is also there to proclaim the Good News and to promote Gospel values.

## “MARY, MODEL OF THE CHURCH”

Every Catholic Church – from the largest basilica to the smallest chapel – has one: a shrine to Our Lady. It may be just a statue in a prominent place, as in our own Church, or it may be a chapel with its own altar within the body of the Church; whatever its size, it is the place where people can go to seek Our Lady’s help by asking her intercession for a special cause.

The final meeting of the discussion group about the teaching of the Vatican Council on the Church was about “Mary, Model of the Church” – that Our Lady is not just an “intermediary” between ourselves and God, but that she is the perfect example of what it is to be a follower, or disciple, of her Son, Jesus. To become the means of God entering our world, as a person like one of us, Mary had to open to God and ready to say “yes” when so much was asked of her. But it didn’t stop there: she was devoted to her Son while she carried him in her womb and, after she brought him into the world, she cared for him throughout his childhood and into adult life, supported him in his God-given mission. Finally, she bore with him his suffering at the end of his life on earth but was also the first witness to his resurrection. Only by being open and responsive to the grace of God – from the first moment of her existence until she taken up into heaven at the end of her life – was Mary able to remain faithful to God and achieve what God asked of her: indeed a worthy example and true model for every Christian.

God will never ask any of us what he asked of Mary. However, God does ask for our “yes” in the hope we too will be generous in our response. And when God does ask, God does not fail to provide the grace needed to achieve what is asked of us.

TRIDENT STRUCTURAL LTD: May we record our thanks to this local business (in Chichester Road) for kindly donating the new steel brackets that are now supporting the kneelers in front of the pews in the main body of the Church? They replace the original wooden brackets that were a health and safety hazard – a number of people having tripped and fallen over them. And we also thank Tony for obtaining them from Trident and fixing them to the pews.

SAINT WILFRID NORTH and SOUTH: Parishioners interested in finding out more about the life of our patron, St. Wilfrid, “evangelist, bishop, founder of monasteries and champion of church unity, architectural and musical innovation” (not to mention fishing!) can listen to an illustrated talk on either 27<sup>th</sup> May or 15<sup>th</sup> June in Haywards Heath. Full details on a poster in the porch.

## “FESTIVAL 50”

If you want to be a part of the celebrations marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of our diocese, 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.

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, but there will be a Saturday evening Mass.

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:	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Offertory Collection	£456.12p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£38.55p
		Books and Bakes Fair	£434.94p