The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL

27th/28th June 2015

Mass Times

Saturday 5.30pm Eileen and Peter Austin RIP

Sunday 10.00am For the Intentions of the Parish

Monday Weekday of the Year

10.00am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday Weekday of the Year No Mass

Wednesday Dedication of the Cathedral No Mass

Thursday Weekday of the Year No Mass

Friday St. Thomas

10.00am

Saturday Weekday of the Year No Morning Mass

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5.30pm Myra Cooley RIP

Sunday No Mass in the Parish this Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles – page172 in the Parish Mass Book]

PETER'S PENCE: The Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, which we are celebrating this weekend, is the occasion each year when every local Church throughout the world unites in showing its support for the Pope by contributing to Peter's Pence – the fund that enables the Pope to finance all that he does for and on behalf of the Universal Church. The retiring collection today is our contribution to Peter's Pence.

NO MASS ON MONDAY: In place of the 10.00am Mass on Monday there will be a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion – as Fr. John will be away for a few days.

NO SUNDAY MASS: Next Sunday the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton meets at the Amex Stadium in Brighton to celebrate its Golden Jubilee. Thirty members of our parish will be joining Bishop Richard, honoured guests and people and priests from every parish of the diocese. The day will be an exhibition and display of all that is happening in our diocese and it will end with a Mass of Thanksgiving for our first 50 years.

Please note that the only Mass in the parish next weekend will the Saturday evening Mass at 5.30pm.: there will be **no Sunday morning Mass**.

SUMMER DRAW 2015: Envelopes with books of tickets for the Summer Draw are available this weekend. The first three prizes will be £100, £50 and £25; and there will be other prizes. You will find envelopes with books of tickets at the end of the pews: please take as many as you wish - to sell to family, friends neighbours and anyone willing to support our Church Maintenance Fund.

"CATHOLIC VOICES"

Every year, on or around Ascension Day, there is a special collection for the Catholic Communications' Network that funds those who work to represent the Church in the mass media. During the week a group of priests met for a study day with one of those who do just that. He is a member of "Catholic Voices" that was set up at the time of the visit to this country by Pope Benedict, and he was able to show that this group did much to change the tone of the way the media reported the visit – from a very negative focus in the build-up to the visit that became, in the event, extensive coverage on television and positive reporting in the press.

The explanation for the change was very simple: a group of ordinary Catholic lay people were given basic training in how to present an informed and positive picture of the Church and then made available for interviews by journalists and on television news programmes. They were greatly surprised at how readily reporters accepted their offers to explain things and willing to listen to what they had to say. The lesson they learnt was that many in the media have very little understanding of the Church and our Christian faith but they do have a number of simplistic stereo-types of what we are about. When the Church gets a "bad press" the reason is more likely to be from ignorance than from malice – the same old negative ideas about the Church trotted out time and again. If there are Catholics prepared and willing to speak simply, honestly and truthfully to the media it is appreciated and mostly reported.

Following on from the experience of the Papal visit, "Catholic Voices" now trains ordinary Catholics in this country, and in many others around the world, to speak up for the Church through the media, locally as well as at a national level. We need a "catholic voice" on the Manhood Peninsula – any volunteers?

FESTIVAL 50: There is an important information sheet for all those going to the Amex Stadium next Sunday: please be sure to ask Fr. John for your copy.

IN MEMORY OF ALAN AND YOLANDE WELCH: There will be a brief Service for the Sprinkling of the Ashes of Alan and Yo before the evening Mass on Saturday, 11th July. Their family is arranging a Reception in the Hall after Mass, which will be offered in their memory, for all who would like to attend, especially the many in the parish who remember them with affection.

SUMMER FAIR: We are now looking for contributions and donations for this year's Summer Fair on Saturday, 1st August. There will be all the usual stalls – bric-a-brac, good as new clothing, books, films and music on various media, toys and puzzles, etc. Prizes for the Summer Draw and for the traditional bottle and chocolate tombolas – and this year an extra groceries' tombola – will be very welcome. Please bring whatever you can donate to the Church porch.

THANKS: The delicious cakes that we have been enjoying with our coffee in the Hall after Mass in recent months have been kindly donated by More Foods Limited of Chichester: may we record our thanks to them for their generosity?

NEW WINDOWS: The windows of the sacristy and other rooms at the rear of the Church have been replaced during the week. They were in a very poor state, especially those on the southfacing wall; they leaked badly, particularly when the rain was blown in from the south. The new windows should keep out the damp and allow us repair the damage from water penetration.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui and Michael Brooker; Max Foreshew, Tricia Green, Christina Hackett, Nell Hassett, Peggy Owens, Samantha Phillips, Pat Sherman; 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: 20th/21st June