

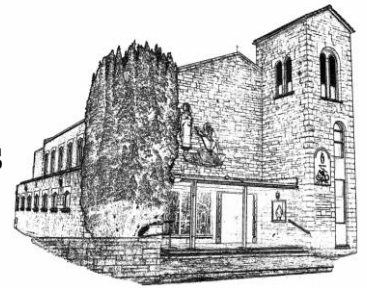
# The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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**30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

## Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Jack Donoghue RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	In Thanksgiving	
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	Private Intention	
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Wednesday		St. Simon and St. Jude	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Saturday		Weekday of the Year	No Morning Mass

## ALL SAINTS

	5.30pm	Kit Grace RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	In Thanksgiving	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

*[30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – page 149 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**CANON BERNARD THOM:** This Saturday is the sixth anniversary of the death of Canon Bernard who was parish priest from 1996 until 2000. May he rest in peace!

**WELCOME** to Florence Martha Prince who will become a member of the family of God in the waters of Baptism this Sunday afternoon. Please pray for Florence, her parents, brothers and sisters, and their family and friends.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** There is a meeting on "Children and Adult Basic Safeguarding Awareness" at St. Richard's, Chichester this Monday evening from 7.00 to 9.00pm. for parish volunteers who have regular contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Please let Fr. John know if you are hoping to attend as the organisers need to be advised of numbers.

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** The liturgy next weekend will be to honour all the Saints – all the countless men, women and children throughout the ages who lived good, holy and faithful lives.

**ALL SOULS' DAY:** The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed will be on Monday week (2<sup>nd</sup> November). After the 10.00am Mass there will be a blessing of the graves in the cemetery at Church Norton of former parishioners and priests who served the parish.

**CHRISTMAS SINGALONG AND SUPPER:** Tickets are now available - £5.00 for adults, £2.50 for children – for the last social event of 2015 – a relaxing supper to accompany musical entertainment and community singing. It will be on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## "THE YEAR OF MERCY"

Bishop Richard with over 70 priests and deacons of the diocese met earlier in the week for an overnight conference to reflect on the mercy of God. In the Scriptures and in the life of the Church we find the love of God revealed in all its fullness, but at different times one aspect of it may receive more emphasis and others less. At the moment it is the God of mercy that is receiving much attention. This change of emphasis was captured by Pope John XXIII in a key sentence of his address as he opened the Second Vatican Council. He told the bishops of the world, gathered in St. Peter's, that traditionally "the Church had opposed the errors of every age. Frequently she had condemned them with the greatest severity. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity." When the emphasis is on God as a judge who demands justice then the Church is more likely to see its responsibility as passing judgement and condemning errors; when the emphasis is God as merciful it will seek bring God's healing and forgiving love to the world.

A Church (the Spouse of Christ) that "makes use of the medicine of mercy" will grow to be somewhat different to the Church that condemns "with severity." It will speak a message of hope to a world that has endured two world wars in the last hundred years; that is still injured by numerous conflicts; where there is an unjust and unfair balance between those who enjoy plenty and those that suffer great poverty; where countless families are forced from their homes. During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which begins on the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (8<sup>th</sup> December), Pope Francis will invite all Catholics to deepen their experience of our merciful God through prayer and pilgrimage; to better understand the Bible; to experience God's forgiveness through reconciliation; to be merciful in our lives and relationships with others.

**RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND:** Next weekend there will be the annual collection to enable the diocese to support priests who have retired from parish ministry; at present there 32. Many continue to help out in parishes near where they live in retirement. The diocese supports them in living independent lives and when they need more assistance to continue living in their home, the diocese provides it. Some live in residential or nursing homes, supported by the diocese. Last year the diocese spent £253,000 supporting retired priests: please help it to continue providing care for retired priests. As a diocesan charity this collection can be Gift Aided using one of the special purple envelopes if you have numbered envelopes.

**QUIZ AND CHIPS:** The evening last Saturday raised a total of £166.50p. From the total, £100.00 was donated to Marian's Sponsored Swim for the UK Sepsis Trust in memory of her granddaughter. May we thank all those who organised a very enjoyable and fun evening?

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November. Please bring to the Church porch any donations for all stalls, especially those with a Christmas theme – candles, cakes, toys, books, miscellaneous good-as-new, the tombolas: bottles and chocolate and festive foods.

**LITURGY MEETING:** There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November for all those involved in the liturgy to plan the liturgy for Advent and Christmas. It will be in the Parish Hall beginning at 7.00pm and is open to all who have a part to play in our parish liturgical celebrations.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Jacqui and Michael Brooker, Matt Davis, Max Foreshew, Tricia Green, Nell Hassett, Sid Hiscock, Margaret Kortens, Sean Mangan, Peggy Owens, Samantha Phillips, Sheilagh Roberts, John Topp, Patricia Towell, 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:	17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> October	Offertory Collection	£485.33p
		Missio	£97.22p