

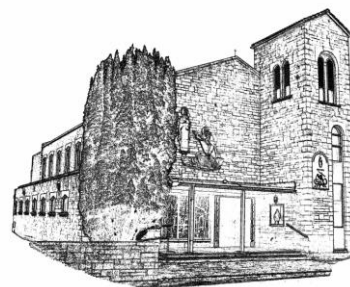
# The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

## Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	For the Deceased of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Helen Aslett (anniversary)	
Monday		St. Andrew	
	10.00am	Brian and Agnes Kennedy RIP	
Tuesday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Thursday		St. Francis Xavier	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Advent	
	10.00am	Michael and Katie Lindsey Clark RIP	
Saturday		Weekday of Advent	No Morning Mass

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	5.30pm	For the Deceased of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Ken Wass RIP	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

*[1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – page 82 in the Parish Mass Book]*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Hilda Shepherd who died on Monday. She was a resident at Summerhill Care Home for some years until she moved earlier this year to Ashbourne Residential Care Home where she died. Please pray, also, for her family. Her funeral will be on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am. May she rest in peace!

CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND: This weekend there is the annual retiring collection when we join with all other parish communities in the diocese to support our "Mother Church" which is available for the use of the whole diocesan family. As a diocesan charity your donation can be Gift Aided using the special purple envelope in you have a box of envelopes.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: All the efforts of those who organised and prepared the Christmas Fair last Saturday, of those who generously donated goods for the stalls and prizes for the raffles and tombolas, of those who offered our hospitality to all the visitors, have once again been richly rewarded. The final amount raised by the Fair was £1,500.47p for the Building Maintenance Fund. We thank everyone who contributed in any way, overcoming unfavourable weather and competition from other events and activities in the Town, to achieve this magnificent result.

The Building Fund is still needed to complete work in the Church and Hall, where all the essential repair work has been completed but "cosmetic" work needs to be finished. However, money is also needed for the Presbytery where there are essential repairs to be done and redecoration throughout undertaken: your continuing support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

## “STAY AWAKE”

At the end of a long and busy day, and in the comfort and security of our own home, it can happen that we turn on the evening news and then doze off while the controversies and crises of the day flash across our screens. It's not that we intend to turn our back on the world, or are indifferent to it, just that our physical self is taking over and deciding “enough is enough” for the day. Every Advent begins with the call from the Lord to “stay awake” and “be prepared” – for we must avoid allowing what might happen in front of the television to become a habit in daily life! On a number of occasions Jesus warned his followers that there would be troubled times ahead, all kinds of trials and tribulations, and that they must be ready to meet the challenges. When these come, either in our personal lives or in the world around us, we are not to lose heart but to meet them head on knowing that the Lord is with us to guide, encourage and strengthen our resolve.

We are on a journey: sometimes the road beneath our feet is smooth and sometimes rough; it has all the ups and downs, twists and turns, of any journey. We know our destination: a time when there will be peace and harmony, love and togetherness, shared by everyone. With this in mind we respond to life's challenges ever hopeful that, with the Lord in our midst, the future will ultimately be better than the present. Advent is a time to shake off any despondency that may have crept into our life; to renew and strengthen our faith; to wake up from our slumbers.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS:** As next weekend is the first of the month there will be coffee after Mass on Sunday morning; after the Saturday evening Mass there will be the Christmas Sing-a-Long. All will be welcome coffee on Sunday morning (admission to the Sing-a-Long is by ticket only!).

**FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN:** The third meeting for the children in the programme will be next Saturday (5<sup>th</sup> December) in the Parish Hall.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE GREEN:** The Churches of Selsey and Seal Primary Academy invite the people of the Town to join them for “some uplifting seasonal carols” at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December from 4.00pm. More details on a poster on the Parish notice board.

**“CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT”** The annual service of carols at St. Philip Howard School, Barnham for older members of the community will be on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30 to 4.30pm. The singing of carols will, as usual, be accompanied with mulled wine and mince pies. All the Selsey Venture Buses will be busy that afternoon: those wanting to attend may like to organise themselves into car-sharing groups.

**CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG:** Those coming to the social next Saturday are reminded that teas, coffees and soft drinks will be available during the evening. If they want something a little stronger with their Ploughman's Supper, they are asked to bring it with them!

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Both groups of cleaners need more members. Church cleaning is done every first Saturday of the month, for about an hour in the morning. The two groups alternate so that each meets just six times a year. More volunteers – men, women and children (old enough to use a duster) – are needed. If you can help, speak to Fr. John or ring 607526.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Jacqui and Michael Brooker, Matt Davis, Max Foreshow, Tricia Green, Nell Hassett, Margaret Kortens, Grace Ledger, Sean Mangan, Peggy Owens, Samantha Phillips, Sheilagh Roberts, John Topp, Theresa Watson, Joyce Williams 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:	21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Offertory Collection	£452.36p
		Brighton Voices in Exile	£336.23p
		Christmas Fair	£1,500.47p