

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

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4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2016

30<sup>th</sup>/

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	In Thanksgiving	
Sunday	10.00am	Francis Gormley RIP	
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Michael Brooker	
Tuesday		The Presentation of the Lord	
	10.00am	The Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Friday		St. Agatha	
	12.30am	Funeral Mass for Bill Aslett	
Saturday Mass		St. Paul Miki and Companions	No Morning

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	The Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 132 in the Parish Mass Book]

**FUNERAL MASSES:** The funeral for Michael Brooker, who lived in Sidlesham, will be in St. Wilfrid's on Monday at 11.00am. Please pray for Jackie, their family and all their relatives and friends.

The funeral for Bill Aslett, who lived in Marisfield Place, will be in St. Wilfrid's on Friday at 12.30pm. Please pray, too, for Sarah and all her family and friends.

**"NEW TO YOU SALE"** There will be a table-top sale in the Parish Hall next Saturday from 10.00am to 12.00noon. Donations to fill the tables will be much appreciated: it could be an opportunity to discreetly dispose of Christmas gifts kindly meant but not quite "just what I've always wanted!" Other items suitable for the "good-as-new" tables will also be welcomed.

**PALM BRANCHES:** Ash Wednesday will be on Wednesday week (10<sup>th</sup> February). Next weekend you are invited to leave in the Church Porch your palm branches from Palm Sunday last year: they will be burnt after the 10.00am Mass next Sunday to provide the ashes for the blessing and distribution of ashes on the following Wednesday - to mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND:** The retiring collection next weekend will be the annual collection for the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes: the fund helps with the expenses of

sick pilgrims who might not be able to travel to Lourdes unless they receive financial help with their fare. As it is a diocesan collection donations can be gift-aided using a special purple envelope.

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“DON’T STAND BY”

“Lessons will be learnt” seems to be the current mantra that accompanies every explanation and apology for mistakes made in public life: would that they were! There have been many events and commemorations these last few days surrounding the annual Holocaust Memorial Day last Wednesday which had, as its theme, “Don’t Stand By.” If ever there was an event in human history from which lessons should be learnt it is the tragedy of the extermination of six million people, mostly Jews, who died in concentration camps during World War II and yet this genocide has been followed by others since – in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and other smaller ones elsewhere.

Many of the Holocaust Memorial Day events, both national and local, seek to involve younger generations in particular. One of the most effective ways of impressing young people is to let them hear at first hand the experiences of those who are survivors of the Holocaust – but they are becoming fewer in numbers as the years pass. The story must continue to be told, however, even after there is no one left to tell it if we want future generations not to repeat the mistakes of recent history.

In the meantime, there are new forms of genocide happening right now in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere. One group being singled out for extinction are communities of Christians: families are being cleared from their homes and villages; those not moving out quickly enough are often killed or taken into slavery; their Churches and schools are being destroyed. The feast of the Conversion of St. Paul was a reminder that less than ten years after Pentecost and the birth of the Church there was a Christian community in Damascus: Syria was the first country to host Christians outside of Israel. Churches around the world are seeking ways of supporting the first Churches to be established in Syria and in neighbouring countries: none of us can afford to stand by and let this happen if they are to have a future.

**SPONSORED SWIM:** The annual fundraising swim will be in The Oasis Pool at Bunn Leisure Centre on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Two lanes have been booked for a 12.00noon start. Swimmers (of all ages) are welcome to sign-on to swim 1 or 100 lengths (or any number in between). Sponsors are also wanted - to sponsor individuals or to sponsor “the team” - there are forms in the Church Porch for both swimmers and sponsors. All proceeds for the Building Maintenance Fund.

**LENTEN RETREAT DAY:** There will be a day of reflection and prayer on the theme of “Pilgrimage in the Year of Mercy” on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. There will be Mass at 10.00am in Arundel Cathedral followed by a quiet day from 10.45am to 3.30pm at the Sussex Heritage Centre at Warningcamp near Arundel. The day includes Stations of the Cross and an opportunity for Confession. The cost for the day - £12.00 - includes refreshments and a cooked lunch. All are welcome: ‘phone Maria on 01903 884971 for more information and to book (by 20<sup>th</sup> February).

**WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** An annual event on the local ecumenical calendar is the Women’s World Day of Prayer involving participation from all four Selsey Churches. Chrissy Watson has represented St. Wilfrid’s for some years on the planning group and is now seeking a replacement. Please let Chrissy know - 606132 - if you would like join the group: as a once-a-year event at the beginning of March the tasks are mainly “networking” as the day approaches. This year the Day of Prayer will be on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Julian Davenport, Matt Davis, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Margaret Kortens, Grace Ledger, Sean Mangan, Peggy Owens, Samantha Phillips, Sheilagh Roberts, John Topp, 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:  
£373.90p  
£64.09p

23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> January

Offertory Collection  
Church Maintenance Fund