

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17th January 2016

16th/

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of all the People of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Peters Family	
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Thursday		St. Agnes	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	Tom & Pat Hobbs RIP	
Saturday Morning Mass		Weekday of the Year	No

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	Intentions of all the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Michael Brooker RIP	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 127 in the Parish Mass Book]

PLEASE PRAY FOR Arthur Cox who died last week: his funeral will be in St. Wilfrid's on Tuesday, 26th January at 1.00pm. Pray, too, for Michael Brooker who died on Wednesday: his funeral will be in St. Wilfrid's on Monday, 1st February at 11.00am. And pray for Bill Aslett who died on Thursday: his funeral will be on Tuesday, 2nd February at 12.30pm.

Please keep in your prayers their respective families and friends at this time of sadness. May they rest in peace!

WORLD PEACE SUNDAY: "The work of Pax Christi is rooted in Catholic Christianity co-operating with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice." The retiring collection this weekend is in support of this vitally important work.

FAMILY TALENT SHOW: This Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm the parish will welcome people from the local community to take part in, and enjoy, the Family Talent Show: an opportunity for people of all ages, both in the parish and wider community, to display their talents - as singers, dancers, instrumentalists, with recitations, etc. - for the pleasure and entertainment of others. Tickets for the Show are still available after Mass: £4.00 each; free for those under 16 years. Refreshments will be available, and a raffle. Proceeds from the Show will be for the Church Maintenance Fund.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Please remember to pray each day from Monday, and throughout the annual Christian Unity Week, for greater unity among Christians.

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OUTREACH

There are two events every January that remind us that an important part of our faith is to reach out to people beyond the immediate circle of our family and friends and to those who belong to other Christian communities: Peace Sunday (this weekend) and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (that begins on Monday).

The theme for this year's Peace Sunday – "Overcome Indifference and Win Peace" – is an invitation from Pope Francis to reflect on our attitude to other people and to world which we share with them. He is concerned that the "values" we absorb, often unconsciously, from our consumer society can all too easily influence our attitude to other people and to our God-given world. To keep the wheels of the economy turning we are encouraged to spend, spend, spend! As a result, we easily acquire more than we need, or could ever use, discarding much of it as waste resulting in the "throwaway culture" prevalent in many of the better-off nations. The Pope is concerned that we then treat other people as "disposable" – of value only for what we can get out of them for our own personal gratification. This "indifference" to the true value of other people, and of the finite created world, can put pressure on both leading to tension and violence. If we learn to treat people and material things – ultimately they are gifts from God – with the respect they deserve then we overcome the tensions and "win peace."

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a reminder that we and all Christians are called to be "the salt of the earth and the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-16). We are charged by Jesus to be a witness to those around us, by the holy lives we live, and so to proclaim the mighty works of God (see 1 Peter 2). The tradition of ecumenism in Selsey is one of Christians from the different Churches coming together to do things with and for the local community. Events such as the Passion Play and Carols on the Green involve members from all the Churches in giving a united witness. There is also a good representation from the Churches in civic events like the annual Remembrance Sunday and Lifeboat Service. These, and other activities such as the Food Bank, are ways in which the Christians of Selsey continue to witness to the presence and love of God in our town.

RED BOX COLLECTION: If your Red Missionary Box was not emptied midway through last year, or if it was and is now full again, please bring it to the Church next weekend: it is time to have it emptied (again) and a new box issued.

PARISH CENTENARIES: In modern times an organised Catholic presence in Selsey can be pinpointed to 1916 when a "census" in May of that year listed a "known Catholic population" of 16 permanent residents and a further 23 temporary residents. By July 1919 the original St. Wilfrid's Church had been built on the site of the present Church. This May will be 100 years since the small "sapling" was planted that has grown into the parish we are today. Bishop Richard has agreed to visit the parish on May 27th to celebrate with us our "first" centenary. This might then become a prelude to a "second" centenary event in 2019 to celebrate 100 years since the building and dedication of the original St. Wilfrid's Church.

Please let Fr. John know if you would like to join a small "working party" to plan suitable ways of marking these two important anniversaries in the life of our parish.

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:

£371.38p

£69.26p

£330.28p

9th/10th January

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund

Crib Collection