

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016

#### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of Ted and Margaret Kortens	
Monday	10.00am	The Annunciation of the Lord Roy Bell RIP	
Tuesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		St John Baptist de la Salle	No Mass
Friday	10.00am	Weekday in Eastertide Tom and Pat Hobbs RIP	
Saturday Mass		Weekday in Eastertide	No Morning

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

*[2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - page 262 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**COFFEE AFTER MASS:** There will be coffee and other refreshments in the Hall after Mass this Saturday evening and Sunday morning: all will be most welcome, especially if you are visiting.

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD:** The usual date for this solemnity, one of the great feasts of the year, is usually 25<sup>th</sup> March; however, as the 25<sup>th</sup> this year was Good Friday, our celebration of the Annunciation has been deferred to this Monday.

**TAI CHI CLASSES:** After a little break for Easter the regular Monday morning Tai Chi class in the Hall at 10.30am resumes this week. As a class for "beginners" there is no difficulty for new members joining and quickly picking up the basics - an hour gentle relaxation and regular exercise to begin the week.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!** There are two anniversaries during the coming week of priests, now departed, who once served in this parish. Tuesday will be the anniversary of the death (in 2003) of Father Paul Wilkins: he was the assistant priest from 2000 for about eighteen months, when he retired for health reasons. The anniversary of the death of Canon Patrick Cox (in 1996) will be next Saturday: he was parish priest from 1985 to 1995. Please remember them in your prayers.

**EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS:** The annual retiring collection, that enables the diocese to pay for the training of its future priests, will be next weekend. The diocese pays the college, seminary and university fees for those hoping to be ordained as priests for the Church of

Arundel and Brighton; in return they promise life-long service to the Church. As this is a diocesan collection those who use numbered envelopes can place their donation in one of the special purple envelopes.

#### CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Those who learned their faith from the Penny Catechism will remember learning “by heart” the seven Corporal Works of Mercy – seven practical ways in which Christians are asked to live their faith in service to their neighbour. More than that, they are “yardsticks” by which we will be judged when the time comes. Six of them are based on the Parable of the Last Judgement (Matthew 25: 31-46) when the “Son of Man comes in his glory” and will then separate people one from another as a “shepherd separates sheep from goats” – the virtuous will then go to “eternal life;” the others will “go away to eternal punishment.” The seventh – to bury the dead – is an even more ancient work of mercy from the tradition of the People of Israel.

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has reminded the Church of these important precepts asking all of us to practice them in our daily lives, thereby revealing to the world that God is a God of mercy and compassion. The first two Corporal Works of Mercy are to “feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty.” At first sight it might appear difficult for us to provide food and drink to our neighbour: like us, most of them can do their weekly shop in supermarkets where shelves are stacked high with food; or they can turn on a tap for an unlimited flow of good, clean water. So we do what many of us do regularly and contribute to charities such as CAFOD who “feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty” on our behalf in areas of the world where there is great need.

But there are people much nearer to home, if we care to look closely, who are in need of food and drink. There are sick or elderly people who can't get to the shops and who might appreciate an offer to do some shopping for them. Every time we travel to and from Chichester we drive past the Stonepillow hostel at Hunston that provides food and drink for homeless people. And there is something that every one of us can do: avoid waste! If we plan our shopping thoughtfully and carefully we will buy only what we actually need and can consume and so never need to throw anything away. And if everyone were to do that there would soon enough be a much better distribution of food across the world. Before long the same is going to apply to water which, in some parts of the world, is already very scarce and may become more so with climate change.

**“OFF-LINE”** Over Easter Father John has not been connected to the internet and so unable to receive, and reply to, any emails. The presbytery ‘phone line needs to be updated to receive broadband and the earliest that the provider could make the connection is Monday. Please accept his apologies for any unanswered messages. And please remember to delete his temporary ‘phone number - 604953 - from your records and use only the number above.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:** Among forthcoming events to note in your diary are a Books and Bakes sale on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April; Bishop Richard's visit to the parish on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May to begin our centenary celebrations; a Plants and Preserves sale on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June; a parish Barbeque on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> July; the Summer Fair on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July. The next Bags2thefuture collection will be on 24<sup>th</sup> May and an Easter Egg Hunt is now under active consideration.

**VERY MANY THANKS!** “May I again thank everyone for the very generous offertory collection on Easter Sunday - a personal gift to your parish priest. I would also like to thank those who very thoughtfully sent “Welcome to Your New Home” cards and little gifts to help make the house into a home: they were much appreciated.”

Fr. John

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Beryl Ayres, Jacqui Brooker, Julian Davenport, Max Foresheew, Nell Hassett,

Margaret Kortens, Grace Ledger, Sean Mangan, Samantha Phillips, Sheilagh Roberts 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.*

Collection:  
£1,022.56p

26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Offertory Collection

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