

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
16th/17th April 2016

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Gerry Cawley RIP	
Monday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Peters Family	
Tuesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am		
Saturday Mass		St George	No Morning

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[4th Sunday of Easter - page 268 in the Parish Mass Book]

SELSEY FOLK & MUSIC CLUB: There will be a return visit to Selsey of the popular Andy Perry and Good Company on Wednesday, this time performing at the Selsey Centre in Coxes Road, beginning at 7.30pm. The Club, which had its beginnings in our own Parish Hall, is attracting ever larger numbers to enjoy an evening of popular music - to perform or just to listen and join in: £3.00 entry fee at the door.

APPEAL FOR THE UKRAINE: The situation in Syria and neighbouring countries is seldom out of the news. On a Sunday morning recently Pope Francis addressing the crowds in St Peter's Square reminded them and the world of another continuing crisis that has slipped from the headlines. He said, "I am thinking of the ordeal of the people of The Ukraine, of those who continue to live in lands that are turned upside down by hostilities that have caused thousands of deaths, and of those - over a million - who have been forced to leave due to the grave situation that persists." He appealed to every Church in Europe to take a special collection to support the families of those killed (over 10,000); those maimed or injured (tens of thousands); those suffering post-traumatic shock (hundreds of thousands); as well as all those made homeless. We will join the Churches of Europe and take a special retiring collection next weekend.

SAFEGUARDING: There will be a morning of "Basic Awareness Training" in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. It is an extra meeting to accommodate those unable to attend to previous local meeting and will be at St. Peter's Church, East Wittering on Monday,

25th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm. For more information visit the diocesan website and click on “forthcoming events.” Please use the link on the website if you want to book a place, or ring Rosemary Terry on 01273 241203.

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VISIT THE IMPRISONED AND VISIT THE SICK

The earliest known account of how the followers of Christ celebrated Mass on Sunday – written by Justin Martyr in 150 AD – describes the offertory collection when people brought gifts to the Altar for later distribution to “all who are in need.” Among those receiving aid were those who “are in want by reason of sickness” and those also “that are in prison.” From the very beginning it appears that those who were sick or in prison received the care of the community – not just their prayers but practical assistance: a demonstration of how important the Corporal Works of Mercy were to the first generations of Christians.

Regina Coeli is a large prison on the outskirts of Rome. On the day that he was elected, Pope John XXIII wanted to go and visit the prison (but was not allowed by Vatican officials to go until Christmas); more than 50 years later, Pope Francis visited the same prison within weeks of being elected Pope. An increasing number of Christians – laymen and women, religious sisters and priests, as well as Popes – believe that for them visiting the imprisoned is an important corporal work of mercy: not to condone the crime but in the belief that all human beings are equally children of God and that no one is beyond redemption.

Visiting the sick is also an obligation for Christians. Fulfilling this corporal work of mercy can be practical and everyday – spending time with people who are housebound; running errands for and offering lifts to those lacking mobility; visiting friends and neighbours in hospital or who have moved to residential care; volunteering to help with local charities that provide meals and social activities for those who have become frail and elderly. Whenever we provide practical help for those in our neighbourhood who are sick, or support those who can and do visit the imprisoned, we are continuing a long tradition dating back to the very beginning of the Church.

BOOK, BOOKS, BOOKS!!! The next fundraising event will be the “Books and Bakes” morning on Saturday, 30th April. Preparations for the baking are well under way - but we also need a good supply of books to sell. Please search your bookshelves for all those books you will never get around to reading again and bring them to the Church Porch - others may not have read them and will be happy to donate something to the Church Maintenance Fund so that they can do so.

BAGS2THEFUTURE: After searching your bookshelves, why not look through your wardrobe and chest of drawers for clothing that is surplus to requirement? The next collection of clothes and shoes from the Church will be on 24th May. There are special bags available in the Porch.

PLANTS AND PRESERVES: With longer days, some of them blessed with the warmth of the spring sun, the green fingered are sowing seeds and planting plants. Please think of the sale of Plants and Preserves in June and sow and/or plant a few extra to sell on the day. It will be on Saturday, 4th June.

DONATIONS TO CAFOD: There is always a supply of “Give Regularly” envelopes in the Church Porch for those who would like to make donations to CAFOD between the annual Lent Fast Day and Harvest Fast Day. Any donations received by CAFOD before 9th May will be matched pound for pound by the Government’s “UK Aid Match.”

PARISH AUDIT: The “auditor” spent three hours on Friday morning examining our parish accounts for 2015 and looking at our method of bookkeeping. He left earlier than anticipated and had no concerns. A report on the audit of this and nine other parishes in diocese will be

forwarded within two months. He commented particularly on how lucky we are to have Nell “in charge” - so a very big thanks to Nell!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beryl Ayres, Liz Bevis, 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:
£263.46p

9th/10th April

Offertory Collection

Education of Future Priests
£91.54p