

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

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**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**30<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

## Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Tom Doyle RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday		St Athanasius	
	10.00am	Tom & Pat Hobbs RIP	
Tuesday		St Philip and St James	No Mass
Wednesday		The English Martyrs	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am	Ella Hughes RIP	
Saturday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Morning Mass

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

	5.30pm	Peggy Byrne RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

*[6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – page 273 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**COFFEE AFTER MASS:** This weekend there will be coffee in the Hall after Mass – and an opportunity to browse the books, for some Bank Holiday reading, that were not sold at the Books and Bakes Sale on Saturday morning. And if there are any cakes, pies and pastries remaining from the same Sale to take home to have something for tea. All will be most welcome.

**HUNT THE EASTER EGGS:** The Church, happily, celebrates Easter for fifty days, until the Feast of Pentecost the weekend after next. Ascension day, which we celebrate next weekend, is the second great feast of Eastertide, so a suitable day to invite the children of the parish to pop into the Presbytery garden to search for an Easter egg – next Sunday after the morning Mass. All children will be welcome (with their parents) to see what they can find.

**DEANERY CONFIRMATION:** Next Sunday afternoon in the Cathedral Bishop Richard will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with families from the parishes of the Deanery and Confirming 31 young people. Please pray for all of them, especially for Michael Ackerman from our own parish, that they will be open to the Gifts of the Spirit.

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK:** The annual retiring collection in support of the work of the Church in the media will be taken next weekend. The voice of the Church is heard by the majority of the population only in and through all the various forms of mass media: it is important that we proclaim the Good News using all the modern means of communication.

## THE CATHEDRAL DEANERY

There is a poster on the parish notice board with details of a Deanery Pilgrimage to the Cathedral in June and a note in this week's Newsletter about the Deanery Confirmation next Sunday. So, what is a Deanery? Our first experience of belonging to the Church is in our family – sometimes described as the “domestic Church.” Families belong to a parish that is centred around the local Church (every square foot of the free world falls within the defined boundaries of an established parish) and it is the parish community that Catholics are most familiar with. However, our membership of the Church doesn't stop at the boundary of the parish: we belong to the universal Church with our Bishop as the link to the worldwide Church, which has the Pope as the Supreme Teacher and Pastor who, with all the Bishops, shares the task of instructing and guiding us.

The temptation is great for a parish to think and act as if it is the beginning and end of the Church (especially in a town like Selsey which is literally at the “end of the road!”). We may not feel that we have much in common with Hastings or Esher but we belong to the same diocese as both of them, with the same Bishop, as well as all the parishes of East and West Sussex and Surrey. Every parish is one of about a dozen parishes forming a local “cluster.” A deanery is more than just an administrative unit: it is a community of parishes giving us a first link to the Church of Arundel and Brighton and then to the worldwide Catholic Church. The priests of the deanery parishes meet regularly to discuss local issues and organise local events (like the deanery pilgrimage to the Cathedral, and the 24 Hours for the Lord during Lent that was part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy). Our Catholic Schools are all organised within deaneries with Governors, Headteachers and Priests meeting regularly. So the Sacrament of Confirmation, administered by the Bishop, is the moment when young people begin to realise that the Church to which they are committing themselves, is much larger than their family, parish and school communities.

We may not think about our deanery very often but, in the background, it serves the important role of broadening our horizons and keeping us in touch with the Church beyond the Manhood Peninsula.

**A & B NEWS:** The May edition of our diocesan magazine – the A & B News – is available this weekend: please take a FREE copy from the Church porch as you leave.

**“THE GIFT IS LIFE IN THE SPIRIT”** There is a series of meetings on Wednesday evenings – run by the Catholic Bible School and using a CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) programme – at St. Richard's in Chichester. They “explore how we can bring our faith to life” and are from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:** Among forthcoming events to note in your diary are 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 there's an Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday.

**HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE:** The parishes of the Cathedral Deanery will be making a Holy Year Pilgrimage to the Cathedral at Arundel on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a procession to and through the Jubilee of Mercy Holy Door, followed by an opportunity for prayer, reflection and, for those who wish, an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be Evening Mass and finally a shared picnic (those parishes in the Deanery that have a Saturday evening Mass will cancel it that evening). There is a poster with more details on the Parish Notice Board in the porch.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Beryl Ayres, Liz Bevis, Jacqui Brooker, Julian Davenport, Max Foreshew, 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:	23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> April	Offertory Collection	£361.59p
		Ukraine Appeal	£124.26p