

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
23rd/24th April 2016

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Rory Byrne (anniversary)	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday		St Mark	
	10.00am	Tom & Pat Hobbs RIP	
Tuesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Friday		St Catherine of Siena	
	10.00am	Helen Ruddell (anniversary)	
Saturday Mass		St George	No Morning

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

	5.30pm	Tom Doyle RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[5th Sunday of Easter - page 271 in the Parish Mass Book]

APPEAL FOR THE UKRAINE: Pope Francis has recently appealed to the Churches throughout Europe to support our fellow Christians in The Ukraine. He appealed to every Church 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 stress (hundreds of thousands); as well as all those made homeless. We will join the Churches of Europe and take a special retiring collection this weekend.

SAFEGUARDING: There will be a morning of "Basic Awareness Training" in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults this Monday at St. Peter's Church, East Wittering 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.

BOOK AND BAKES: All are invited to our annual Spring Sale in the Parish Hall of books galore and the usual wonderful selection of cakes, pies and pastries. Please advise your friends and neighbours, and be sure to pop in yourself between 10.00am and 12.00noon.

In the meantime please bring any books you can spare to the Church Porch this weekend or to the Hall next Friday afternoon. Proceeds will be for the Church Maintenance Fund.

PARISH 'PHONE NUMBER: If you have the parish 'phone number noted in your 'phone book or stored electronically, please make sure it is (01243) **602312**: the recent number (01243) 604953 will be disconnected on Friday of this week and with it the Call Diversion service.

BURY THE DEAD

Unlike the previous six Corporal Works of Mercy, the seventh does not appear in St. Matthew's parable of the Last Judgement (Matthew 25: 31-46). This work of mercy was probably added to the seven almost as an afterthought but its practice pre-dates the other six: from their very beginning every human society has respected its deceased members – it is a universal mark of civilisation. It was certainly very important to the People of Israel who have a horror to this day of any human being left unburied as shown, for example, in the story of Tobit (see the Book of Tobit, chapter 1).

Our belief in the resurrection of the dead has shaped the Christian traditions and practices towards those who have died, as well as the way we assist those who are dying. It must certainly have influenced the life work of Mother Teresa of Calcutta who, with her Sisters, devoted herself to caring for the poorest and most destitute on the streets of her adopted city and, later, throughout India and in many countries around the world. The last twenty years in our own country has seen a widespread fundamental shift away from the “traditional” Christian funeral in Church, as belief in life after death has become less certain, regardless of whether the family and friends of those who have “passed” want a “religious” or “secular” funeral for their loved one. The focus for funerals has changed from commending the departed to the mercy and love of God to celebrating, and giving thanks for, the life of the deceased – with lengthy family tributes, suitable poems and a selection the favourite songs that meant something to the departed.

A Christian funeral should, ideally, be a community event when a parish gathers for a Funeral Mass to witness to our belief and our hope in the resurrection of the dead; to find comfort in the Word of God; to commend the person who has died to the mercy of God; to support with our presence the grieving family and friends. It is within that context that we recall, and give thanks to God for, the gift of the life of the individual and the blessings he or she has bestowed on all present in one way or another. In this way we show the dignity and respect that every individual is entitled to at the hour of their death. It should be a joyful occasion and of comfort to those who are grieving.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: Next weekend there will be coffee in the Hall after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. It will also be an opportunity to browse any books, and purchase any cakes, remaining from the Books and Bakes Sale on Saturday morning: all will be most welcome.

“THE GIFT IS LIFE IN THE SPIRIT” There will be a series of meetings beginning this Wednesday - run by the Catholic Bible School and using a CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) programme - at St. Richard's in Chichester that will “explore how we can bring our faith to life.” The meetings will be from 7.30 to 9.30pm and will be held on seven Wednesday evenings: all are welcome.

REFUGEE CRISIS NEWSLETTER: Our diocese is responding to the current refugee crisis by supporting charities that are working with and for refugees within the diocese, particularly the Brighton based charity Voices in Exile (BVIE). There is a Newsletter available in the Church Porch this weekend giving more information about our diocesan response, particularly the work of BVIE.

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE: The parishes of the Cathedral Deanery will be making a Holy Year Pilgrimage to the Cathedral at Arundel on Saturday, 18th 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 Foreshow, 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:
£469.73p

16th/17th April

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund
£85.04p