

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7th/8th May 2016

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Peggy Byrne RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		The Carthusian Martyrs	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am		
Saturday Mass		St Matthias	No Morning

PENTECOST SUNDAY

	5.30pm	Dominic Mascarenhas RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[The Ascension of the Lord - page 277 in the Parish Mass Book]

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK: There is a prayer and information card available this weekend about World Communications Day. In his message to the Church this year, Pope Francis reminds all of us that, "what we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all." This weekend we are asked to pray for, and to support in the annual retiring collection, the work of the Church in the media where the words of the Pope apply to way in which the Church presents itself through the media to the world.

HUNT THE EASTER EGGS: Children at the Sunday morning Mass are invited (with their parents) to pop into the Presbytery garden after Mass to celebrate Ascension Day - the second great feast of Eastertide - by searching for Easter eggs (the local Easter chickens, feeling the cold a few weeks ago, delayed laying their eggs until warmer times!). All children will be welcome to see what they can find.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION: This Sunday afternoon, in the Cathedral at Arundel, Bishop Richard will be Confirming 31 young people from the parishes of our Deanery, including Michael Ackerman from our own parish. Please remember them in your prayers and pray, too, for their Sponsors, their families and all celebrating the day with them.

BOOKS & BAKES: The final total from the Fair last Saturday was £449.28p - another outstanding success. Receipts from the sale of books - all given generously by parishioners -

were well matched by the sale of the usual delightful selection of cakes and pastries and a welcome addition from St. Wilfrid's Kitchen on Saturday evening.

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PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

There are far too many dreadful stories in the news – from our own country, from our national borders and from countries around the world – of children, the sick and the elderly suffering neglect and exploitation either from the greed of others or for their self-gratification, often by those in positions of authority. The Church in this country – endeavouring to “learn the lessons” from past mistakes – has a policy of ensuring the safety of all who cross the threshold of its buildings or are ministered to by those who represent the Church especially to children, young people and to vulnerable adults.

Those in our parish who undertook a Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) check several years ago so that they could minister to and work with children and vulnerable adults – as catechists, ministers of Holy Communion and in other ways – will be receiving a letter shortly asking them to renew their Certificate. This will be an opportunity for others who are, or who would like to become, more involved in parish activities that bring them regularly into contact with the young and with those who are sick and elderly to put themselves forward for clearance. If you are unsure about whether or not you should seek clearance, please have a word with Nuala Field, our Safeguarding Representative, or with Fr. John.

The Church and the Parish are not just concerned with protecting the most vulnerable: it makes efforts to ensure that everyone is safe in Church buildings and on its property. At the present moment we are also being “audited” for Health and Safety – fire precautions, electrical safety, a safe heating supply, safe passage in and out of our buildings and protection while in them – and others besides. Only in heaven can we be sure of 100% protection from all harm, but we are aiming to remove as many dangers and obstacles as we can in this little corner of the earth!

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next meeting for the children preparing for Holy Communion will be next Saturday: this meeting will be back in the Hall at the usual time - 10.00am.

The remaining dates in the programme are

Saturday, 21st May (in the Presbytery)

Saturday, 11th June: the children in the Hall; the parents meet with Fr. John in the Presbytery. Saturday, 25th June: children and parents will meet in the Church for a rehearsal.

Sunday, 3rd July at 10.00am: the Celebration of the First Reception of Holy Communion.

BAGS2THEFUTURE: The next collection of clothes and shoes from the Church will be on 24th May. There is an abundant supply of special bags to fill available in the Porch.

PLANTS AND PRESERVES: The current spring heat wave must be a temptation for the green fingered among us to sow seeds and plant 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.

PHOTOS AND OTHER MEMORABILIA: When Bishop Richard visits the parish on Friday, 27th May to mark the beginning of the celebration of our centenary as a parish, we hope to mount a display in words and pictures of the first 100 years in the life of the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Wilfrid. If you have any photos, printed cards or leaflets for special events, records of parish committees or other meetings, newspaper cuttings or anything that tells a small part of the story of our parish, and are prepared to lend them for the exhibition, then please mark them carefully so that we can copy and return them. Fr. John will be happy to receive them and pass them on to the appropriate person.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beryl Ayres, Liz Bevis, Jacqui Brooker, Julian Davenport, Max Foresheew, Nell Hassett, 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.

Collections:
£425.15p

30th April/1st May

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund
£53.25p