

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

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### 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June 2016

#### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	Canon Tony Whale RIP	
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Friday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am		
Saturday		St. Barnabas	No Morning
Mass			

### 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 93 in the Parish Mass Book]

**MISSIONARY ENDEAVOUR OF THE DIOCESE:** The annual retiring collection that supports our twinned diocese of Chulucanas in Peru and provides funds for those from our diocese on loan to, and working in, Chulucannas and other missionary dioceses, is this weekend. As a diocesan collection it can be Gift Aided using one of the special purple envelopes if you use numbered envelopes for your donations to the parish.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS:** All are invited - especially any visitors to the parish - to coffee and other refreshments in the Hall after Mass. The exhibition is still in place telling a little of the first 100 years in the story of our parish; and there are some plants and preserves on sale from the Fair.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** The annual Mass of Thanksgiving for priests of the diocese celebrating a special anniversary of their ordination this year will be on Wednesday: ten priests who, together, have given 470 years of service to the diocese. Please remember them in your prayers.

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** There will be another meeting next Saturday for the children preparing for Holy Communion: 10.00am in the Hall. At the same time there

will be a meeting in the Presbytery for the parents of the children - to begin preparing for the celebration of their children's First Holy Communion.

The remaining dates in the programme are

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June: children and parents will meet in the Church for a rehearsal.

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

#### CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION

Elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter there is a note about the Holy Year Pilgrimage to the Cathedral: it will include an opportunity, for those who wish, to make a personal Confession, with a number of priests available to celebrate the Sacrament. This Year of Mercy provides extra times and places for people to experience the mercy of God in this Sacrament, especially if people have not been to Confession for a while.

Being "at peace" with God and with others is an important spiritual need – but one that it is tempting to brush aside for obvious reasons! It's not admitting our failures to God that is the real problem for many; it is admitting to ourselves that we are less than perfect that is often the problem. In the Second Reading at Mass this weekend we hear St. Paul making a very public confession that he had once persecuted his fellow Christians before he came to realise how mistaken he was, and repented. His experience on the road to Damascus was like God holding before him a mirror in which he could see clearly the consequences of his actions. He tells us that, after he had repented and been baptised, he went on a long retreat in the desert to sort himself out, coming to terms with what he had been doing and working out what God wanted of him for the future.

Like Paul, from time to time we need to find the courage to look into the mirror that God holds before us, see the consequences of our actions (or inactions), and resolve to change. The Sacrament of Reconciliation doesn't ask that we make a public confession as Paul did, but invites us to acknowledge the consequences of our past failings, experience the mercy of God, and take a little time to see what God is asking of us for the future.

**GIFT AID APPEAL:** The number of those who Gift Aid their donations to the parish has dropped a little in the last year: some have moved away from Selsey; others have passed on to the eternal reward! Ian Purse - the parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator - will be making his annual appeal at the end of Mass next weekend in the hope of persuading more people to join the scheme. It's a simple way to increase the value of your contributions to the parish, not by increasing the amount you give, but by allowing the parish to reclaim from the Inland Revenue the tax that you paid on your gifts to the parish.

**HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE:** We will have the opportunity to join others from neighbouring parishes for a special Holy Year celebration for the parishes of the Deanery at the Cathedral in Arundel on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a procession - beginning at 4.00pm from the Cathedral Centre - 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 - at 5.30pm - and finally a shared picnic after Mass. We are asked to bring our own food (to share) for the picnic, but drinks will be provided.

Car sharing will help reduce the demand for parking in Arundel and will be of great help to those wishing to go who don't drive. There is a list in the Porch with two columns - one for those able to drive to the Cathedral and one for those who would appreciate a lift. Please sign-up for our Deanery Pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Please note that there will be no Saturday evening Mass in the parish on 18<sup>th</sup> June.  
There is a poster with more details on the Parish Notice Board in the porch.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beryl Ayres, 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:  
£410.61p

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund

£73.99p

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