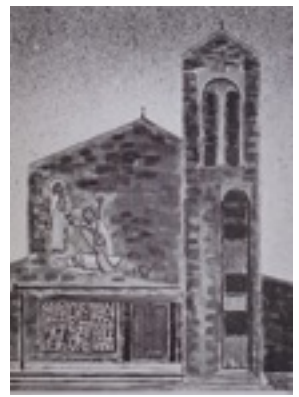


**The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
& St Wilfrid Selsey**

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19th June 2016

18th/

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		
Monday		St Alban	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		St Aloysius Gonzaga	No Mass
Wednesday		St John Fisher and St Thomas More	
No Mass			
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Friday		The Nativity of St John the Baptist	
	10.00am	Tom & Pat Hobbs RIP	
Saturday		Weekday of the Year	No
Morning Mass			

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 99 in the Parish Mass Book]

DAY FOR LIFE: This year the Day for Life asks us to reflect on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home, which is God's creation, and to think about the connections and relationships between people and the earth which we inhabit. We need to rediscover that spirit of wonder and awe so that all life may be respected properly and a new heart created for the home in which we live.

The annual Day for Life collection this weekend supports Catholic charities and organisations that work to promote and protect the sanctity of human life at every stage.

MEETING FOR PARISH MUSICANS: There will be an "open meeting" at 4.30pm next Friday to talk about reorganising and planning music in the liturgy. If anyone has any ideas, hidden musical talents - vocal and/or instrumental - or would like to join the existing music group, they will be very welcome at the meeting - in the Presbytery.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Parents and children will meet in the Church next Saturday at 10.00am for a rehearsal in preparation for the First Holy Communion celebration. It is important for all the children, and at least one parent, to attend so

that everyone will know what will happen during the Mass for the First Reception of Holy Communion on Sunday, 3rd July.

After the rehearsal, Father Stan Mycek will be available (from 11.00am) to hear Confessions in Polish: he is coming to St. Wilfrid's from Arundel Cathedral where he is the Assistant Priest.

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A CONTEMPORARY MARTYR?

The word "martyr" was a Greek word meaning "a witness" – someone who fearlessly professed what they believed to be right and true even if standing firm brought them into conflict, and even danger, with others. In the Christian vocabulary, from its beginning, it meant someone who refused to bend to pressure and renounce their faith, even under the threat of death. Those who died for their faith became the first Christian heroes and Saints. If martyrdom is most often associated with the profession of religious belief it has also been recognised and respected in secular life, particularly in politics: a "martyr for the cause" is someone who devoted their life to, and even died for, a principle or ideology.

Everyone has been horrified by the murder of a Member of Parliament, especially one who devoted her life to working for those most disadvantaged – as a result of poverty, war, the pressures of migration or, latterly, her constituents who had nowhere else to go for help. Her death, sadly, is an extreme expression of a reality that has become an ugly aspect of life in recent times – it's a tip of an iceberg. Character assassination, the destruction of reputations, the invasion of privacy are all undermining the dignity and respect to which every human being is entitled: they are all acts of violence against the person. Social media appears to have made them quite acceptable or, if not, no one seems willing or able to exert control over violence of this kind. It begins when children and young people use communications' technology to abuse others but has become widespread in all areas of life.

Throughout history violence has never been very far from politics. The feast during the week of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More is a timely reminder of the courage needed by those who are "witnesses" especially when that leads to martyrdom. However, in a 21st century free and democratic country everyone should be able to profess what they believe to be right and true without fear of violence in any form: St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, pray for us!

NEW ROTAS: Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion who do not receive their rota via the internet will find a printed copy of their rota for the next three months in the porch.

PETER'S PENCE: the annual collection - that enables Pope Francis to serve the whole Church as the Supreme Pastor - will be taken next weekend. The collection is taken in every Church throughout the world on, or near to, the Feast of St Peter and St Paul (on 29th June).

RED MISSIONARY BOXES: If you have a missionary box at home, and it needs to be emptied mid way through the year, please bring it to the Church Porch during the next couple of weeks. An empty box, with the name of the box-holder, will be available the following weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY: With 15 children receiving Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, 3rd July, bringing with them their extended family and friends, the Church is going to be very full for their special Mass. Members of the parish not directly involved with any of the families may wish to consider coming to the Saturday evening Mass that weekend!

CELEBRATE BRIGHTON: There will be a Celebrate Weekend at Cardinal Newman School in Hove on 25th and 26th June. Catholic Charismatic Weekend Conferences are organised

across the country and attract large numbers of people looking for a new experience of their Catholic faith. There is a poster in the Porch and a leaflet with more details including an application form.

FUTURE EVENTS: There are posters now pinned to the notice board in the porch with information about a wide range of activities during the coming months around the diocese.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beryl Ayres, Jacqui Brooker, Max Foreshow, 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:
£394.24p

11th/12th June

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund
£84.23p