

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

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15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Billy Jones RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Good Health of Edward Keogh	
Monday		St Benedict	
	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Friday		St Bonaventure	
	10.00am		
Saturday		Our Lady of Mount Carmel	No Morning
Mass			

### 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

[15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 108 in the Parish Mass Book]

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:** Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Much of what our nation imports, to fill the shelves of our shops and stock other retail outlets, comes by sea. Merchant seamen and women have a vital role, therefore, in ensuring our needs are satisfied, making great sacrifices, and often in harsh working conditions, to provide what we so often take for granted. There is the annual retiring collection today for the Apostleship of the Sea: it provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports; it is wholly dependent on voluntary donations. There are some special envelopes for anyone who would like to Gift Aid their donation: you will find them near the Newsletters in the Porch.

**FEAST DAY:** Next Saturday is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - co-patron of our parish.

**A BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION:** Last Sunday was a very special day for our parish as we celebrated with the fifteen children who received Holy Communion for the first time this important step on their journey of faith. We welcomed many visitors to St. Wilfrid's who were the children's extended family and friends. The Church looked splendid with the beautiful flowers and other appropriate decorations contrasting magnificently with the freshly painted interior. And the children themselves graced to whole occasion, looking at their very best in what they were wearing and the way in which they conducted themselves. On behalf of the children and their families, may we thank all



who helped to make the day so special, but especially Angela, our First Communion Catechist, who helped the children prepare over recent months and made sure they knew what they were doing on the day?

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#### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The Nuns at the former Carmelite Convent at Hunston would have enjoyed a life of peace and quiet before the Chichester by-pass was built and in the days when there were far fewer people making the daily commute from and to Selsey. Their former Convent, as every car owner in Selsey and passenger on the No 51 bus knows, is being converted into a Free School, in preparation for which there has been months of traffic disruption at the Whyke roundabout!

An enquiry came through the parish website recently asking if we might be able to supply any information about the former Convent for the new owners of the site. The enquirer thought the parish might be a good place to try because we share the same dedication – Our Lady of Mount Carmel – with the former Convent: he even asked whether we took our name from the Carmelites in Hunston. Others have asked the same question concluding that, while it's a nice idea, the answer can only be speculative unless the Archivist at the Carmelite Friars at Aylesford can throw any light on the matter (we are waiting for a return call from him).

It is encouraging that the school is interested in knowing the background to the buildings they will move into and about the life of the community that was there before them. It makes it more likely that the new school may absorb into its ethos something of the spiritual atmosphere of its new premises: after so many years of a community dedicated to prayer and worship there must surely be a sense of the presence of God still present. Carmelite Friars and Sisters trace their origins back to a small group of hermits who came together on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land in the late 12<sup>th</sup> century to devote their life in service to God under the patronage of Our Lady. They encouraged devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel (feast day next Saturday) since when many Churches, Friaries, Convents, Schools and other buildings have been dedicated to her name. There is a spiritual dimension within everyone – it is part of our human nature – and all good education must seek to draw it out in the younger generations: let us hope and pray that the new school at Hunston will, in the spirit of its Carmelite predecessors, be well placed to help its students discover their true spiritual selves.

**AN APPEAL FOR HELP:** There will be a brief direct appeal at the end of Mass next weekend for help and support with the Selsey Passion Play next Easter. Alison Gaunt who has been asked to produce and direct the production in 2017 will make the appeal.

**SUMMER DRAW 2016:** If you have so far missed out on receiving an envelope with books of Summer Draw tickets, or would like some more, you will now find them at the end of the pews in the Church.

**SUMMER FAIR:** The Summer Fair is fast approaching - on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July. An additional attraction this year will be a fun Dog Show with lots of prizes for entries definitely not recognised at Crufts - so if you have a dog that would come top of a somewhat unusual or eccentric "class" be sure to enter. But we also need your donations and contributions for all the usual stalls - books and bric-a-brac; children's clothes, toys and games; prizes for the bottle and chocolate tombolas; and many more besides. Contributions can be left in the Church Porch.

**"SELSEY LIFE":** Our Church is a recognised distribution point for our local "Community Magazine" (no longer being distributed house to house): please look out for your FREE copy every month.

RED MISSIONARY BOXES: Box-holders will find their emptied missionary box in the Church Porch. If anyone else would like a missionary box at home we have a plentiful supply.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beryl Ayres, Jacqui Brooker, 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:  
£467.12p

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund  
£51.85p