

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

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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of Ted Kortens	
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	Miley Cash RIP	
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Friday		St Mary Magdalene	
	10.00am	Intentions of Ted Kortens	
Saturday		St Bridget	No Morning
Mass			

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 111 in the Parish Mass Book]

FEAST DAY: This Saturday is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - co-patron of our parish. May we wish all our readers a happy feast day?

AN APPEAL FOR HELP: There will be a brief direct appeal at the end of Mass 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 FAIR MEETING: There will a special meeting of the Social and Fundraising Group on Tuesday at 6.30pm in the Presbytery. The only item on the agenda will be the Summer Fair: to finalise all the arrangements for the Fair. All will be welcome, especially anyone who may be able to help for a few hours on the day with any of the stalls.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Our schools break up during the week for the long summer holiday. May we take this opportunity to thank all the staff - our teachers and classroom assistants, the secretarial and administrative staff, caretakers and other ancillary staff - as well as the governors and all the other volunteers who support our school communities, for their commitment to the education of our children and young people? And also wish them a happy and well deserved rest? Please pray for all our children and young people that they, too, may have a happy and safe holiday.



SUMMER DRAW 2016: There is now a box in place the Church Porch to receive your counterfoils and the money from the sale of tickets for this year's Summer Draw. If would like some more, you will find them at the end of the pews in the Church.

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At its very beginning the Bible records that God created the world in six days, resting on the seventh: from then on, in the Judeo-Christian tradition, the number seven has had a special symbolic meaning – of completeness or wholeness. While it has always been a significant number in religion it is also an important number in many areas of life, not least because in most societies throughout history a basic measure of time has been the seven day week.

In the Christian tradition there are the seven sacraments, seven gifts of the Spirit, seven virtues, the seven corporal works and spiritual works of mercy. On the negative side there are the seven deadly sins – the complete spectrum of evil! After Easter the seven Corporal Works of Mercy were reviewed in this space; during the next few weeks there will be a similar reminder of the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy. The former are the practical deeds of charity that all of us can easily enough practice in the right circumstances; the latter, that by definition refer to the inner or spiritual life of ourselves and others, are a little less tangible and so more difficult to put into practice. Both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy reveal aspects of the merciful love that God has for everyone – a love that seeks to relieve our physical wretchedness and bring us comfort and solace in our spiritual poverty. We, the disciples of the Lord, are called to be the channel through which God so often responds with love to those in need. When we are strong we are invited to be the instrument of God's love and mercy; when we are weak we can expect others in our communities to be the ministers of God's love to us. During the coming weeks we will reflect on the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish the sinner, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear wrongs patiently, pray for the living and the dead.

SUMMER FAIR: The Summer Fair is fast approaching - on Saturday, 30th July. We need your donations and contributions for all the usual stalls - books and bric-a-brac; clothes especially for children, toys and games; prizes for the bottle and chocolate tombolas; toiletries; and many more besides. Contributions can be left in the Church Porch.

An additional attraction this year will be a fun Dog Show. The "classes" for which there will prizes include the cutest puppy, the "golden oldie," the most obedient dog and the dog with the waggiest tail, the dog with the best rescue story, the dog and owner that most look alike, and others besides. If you are dog owner, bring your trusted friend and enter the class best suited to your dog (and yourself!).

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS: The "official" photographer at the recent First Communion Mass has given Fr. John two CDs with all the photos that he took - over 900! We hope to arrange for copies of a group photo to be printed - one copy for each family. After that, we hope it will possible to lend one of the CDs to those who may want to download individual photos.

PARKING: May we ask people to be careful when parking in Church Road, especially on Sunday mornings? Please remember to leave plenty of space for the Venture Bus immediately in front of the Church door, and avoid double parking on both sides of the road: remember it is a bus route. And please leave the specially designated spaces in the car park free for Blue Badge holders.

"EMPTY PLEASE:" There are boxes in place - in the Church Porch and Parish Hall - to receive empty ink and toner cartridges from your computer printers. They can be recycled and so raise money for the Church Maintenance Fund. Please be sure that they are original cartridges with a manufacturer's label, and not previously recycled.

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:
£458.87p

9th/10th July

Offertory Collection

Apostleship of the Sea
£104.36p