

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

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**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday		St James	
	10.00am	Tom and Pat Hobbs RIP	
Tuesday		St Joachim and St Anne	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Friday		St Martha	
	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Peters Family	
Saturday		St Bridget	No Morning
Mass			

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

*[17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 114 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**PRAYER PETITIONS FOR THE GROTTTO:** Several members of our parish are joining Bishop Richard and more than 700 clergy and people from across the Diocese for the annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes: those travelling by coach leave on Thursday; those flying depart on Friday. If anyone would like a prayer intention placed in the Grotto we have volunteers who will take it with them: write the intention on a piece of paper, seal it in an envelope (no money) and place it in the "gold box" on the altar near the statue of Our Lady or give it to Fr. John or one of the pilgrims. May we wish all our pilgrims a safe journey and a fruitful pilgrimage in every way?

**BISHOP LANGTON FOX:** As parish priest of St. Richard's in Chichester, Fr. Langton Fox supervised the building of our Church. After all the recent repairs and redecoration in the Church it is now looking more like it did the day it first opened than it has for many years: he would no doubt be both impressed and pleased with what we have achieved. Please remember him on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death: may he rest in peace!

**SUMMER FAIR:** The Summer Fair is next Saturday - from 10.00am to 1.00pm. All the usual stalls and attractions will be in place in the Hall and Car Park; the fun Dog show - from 11.00am to 12.00noon will be in the Presbytery Garden. Be sure to pop in and encourage, or bring, family, friends and neighbours with you.

**SUMMER DRAW 2016:** Please be sure to bring the counterfoils and the money from the sale of draw tickets and leave them in the box in the Church Porch as soon as possible. If you would like some more, you will find them at the end of the pews in the Church.

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### COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL

The first of the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy is to Counsel the Doubtful: most, if not, all of us would be quick to admit that we have needed some that from time to time! Probably the best known doubter in Christian history is Thomas the Apostle – “doubting Thomas.” After he had declared that he did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead, Jesus appeared to him not in his perfect form, as he was seen by the Apostles on the Mount of Transfiguration, but as wounded, bearing the marks of the nails and spear in his Risen body. He showed Thomas that God is now marked with our human suffering.

It is probably the insights of science that most often raise doubts in the minds of Christians today, and it is the promises of science that people often look to for solutions to life’s problems before they seek them in God or from their faith. Both the Bible and our Christian history show that people have always had doubts, but for different reasons at different times: the anguish of war, the failures of political leadership, widespread poverty, natural disasters are among the many reasons for people having doubts about God and their faith.

We should never be frightened by, or feel guilty about, having doubts: it is part of the experience of believing. Whenever we are confused by, ignorant of or uncertain about anything in life, we seek the advice of someone suitably qualified to help us sort things out. What we seek from a “counsellor” is clarity and certainty. There are many examples in the Gospel of Jesus giving firm reassurance when needed: he promised that with faith the size of a mustard seed, we could move mountains. Jesus, now present in the Church, is our “Counsellor” for all life’s problems: in prayer, in our reading of the Scriptures, in our fellow believers, in the variety of people with special qualifications and experience, we can seek and find solutions to our doubts when they occur. And let us not forget that the example of our own life, and the wise and gentle words we speak, can sometimes be the way Jesus chooses to help with their doubts people we know.

**SUMMER FAIR:** There is still time to bring donations and contributions for all the usual stalls - books and bric-a-brac; clothes especially for children, toys and games; prizes for the bottle tombola; toiletries; and many more besides. Contributions can be left in the Church Porch. If you have contributions that may suffer from the present heat - chocolates for the chocolate tombola, cakes for the cake stall, and other consumables - please bring them next Friday afternoon, or early Saturday morning.

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 or classes best suited to your dog (and yourself!).

**SUMMER FLOWER COLLECTION:** Our Church flower fund needs a mid-year top-up so there will be a retiring collection next weekend for the fund: it can be Gift-Aided using a special purple envelope if you use them. And if you have flowers and greenery to spare from your garden, the flower arrangers will be pleased to hear from you.

**FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS:** Please be patient if you are waiting for photos from the recent First Communion Mass: we are trying to sort out the best way to distribute them to families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beryl Ayres, Jacqui Brooker, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Grace Ledger, Sean Mangan, Reon McSharry, 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:  
£425.14p

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund  
£65.01p