

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

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
August 2016

13th/14th

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of Michael Cash	
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	Fr. Dominic Rolls 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	Fr. William Janes RIP	
Saturday		St Bernard	No Morning
Mass			

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin - page 188 in the Parish Mass Book]

FR. VINCENT MAXWELL: This Sunday is the 29th anniversary of the death of the first Parish Priest of St. Wilfrid's. When the parish was separated from the Chichester parish in June 1970, Fr. Vincent was entrusted with the care of St. Wilfrid's: he had previously been an assistant priest in St. Richard's so already knew Selsey well. May he rest in peace!

STARS OF MARY MASS: This Sunday afternoon we are host to the Stars of Mary - a group that organises a Mass for people with disabilities, for those who are frail or elderly, and for their family, friends and carers. The Mass will be at 3.00pm and will be followed by tea in the Hall. All who find it difficult to cope with the volume and pace of a weekend Mass in the parish Church are more than welcome.

STONEPILLOW APPEAL: The amount raised last weekend, following the appeal for Stonepillow, was £311.24p - certainly more than enough to purchase a new tumble dryer, and lots of powder for the washing machine as well! On behalf of Stonepillow, thanks to all who contributed so generously. In the meantime, please don't forget the Stonepillow "box" in the Porch for consumables that will be welcomed in the kitchen.

ST WILFRID'S TABLE TOP SALE: The parish is offering, for a small fee, space and a table in the Hall or Car Park to anyone with things to sell. It will be on Saturday, 10th

September from 10.00am to 12.00noon. If anyone would like to book a space, please ring Stella - 603221 - or Nell - 607526 - for more information. Proceeds will be for the Church Building Fund.

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COMFORT THE AFFLICTED

Where to begin with the fourth Spiritual Work of Mercy? Affliction is an all-embracing word: it could include just about anyone facing any kind of problem. It can describe the inner pain that so many individuals experience; it can be the sufferings of whole communities, such as all those trapped in a besieged city in the midst of a civil war. God was always aware of the affliction of the People of Israel – “I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt” he told Moses from the burning bush – and constantly offered them comfort and reasons for hoping. Possibly God’s best known words of comfort are to be found at the beginning of the Book of Consolation of the Prophet Isaiah – “Console my people, console them, says your God” – familiar to everyone from Handel’s Messiah.

As comforting the afflicted is a spiritual work of mercy we are probably meant to be looking to comfort those who are suffering the inner turmoil of mind and spirit. Jesus healed many who came to him suffering physical ailments but often took the initiative in seeking out those who were on the margins of society and so more likely to be tormented in spirit – the tax collectors, the sinners, the prostitutes.

The provision of health care for those suffering mental ill health – often described as hidden or silent sickness – has come under the spotlight recently, and has been shown to be wanting. Many older people suffer from loneliness and isolation but, equally, there are many children and young people suffering great stress which manifests itself in many different forms. Mental ill-health, more than anything else, may be contributing to an increasing number of people of all ages suffering affliction. If affliction is about the inner turmoil of mind and spirit, however it is caused, then there is much comforting to be done. Every parish is blessed with individuals who by nature are approachable, are good listeners, who know how to “be present” to those they meet. And people gravitate to such individuals to find in them comfort and reasons for hoping: our society needs many more such people to comfort the afflicted!

TAI CHI CLASSES: After a short summer break the weekly session in the Hall resumes on Monday at 10.30am. Newcomers are welcome - no previous experience needed - for an hour of gentle exercise and relaxation. This is a fundraising event for the Building Maintenance Fund.

VOLUNTEERS IN PARISH COMMUNITIES: Our diocesan CAFOD Office is looking for a parish representative(s) to be a link with the diocesan group. “As a volunteer in your Church community you can mobilize parishioners to take action for global justice. You can help promote CAFOD’s work, connecting your community with those overseas. Most of all your actions will ensure that our sisters and brothers in the poorest places in the world can have more prosperous and fulfilling lives.” For more information, contact Martin and Jo at the Arundel and Brighton Volunteer Centre on 01483 898866 or email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk.

BASIC AWARENESS TRAINING: The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has organised a meeting for the parishes of the Cathedral Deanery to provide basic training in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. It is open to those who have had a DBS check, because of the work they do in parish, but who have not previously been able to attend a session on Basic Training Awareness. It is also open to anyone interested in ensuring that our parish is a safe place for everyone. It will be at the Cathedral Centre in Arundel on

Wednesday, 12th October from 7.00 to 9.00pm. Please let Fr. John know if you interested in attending this session or apply directly to the Safeguarding Office: contact safeguarding@dabnet.org and go to Courses & Events on the website.

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:
£405.64p

6th/7th August

Offertory Collection

Stonepillow Appeal
£311.24p