

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

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PARISH PRIEST: Father John Healy

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 2016

20th/21st

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Smith Family	
Sunday	10.00am	Frank Masterson (anniversary)	
Monday		The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Wednesday		St Bartholomew	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Friday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am		
Saturday		St Monica	No Morning
Mass			

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Mary Mangan (anniversary)	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 127 in the Parish Mass Book]

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 - from the "renting" of a table only - will be for the Church Building Fund.

"EMPTYIES PLEASE:" We are still collecting - in the Church Porch and Parish Hall - 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 you place original cartridges only, with a manufacturer's label - and not already recycled cartridges - in the special boxes.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 30th August - beginning at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

STARS OF MARY MASS: We have received a "Thank-You" card from the organisers of the Stars of Mary group thanking the parish for our hospitality and very warm welcome for their August Mass last Sunday. They were particularly pleased because there were families who came to the Mass in Selsey that were new to the group. They were

grateful, too, for all the sandwiches and cakes in the Hall afterwards: tea was followed by a little sing-song before everyone went home happy!

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FORGIVE OFFENCES

Pope Francis showed his deep understanding of our human condition and revealed himself to be a wise and experienced pastor when he suggested that mercy and forgiveness should be an important theme in the Year of Mercy. He knows that so many of us find ourselves in situations of enmity with others, unable to forgive someone for the hurt they have done to us. And many of us can often find it difficult to forgive ourselves for things we have done wrong in the past and for the hurt we have caused to others. Broken relationships and personal guilt are two of the greatest burdens we experience – and both need healing.

The Scriptures are full of stories about people suffering both these burdens, either as individuals or as a community: the People of Israel were so often unfaithful to God and in need of reconciliation, and countless individuals guilty of personal sins in need of forgiveness. God's patience is revealed as limitless, forgiving broken promises and renewing broken Covenants over and over again and reaching out to individuals with healing love. The Gospels show Jesus, in the stories he told and in the way he treated many fallen individuals, further revealing the mercy and compassion of God. On the Cross he asked the Father to forgive his executioners for "they do not know what they are doing." On the Cross he embraced the fallen state of the whole human family that, in dying with us, we may rise again with him.

Knowing that God forgives us, no matter how we have failed, empowers us to reach out with forgiveness to those who have offended us: "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Many people no longer "believe" in guilt and sin as realities in their day to day life – but they haven't gone away! They have new names and express themselves in new ways: people who suffer from depression and low self esteem, who self-harm and self-abuse, who are anxious or angry much of the time, who have addictions or compulsions, may well, deep down, be suffering from guilt or the effects of broken relationships and so be in need of healing and forgiveness – from God, from important people in their lives, or both.

AN OCCASIONAL REMINDER: It is important to remember that if you, or a relative, are going to be in hospital for a few days or longer, and would like a visit from a priest, then the hospital chaplain needs to be informed. The parish priest in St. Richard's parish looks after the Catholic patients in the hospitals and the hospice in Chichester: you can ring Fr. Paul directly (01243) 782343, or you can ask Fr. John to pass on a message. If you would like to receive Holy Communion while in hospital please be sure to ask the visiting priest who will arrange for a Minister of Holy Communion to visit you, usually on a Sunday and Wednesday morning.

GIFT AID DONORS: On 6th April 2016 some changes to tax allowances became effective. Please remember that you must have paid sufficient Income/Capital gains tax that is at least equal to the amount reclaimed on all your Gift Aid donations to charities. If you have paid insufficient tax you will have to repay the shortfall. If you need tax advice please contact either your tax office or professional tax adviser.

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.

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:
£374.91p

13th/14th August

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund
£64.86p