

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

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**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 2016**

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>**

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Carmel Shepherd RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday	10.00am	Weekday of the Year	
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Thursday		The Nativity of Our Lady	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am		
Saturday		Weekday of the Year	No
Morning Mass			

### 24<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.

*[23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 133 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**COFFEE AFTER MASS:** There will be coffee, other refreshments, and an opportunity for good conversation in the Hall after Mass this Saturday evening and Sunday morning: all will be most welcome, especially visitors to the parish.

**NEW ACADEMIC YEAR:** Many schools and colleges open their doors again this week after the summer break. Please pray for God's blessings on our schools - especially St. Richard's in Chichester and St. Philip Howard in Barnham - and on all their staff and students that the new school year ahead will be time for academic, spiritual, social and physical growth and development. And a special thought and prayer this week for the staff and student at the Selsey Academy who will be facing exceptional difficulties this school year as they cope with the consequences of the recent fire.

**ST WILFRID'S TABLE TOP SALE:** There is still time to book a space and a table in the Hall or Car Park next Saturday from 10.00am to 12.00noon. If you need clear-out in the house or garage of things "surplus to requirement" and would like to offer them to others for a small charge then ring Stella - 603221 - or Nell - 607526 - for more information and to book a "pitch."

**CONFESSIONS AT ARUNDEL:** During the Year of Mercy Bishop Richard has, on several occasions, been available for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at Arundel Cathedral. The next occasion will be next Saturday. There will be Mass at 10.00am;

then Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.30am during which time Bishop Richard will be available to hear Confessions; the morning ends with Benediction. All are welcome.

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#### PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

The seventh and last Spiritual Work of Mercy is probably the one that most of us practice most often, although we may not be thinking of praying for others as a work of mercy! “Praying” comes naturally to many, even to non-religious people, when they find themselves in a tight corner and their only hope for deliverance is to appeal to some ultimate power. For Christians, however, prayer is a task and responsibility that is an important part of our daily lives in good times and bad.

Jesus is our great Teacher on prayer and praying. Before his time prayer tended to be the responsibility of leaders – priests, prophets and kings – and their prayer was mostly for and on behalf of the people. Jesus, however, taught that prayer was something for everyone and he taught first by example. The Gospels record many occasions when Jesus made time for personal prayer, especially before important events or occasions in his life. On one such occasion his disciples asked him to teach them to pray and his response to their request was to teach them the “Our Father” – all we need to know about praying.

The early Church took up his instruction with great enthusiasm and prayer has been an important part of the Christian way of life ever since. Every Christian is encouraged to pray every day, alone or with others. Those with special responsibilities within the Church, such as priests and religious, are bound to pray the set Prayer of the Church. And there are those who are called to devote their entire life to prayer: Carmelite Sisters, for example, like those that used to be at Hunston, offer “all of their prayers and sacrifices in union with Christ and the Church for the salvation of others and the redemption of the world.” Prayer is a daily reminder that we are never alone: God is always there for us; and when we pray we are doing and sharing something with the whole Church. When we can’t pray ourselves, for whatever reason, we can be confident and assured that others are praying for us.

**THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE:** The retiring collection next weekend will be to support the work of those who negotiate on behalf of the Church with the civil authorities on all matters to do with education. It is also an advisory body for all our educational establishments. At a time when there are significant and far reaching changes to the way schools and colleges are supported and funded, the work of the Service is crucial in safeguarding the Catholic ethos in education and protecting our traditions in this vitally important area of our Catholic life and mission.

**FROM THE ARCHIVES:** The current edition of the occasional publication that brings together photos from the archives of The Universe is a special edition to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Queen. It is a collection of Royal photos, which feature the Queen, taken between 1926 and 1953: copies are available in the porch for £3.50p each.

**SELSEY LIFE:** The September edition of the monthly magazine is also available in the porch. If you haven’t received a copy through your letter box please take a FREE copy as you leave.

**FIRST COMMUNION GROUP PHOTO:** As well as the individual family photos taken of the children on their First Communion Day there was also a group photo of all the children together. Copies are now available - one for each family: please ask Fr. John for your copy.

NEW PARISHIONERS REGISTRATION: If you have recently moved to Selsey and would like to register in the parish please fill in a Registration Card: it is a blue form that you can find in the porch, or ask Fr. John for a copy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beryl Ayres, Jacqui Brooker, Max Foresheew, 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:  
£411.00p

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund  
£65.85p