

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

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 2016

17th/18th

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	John McHugh (anniversary)	
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Companion Martyrs	
No Mass			
Wednesday		St Matthew	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Friday		St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	
	10.00am		
Saturday		Our Lady of Walsingham	No Morning
Mass			

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am Intentions of the People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.

[25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 140 in the Parish Mass Book]

HOME MISSION SUNDAY: The theme for Home Mission Sunday this weekend - "Proclaim the Joy of Love" - draws inspiration from the encyclical letter of Pope Francis, "The Joy of Love." We are asked to reflect on how we can both support those who do the work of evangelisation in our own country and what our own personal contribution to that work might be. At a time when joy is missing from the lives of many people, and love is in short supply around the world, the promotion of these two Christian virtues will be Good News for many. There is a special retiring collection in support of those who promote our Catholic faith in this country. There are still prayer cards for Mission Sunday in the Porch.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2017: The parish is served by two Catholic Schools - St Richard's Catholic Primary School in Chichester and St Philip Howard Catholic High School in Barnham: both schools are now inviting applications from parents who would like a place for their child at either school in September 2017. There is a poster on the Parish Notice Board in the Porch listing important dates for families to visit St. Philip Howard High School - to attend the Open Evening on Thursday, 22nd September between 6.00 and 9.00pm or to book a tour of the School between 26th September and 21st October. The dates for St. Richard's will be pinned to the Notice Board as soon as they are available. The applications for Catholic children to attend either school need the support of the parish priest: please speak to Fr. John for more information.

PASTORAL LETTER: There will be a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard at Mass next weekend: the next in his series of reflections for the Year of Mercy. He will be speaking about another important theme - the Corporal Works of Mercy.

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The impact of Pope Francis' most recent encyclical letter – “The Joy of Love” – is far greater than just influencing the theme for this year's Home Mission Sunday! For example, the new guidelines for the Church in England and Wales, published during the week, for helping couples prepare for marriage have been profoundly shaped by the teaching of Pope Francis. But the Pope makes clear that the help and support offered by the Church doesn't end on the couples' Wedding Day for he wants the Church to become a family of families as envisaged by the Second Vatican Council that spoke of the family as “the domestic Church.”

A popular choice of Scripture Reading with couples for their Wedding Day is St. Paul's beautiful reflection on love in his first letter to the Corinthians – chapter 12, verse 31 to chapter 13, verse 8. It includes the verses, *“Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.”* In a moving chapter in “The Joy of Love” Pope Francis reflects word by word on these verses of St Paul: the title of chapter is “Love in Marriage.” During the coming weeks Pope Francis' meditations will be recorded in this column. However we think of the family, or families, we belong to his words should be inspiring, uplifting and encouraging.

ST WILFRID'S TABLE TOP SALE: The Sale last weekend raised a total of £245.88p for the Church Maintenance Fund. As the main source of income was from renting space for others to set up shop, it was always intended as a low income event. However, despite the rain, the total was much better than expected - so many thanks to those who offered the hospitality of the parish to those who set up a table and to all who came to do some shopping.

THANKS FROM STONEPILLOW: We have received a letter from Geoffrey Willis - the Chief Executive of Stonepillow - to thank the parish for a donation of £311.24p that was collected after the recent appeal made by Julian Lindsey-Clark. He wrote, “Ongoing support from our community is so important in providing a recovery journey for our clients. We focus on the key areas of health, housing and work. By supporting Stonepillow you can help us to change lives and give people the hope to recover from homelessness, get off the streets for good and back in to independent accommodation.” We can also support the work of Stonepillow with regular donations of suitable food and drink, using the Stonepillow box in the porch.

CHURCH CLEANING: Group A is a little short-staffed at the moment and would appreciate extra hands to help with cleaning the Church on the first Saturday of every other month. Duties are light - sweeping, dusting, polishing etc - and can be undertaken by people of any age. The Group alternates with Group B and meets from 10.00 to 11.00am or a little after every second Saturday of the month. Individuals and families will be welcome: speak to John Bradley on 603803.

ENCOUNTER EVENINGS: Across the diocese “Catholic Evenings for Young Adults” are increasing in number and growing in popularity. They are gatherings for “Prayer, Praise, Adoration and Fellowship” once a month from 7.30 to 9.30pm with a different guest leader/speaker and are intended to help young adults encounter Christ and explore their faith in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. There is a card in the Porch with the

programme for Encounter Bognor Regis, at Our Lady of Sorrows, from now until next July: please take one for yourself or for a family member.

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: 10th/11th September
£322.53p

Offertory Collection

Catholic Education Service

£63.53p