

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

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**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 2016**

**24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>**

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		St Vincent de Paul	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	
No Mass			
Thursday		Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	No Mass
Friday		St Jerome	No Mass
Saturday		St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	No
Morning Mass			

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: No Confessions next Saturday

*[26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 143 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**PASTORAL LETTER:** This weekend we will listen at Mass to a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard: 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.

**ENCOUNTER EVENINGS:** The first local "Catholic Evenings for Young Adults" will be on Friday at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis from 7.30 to 9.30pm. This gathering for "Prayer, Praise, Adoration and Fellowship" will have Fr. Terry Martin, parish priest of St. Mary of the Angels in Worthing, as its guest leader/speaker. It is an evening to help young adults encounter Christ and explore their faith in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. There is a card in the Porch with more details: please take one for yourself or for a family member.

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM:** This Saturday is the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham; this weekend there is a national collection in support of the restoration of the Shrine - unfortunately, the information about the collection arrived late, so we are postponing it in this parish until next weekend! This one-off extra collection is to help launch a major building project to develop the facilities for Catholic pilgrims wishing to visit this ecumenical Shrine in Norfolk - the oldest pilgrimage Shrine in England - that is now enjoying a popular revival with pilgrims of all denominations. There is poster with more information on the parish Notice Board, as well as an envelope near the Newsletters that can also be used by anyone wishing to Gift-Aid a donation to the National Shrine in the retiring collection next weekend.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS:** There will be coffee in the Hall after Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday morning: all will be welcome.

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### LOVE IS ALWAYS PATIENT

Many people believe that Christian values and virtues – as taught in the Beatitudes, in Jesus' instruction to love our enemy, in St Paul's definition of Christian love – are soft, weak and not for them. When telling us to "love our enemies" and not just our neighbour, Jesus exhorts us to "turn the other cheek" when someone strikes us: this phrase, more than any other, has probably given Christians the impression that they shouldn't stand up for themselves and those who are not Christians to believe that we are vulnerable – a pushover. But we are not "doormats" waiting to be walked all over and taken advantage of. This will become clear as we journey with Pope Francis in his meditations on St. Paul's list of the qualities of love.

The word, Pope Francis tells us, that translates as "patient" has little to do with simply putting us with things without complaining. It is used to describe a characteristic of God throughout the Bible that God is "slow to anger." When responding to the iniquities of the people we are reassured that God does not act on impulse, shows restraint and is open to the possibility of repentance. Pope Francis reflects, "We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the centre and expect things to turn out our way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us act aggressively." Acting on impulse is the easy option; showing restraint is much more difficult: patience takes root in our hearts when we can accept that other people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are. Patience, then, requires strength and courage: like God, we must accept the limitations of others and give them a chance to change just as God allows us space to repent.

**WELCOME!** Fr. John will be away next weekend and is grateful to Fr. Peter Johnstone from Chichester, who will celebrate the Saturday evening Mass, and to Fr. Stan Mycek from the Cathedral parish who will celebrate Mass next Sunday morning.

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 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 by booking a tour of the School between 26<sup>th</sup> September and 21<sup>st</sup> October. Similar dates for St. Richard's Primary School 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.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER:** Taking shape at the back of the Church (right-hand side) is an area where parents will be able to occupy small children when they are a little restless during Mass. We will be building up a collection of children's books - to look at or read; colouring books and plain paper to colour on; felt-tips and crayons; soft toys and other suitable items of interest to children. It is hoped this "resource centre" will help parents, especially when there is no special childrens liturgy in the Hall on a Sunday morning.

**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:  
£416.25p

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September

Offertory Collection

Home Mission Sunday

£69.55p