

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

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PARISH PRIEST: Father John Healy

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 2016

26th/27th

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Jenny Davis RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Robert Watson (anniversary)	
Monday		Weekday of Advent	
	10.00am	For the Deceased of the Parish	
Tuesday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Wednesday		St Andrew	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
	10.00am		
Saturday Mass		St. Francis Xavier	No Morning

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	5.30pm	Kathleen and Eric Saunders RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Brian and Agnes Kennedy RIP	
Sacrament of Reconciliation:		Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm.	

[1st Sunday of Advent - page 82 in the Parish Mass Book]

{From this Sunday the Scripture Readings in the Lectionary for Sunday and Solemnities are from Year A (cycle 1) and for Weekdays from Year 1}

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Thanks, again, to all who have worked hard to prepare for, and present, the Christmas Fair (especially those who responded to the appeal for younger parishioners to do some heavy lifting!); to all who contributed gifts and donations for the stalls and for prizes; and, finally, to everyone who turned out on the day.

FESTIVE SING-A-LONG: The final event of the year organised by the Social and Fundraising Group is always more social than fundraising. Tickets are now available for a festive social event on Sunday, 11th December from 2.30 to 4.30pm for an afternoon of entertainment from individuals, families or other groups, with community singing by everyone. There will be a raffle and light refreshments will be available. Tickets are £3.00 each (to cover costs) with children under 16 years free. Space in the Hall is limited so buy your ticket early!

SIXTY YEARS A PRIEST: This weekend, Cardinal Cormac is celebrating his Diamond Jubilee as a priest with all his friends in the diocese of Arundel and Brighton. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving this Sunday at 4.00pm in Arundel Cathedral, followed by a reception. It is a full diocesan celebration to which all are invited.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS! Our centenarians both have birthdays in the next few days: best wishes - and our prayers - to Grace and Reg, both "over 100" this week!

LOVE FORGIVES

Because people striving to love try not to let the faults and failings of others irritate them, or build up feelings of resentment, then it follows that they are always endeavouring to forgive others' their limitations. The words St. Paul uses literally mean that love "takes no account of evil" which is translated in the Jerusalem Bible as "love takes no pleasure in other people's sins." Pope Francis in his reflections on Paul's words reminds us that we need to have a healthy love of self before we can love others but, equally, we need to have self forgiveness before we can forgive others. It is often the case that the faults we find most irritating in others are our own faults and that the things we find hardest to forgive in others are the things for which we have most need of forgiveness. Throughout the Year of Mercy, now ending, Pope Francis has often written and spoken of the total and unconditional love that God has for each of us. If we allow this divine love to touch our life then we can be freed of our past mistakes and liberated from any low self-esteem and feelings of guilt that we carry with us, and so free to accept and love others - "warts and all!"

SCHOOL MISSION: The Sion Youth Mission will be at St. Philip Howard High School from this Saturday until next Friday. By means of a variety of activities - including reflections and talks, prayer and worship - they will invite the school community to experience their faith in a different and deeper way. On Thursday they are presenting with the school community a "MISSION SHOWCASE" - an invitation to the wider community of parents, teachers, governors, local clergy and all friends of the school to "join us for an evening of dance, drama and music to celebrate our Mission Week and reflect on our faith together as a Catholic community." The evening begins at 7.00pm and will be in the school's Sports Hall - entry is free and all are welcome.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: There will be coffee, and other refreshments, in the Hall after Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday morning - all will be most welcome.

RED MISSIONARY BOXES: If you have a Red Box at home that is now full at the end of the year, please bring it in the next few weeks to be emptied. You can leave the full box in the Church Porch and collect an empty replacement box from the porch a week or two later. We have a plentiful supply of Red Boxes if anyone would like to join the scheme. The distinctive Red Box in the home is a regular reminder to support the Church working in developing countries. Some people use their missionary box for self-imposed or family fines; others fill their box with their least favourite coin. However you fill the box, every penny helps the young Church somewhere in the world.

ENCOUNTER EVENING: The next local evening for young Catholics (15 - 30 years) will be on Friday, 9th December. "We are delighted to have Jo Gilbert as our guest speaker for the next Encounter Evening at Bognor Regis. The evening will be from 7.30 to 9.30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows in Clarence Road. Encounter Evenings are designed to give young Catholics a place to deepen their faith and get to know others of their own age. The evening includes a talk, live music, adoration and food. It's totally free; just turn up - especially if you haven't been before!

NEW CHILDREN'S CORNER: A square of carpet has been found and some cushions donated (thanks to the generous benefactor!) so that the new "children's corner" at the back of the Church is ready for use as a resource centre for parents looking for quiet activities for restless children.

THE REPOSITORY: There is a good selection of seasonal items in the Repository including Advent Calendars (the ones without chocolates!) and Christmas Cards: it is open after Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Max Foreshow, Peter Green, 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: 19th/20th November
£376.21p

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund

£76.02p