

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

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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 2016

17th/18th

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Jackie Ray RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Private Intention	
Monday		Weekday of Advent	
	10.00am	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Tuesday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Advent	No Mass
Saturday Mass		Weekday of Advent	No Morning

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

	6.00pm	Service of Readings and Carols	
	6.30pm	First Mass of Christmas - For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Mass of Christmas Day - Lionel Jordon RIP	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: No Confessions next Saturday

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: The parish Advent Penance Service will be this Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm. There will be a brief service of readings, reflections and prayers followed by an opportunity for those who wish to make a personal Confession. It is hoped that families will be able to come so the children can celebrate the Sacrament again. Fr. Stan Mycek, from Arundel Cathedral, will be present to assist with Confession so that our parishioners from Eastern Europe will have an opportunity to confess and receive absolution in their own language.

The Penance Service at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis will be on Monday evening at 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Our celebration of the feast of Christmas begins with a Service of Carols and Readings on Saturday at 6.00pm followed by the Blessing of the Crib and the First Mass of Christmas at 6.30pm. On Christmas morning, Mass will be at 10.00am.

FESTIVE SING-A-LONG: A great time was had by all who attended the final social event of 2016, and festive is certainly the most appropriate word to describe the atmosphere in a full Hall. The "party pieces" were from a variety of national and cultural backgrounds and the community singing could be heard at the end of the road! So, a big "thank-you" to all the organisers, the performers and to all who came. Together they raised £100.00p from the raffle that will be given to Selsey First Responders. And after all the expenses, there was a modest surplus of £152.75p for the Building Maintenance Fund.

CHRISTMAS POSTER: There are some posters of the Mother and Child and the word Christmas in 14 different languages - a reminder that Jesus is born for everyone. Please take one while they last to display in your front window for all to see as they pass by...
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LOVE IS ALWAYS READY TO TRUST

The second of the last four things St Paul says about love in his hymn in praise of love is that it is always ready to trust. Behind many of the words Paul uses in his definition of love is the idea that an important fruit of love is freedom – and this is something that Pope Francis refers to often in his own reflections on the words of St Paul. If real freedom is to flow from any of our relationships, especially the most important ones, then it is essential to be able to trust the other. In a relationship of love, if I know I can trust the other – and, equally, that the other trusts me – then there is no need to deceive or pretend to be someone other than my true self. We are living at a time – that some are calling the post-truth age – when it is becoming increasingly difficult to know who or what to believe in the media and so we can easily become very confused about who to trust. It is so important, therefore, that we strive to be open and honest at all times with those with whom we share our daily lives so that they never have reason not to trust us.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2017: The new Diocesan Directory and Liturgical Calendar is available in the Porch. It combines within a single cover all the information anyone could possibly need to know about the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton as well as the daily calendar of liturgical celebrations as observed in this diocese for the next 12 months - all for £5.00p.

SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICIES: Pinned to the Parish Notice Board in the porch is a formal notification of the Consultation on the Admission Arrangements for both St. Richard's Catholic Primary School and St. Philip Howard Catholic High School for the 2018-2019 Academic Year with appropriate invitations to all those so entitled to comment on the proposals before the end of January.

RED MISSIONARY BOXES: If you have a Red Box at home that needs to be emptied, now is the time to leave it in the Church Porch and, a week or two later, to collect an empty replacement box. There is 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 work of the Church in developing countries.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: Any young person who was 14 years or over on 1st September is old enough to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parish offers a programme that will help young people understand what it means to be a Confirmed Catholic - by asking questions and talking about what they believe, by reflecting and praying with others - so that they will be able to decide if they wish to receive the Sacrament in the Summer. Please ask Fr. John for an application form: the programme will begin in the New Year.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Application forms are available for parents to complete and return as soon as possible for the new Programme of Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion. The programme will begin after the Christmas holiday break with a first meeting for children and their parents on Saturday, 14th January and the Enrolment Mass the following day, on 15th January. Please ask Fr. John for a form.

THE REPOSITORY is again open with a good selection of seasonal items including Christmas Cards, Cribs for the home and a selection of gifts: it is open after Mass at the back of the Church.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: The offertory collection during the Mass of Christmas is a personal gift to the parish priest (all other collections are for the work of the parish!).

PLEASE PRAY FOR: 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:	10 th /11 th December	Offertory Collection
£432.15p		Christmas Flower Collection
£146.50p		