

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

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8th January 2017

7th/

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Iris Haddon RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		The Baptism of the Lord	
	10.00am	Billy Jones (anniversary)	
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	A Private Intention	
Saturday		Weekday of the Year	No
Morning Mass			

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Collins Family	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[The Epiphany of the Lord - page 115 in the Parish Mass Book]

PLEASE PRAY FOR Benjamin Michael Frizelle who has now completed his reception into the Church in the waters of Baptism. Last Sunday the parish community welcomed him into our midst with the Rite of Welcoming; on Saturday afternoon his family, relatives and their friends were present for his Baptism itself. Pray, too, for all his family and friends at this special time.

WELCOME TO Father Albert van der Most, the second of our visiting priests who are helping out at weekends while Fr. John is on limited duties. Fr. Albert, who is retired and living in Littlehampton, has helped out before and will be returning during the coming weeks.

CRIB OFFERINGS: Our celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany this weekend has given us an extra two days of Christmas! So, this Sunday evening Christmas Cribs are put away for another year and decorations taken down. This weekend is, therefore, the last opportunity to contribute to the Crib collection for the charity "Friends of the Holy Land." Based in this country, it is dedicated to bringing relief and support to Christian families throughout the Holy Land, including Gaza.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: All are welcome to coffee and other refreshments in the Hall after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning: our first social gathering of the New Year.

ORDINARY TIME OF THE YEAR: When December 25th falls on a Sunday and New Year's Day the following Sunday we miss the celebration of two familiar feast of the Christmas Season on Sundays: the Holy Family and the Baptism of the Lord. Next Sunday we begin

Ordinary Time of the Year with the 2nd Sunday in Year A. The Lord's Baptism this year is celebrated on Monday; the rest of the week will be the first week in Ordinary Time, the weekday Readings from Year 1.

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LOVE ENDURES WHATEVER COMES

St. Paul's final word defining love gives it the quality of endurance; Pope Francis expands on the idea by saying that Christian love is "a love that never gives up, even in the darkest hour."

It was noted at the beginning of the reflections in this column on St. Paul's definition of love in his 1st Letter to the Corinthians (chapter 13: verses 4 -7) and Pope Francis' reflections on the passage in his Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love" that many people think Christian love is a bit woolly and wimpish. Both St. Paul and Pope Francis clearly don't see love as anything like that: for them it requires courage, determination, commitment, heroic patience and generosity and many other qualities and strengths to sustain any relationship of love, especially within the family.

A love that endures whatever comes is not about a love that bows to pressure and gives in to opposition; as the Pope writes, love "shows a certain dogged heroism, a power to resist every negative current, an irrepensible commitment to goodness." Both St. Paul in his life and death by the sword, and Pope Francis in his ministry that goes way beyond his service to the Church to embrace the whole world, show by their life and witness that they really do understand the meaning of Christian love as an ideal to be lived, no matter what the cost.

WORLD PEACE DAY: Next Sunday is Peace Sunday - a day of prayer and reflection throughout the Church for a more just and peaceful world for everyone. The theme for Pope Francis' World Peace Message this year is, "Nonviolence: a style of politics for peace." Nonviolence has been an important part of the Christian tradition from the very beginning - indeed, Jesus himself can surely be seen as an apostle of nonviolence.

Peace Sunday is also the occasion each year when we are able to support Pax Christi - the Catholic movement that rose out of the ashes of the Second World War and has been campaigning ever since for a world of peace built on justice for all. The retiring collection next weekend will be for Pax Christi: please use the special envelope - available this weekend in the Porch - for your donation if you so wish.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: This year's programme begins next Saturday with a meeting for parents and children. Families that have applied to join the programme will be receiving a letter with further details early in the week. If there are any other families with a child old enough to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion, now is the time to apply. There are application forms in the Porch: please ask a Welcomer to find one for you.

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 BOXES: If you have recently brought your Red Missionary Box to be emptied then please collect it this weekend: it has your name on it and is in the Porch.

SATURDAY WELCOMERS: There is new rota on the large table in the Porch for those who are on the list of Welcomers at the Saturday evening Mass: please take a copy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Grace Ledger, Sean Mangan, Reon McSharry, John O'Shea, 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: 31st December / 1st January Offertory Collection
£299.14p

Church Maintenance Fund

£54.33p