

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**January 2017**

**14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>**

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Bill Aslett (anniversary)	
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	Deceased Members of the Collins Family	
Tuesday		St Anthony	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Saturday		St Agnes	No Morning Mass

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Deceased Members of the O'Keeffe Family	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

*[2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 125 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**WORLD PEACE DAY:** Today is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first World Peace Day. 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 this weekend is for Pax Christi: there is special envelope - available in the Porch - to use for your donation if you so wish.

**WELCOME:** Fr. David returns to the parish this weekend to celebrate Mass with the community.

**SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING MEETING:** The first meeting in the Group in 2017 will be this Tuesday evening at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. There will be a review of the events and activities in 2016 and planning for 2017, among other items on the agenda. New members are always welcome - just turn up on the night. Anyone with new and imaginative ideas for community building and fundraising will be particularly welcome.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** The annual Week of Prayer for greater unity among Christians begins on Wednesday this week. Christians of all denominations can unite in praying each day of the Week that Christians will grow ever closer through the

things that unite us and seek ways to remove the things that divide us. There are no organised times of prayer or worship in Selsey but all of us can pray in our own time and in our own way for this important intention.

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#### A JUST PEACE!

As the second millennium became history 17 years ago there were signs of hope that the birth of the third millennium would also see the beginning of a new age of peace and stability for the human race. Sadly, that brief period of optimism was short lived as it became apparent that warfare was still very much on the human agenda. Pope Francis has described the new and continuing conflicts of the last two decades as “a Third World War in instalments.”

The central message preached by Jesus is that God is love, a message he not only preached but lived fully in his own life. He demonstrated that love in all his relationships including by refusing to hate his enemies, to retaliate or to seek the destruction of those who persecuted him. Following his example there has been from the beginning a tradition of nonviolence in the Church. Sadly, however, there have been times when the Church has not practised what it has preached and too often has had blood on its own hands. In better times, however, the Church has tried hard to temper the warring instincts in the human spirit and has given the world the doctrine of a Just War – that war can only be a last resort, with an outcome that can be just for everyone, and when it can avoid serious threats to the lives of non-combatants.

In his message for this year’s Peace Sunday, Pope Francis is urging the Church to return to its earlier commitment to nonviolence. He is calling for a new style of politics that aims to build peace between nations and a new way of conducting international relations by encouraging a belief among nations that nonviolence is the only way to advance civilisation. The Church should no longer be satisfied with seeking to apply the brakes in any conflict by promoting the doctrine of a Just War but should be single minded in promoting a Just Peace with all it might.

**SPONSORED SWIM 2017:** The annual sponsored swim is the first fundraising event of the year. As ever, it will be in the Oasis Swimming Pool, thanks again to the generosity of Bunn’s Leisure in making two lanes available for our use. It will be after Mass on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at about 12.00noon. Swimmers: whether you can swim one or one hundred lengths please put your name down on a clip-board in the porch and collect a sponsorship form. Supporters: you can sponsor an individual swimmer or the Team as a whole - there is a form in the Porch for Team sponsorship.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME:** For the first time in many years there are more than enough young people in the parish wanting to learn more about the Sacrament of Confirmation for us to have own programme this year (in recent years any individuals wanting to be Confirmed have joined the programme in Chichester). Thanks to those who have returned an application form: if there are any more, please return them to Fr. John. The programme itself will begin in February - those who have applied will receive a letter to tell them when and where the first meeting will be.

**AN OCCASIONAL REMINDER:** With the now annual winter difficulties in our NHS hospitals receiving maximum coverage in the media, it is an opportune moment to remind everyone of an important service provided by Hospital Chaplaincies in bringing spiritual comfort and support to patients. For Catholic patients in St. Richard’s Hospital and in St. Wilfrid’s Hospice, the chaplaincy support is provided from St. Richard’s Parish in Chichester. A priest from the parish visits the hospital regularly and lay ministers of Holy Communion visit every Wednesday and Sunday with Holy Communion. Please let St. Richard’s parish know if you or a relative would like your name on the visiting listing: ring (01243) 782343 - or let Fr. John know, and he will pass on a message.

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:           7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> January  
£548.36p

Offertory Collection

£66.89p

Church Maintenance Fund

£128.16p

Crib Offerings