

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

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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 2017

28th/29th

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Frank Masterson RIP	
Monday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	Fr. Andrew Fernandes RIP	
Tuesday		St John Bosco	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Thursday		The Presentation of the Lord	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of the Year	
	10.00am	Canon Charles Walker RIP	
Saturday		Weekday of the Year	No
Morning Mass			

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 130 in the Parish Mass Book]

QUIZ AND CHIPS EVENING: Tickets are now on sale after Mass for the next social/fundraising event: an evening of fun and food on Friday, 17th February in the Parish Hall. You are able to come as a readymade Team of six or you will be able to join a Team on the evening. Please arrive not later than 6.45pm so that all the Teams will be in place for a prompt start at 7.00pm. The St. Wilfrid's Quiz Challenge Cup awaits new victors! Tickets are on sale at £8.00 per person (to include a Fish and Chip Supper, with tea and coffee available). Numbers are limited and demand is high for this popular evening.

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

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND: Most of the 700 pilgrims who will be going to Lourdes this summer with the diocesan pilgrimage are already saving up for their fare which, because of the falling rate of exchange between the pound and the euro, will be higher than in previous years. About 140 of those hoping to go will be frail, elderly, disabled or sick pilgrims - not all of whom are able to afford the full fare. To help them, the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund to able to award grants to make it possible for them to travel to Lourdes. The Pilgrimage Fund is an independent charity that relies entirely on fund-raising and on an annual retiring collection in the parishes of the dioceses. Last year the retiring collection alone raised £57,844 (it will need more this year because the pound doesn't stretch as far as it once did!). This figure was increased by those who Gift Aided their donation. There are special envelopes in the porch to use for the collection next weekend especially if you are able to gift aid what can give.

THE TRULY BLESSED

The Psalmist may have been suffering a bad day when he penned the words, “Our life is over like a sigh. Our span is seventy years or eighty for those who are strong. And most of these are emptiness and pain. They pass swiftly and we are gone” (Psalm 90). No one wants to leave this world when the time comes as a “nobody,” with an epitaph such as this: we would like to think that we have contributed something to the world or at least to the lives of those with whom we have shared our “three-score years and ten.” On the other hand, not everyone has the opportunity or the desire to become a “somebody” in the eyes of the world making a significant contribution to civilisation and leaving a legacy for future generations.

The vast majority of those living today, and who have ever lived throughout human history, are the “humble of the earth” in the words of the prophet Zaphaniah; or as St. Paul puts it, “those who are nothing at all” but who are able “to show up those who are everything.” Today’s Readings are an affirmation for all ordinary folk who are indeed “the ones that God has chosen.” The truly blessed, those who find happiness in their own life, and bring a little joy and light to the lives of others, are all those good people who strive to live the virtues of the Beatitudes: those who are gentle and merciful; the peacemakers and those who hunger and thirst for what is right; those who are poor in spirit and pure in heart. Fame and fortune, power and celebrity may have their attractions but they are no guarantee of lasting happiness. The way to live a full, holy and blessed life, as St. Thérèse of Lisieux discovered and wrote about in her autobiography, lies in doing the simple, ordinary things of daily life in an extraordinary way – for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

BEGINNERS DANCE CLASS: Learning to dance is a popular leisure activity in Selsey: all dance classes in the town are fully booked! If there is sufficient interest among parishioners - and their friends and neighbours - we may be able to make the Parish Hall available for a new Dance Class. Initially, it will be for a trial period of six weeks - on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30pm. There is a dance teacher who is prepared to offer her services if numbers are sufficient. The cost per sessions will be £8.50 per person per session. If you would be interested there is a clipboard in the porch for you to sign: for more information, ring John Bradley on 07826 556 041.

THE SPONSORED SWIM 2017: This year’s swim will be on Sunday, 5th March from 12.00noon to 2.30pm. Swimmers: 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.

MENS’ BREAKFAST: On the first Saturday of every month there is an open invitation to breakfast at The Riviera Restaurant, in New Parade, from 9.00am. Men from all Christian denominations meet informally in fellowship. All are welcome - just turn up: for more information, ring Philip Marsden on 605375.

BAGS2THE FUTURE: There will be a collection of surplus shoes (in pairs, please, tied together with their laces or with elastic bands) and clothing (men’s, ladies’ and children’s). You can also bag redundant hand- and other bags, hats, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels and bed linen (but NOT bulky pillows or duvets). Special bags available in the Porch to take home and fill - by the weekend 25th/26th February at the latest: proceeds from the purchase of the filled bags by weight go to the Building Maintenance Fund.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Max Foreshew, 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: 21st/22nd January
£346.46p

Offertory Collection

Church Maintenance Fund

£53.09p