

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

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 2017

4th/5th

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		St Paul Miki and Companion Martyrs	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of the Year	No Mass
Friday		St Scholastica	
	10.00am		
Saturday Morning Mass		Our Lady of Lourdes	No

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 133 in the Parish Mass Book]

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND: About 140 of the 700 pilgrims who will be going to Lourdes in the summer with the Diocesan Pilgrimage 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 can give grants to make it possible for them to travel to Lourdes. The Fund relies entirely on fundraising and on an annual retiring collection in the parishes. The retiring collection this weekend is for the Fund: donations to the fund can be Gift Aided using the special Lourdes Fund envelope in the Porch.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: All are invited to the Hall after Mass for coffee and other refreshments: added attractions this weekend are a chance to see the latest feature in the Hall - a wall-mounted T.V. screen for Hall users - and to restock the larder with jams and preserves from St. Wilfrid's Kitchen. Over coffee you can see on the screen a collection of parish photos taken at fundraising events and pictures of maintenance work on the Church. All will be most welcome.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP: The February meeting of the Group will be on Tuesday evening, beginning at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall - lots to talk about...!

ENCOUNTER BOGNOR REGIS: The February meeting for young adults (18 to 30 years) will be on Friday evening. During the evening (from 7.30 to 9.30pm), which includes prayer and praise, time for adoration and fellowship, the guest speaker will be Bishop Richard. All are welcome at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Bognor Regis: no previous booking needed.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Saturday - the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - is a World Day of Prayer for the sick: please remember in your prayers, especially, all in our Parish who are sick.

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

The words from Isaiah in today's first reading were first written down some 2,600 years ago; Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount nearly 2,000 years ago: they are among the many passages of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures that have profoundly shaped our civilisation. And how relevant they are at the beginning of 2017! We are challenged once again with the question that Cain asked of God, "Am I my brother's guardian (keeper)?"

At the time, the social and moral teaching of the prophets was generally taken to be applicable only to the People of Israel: you were expected to look after your own people, including the "stranger in your land." The teaching of Jesus was radically different: his command was to care for all in need. The light that Isaiah was talking about shone when all the citizens of his own country were properly looked after; the light that Jesus spoke of was a "light of the world" that must shine for the world. In many of the wealthier nations there are strong movements at the present time advocating that a strict limit be put on the responsibility they have for anyone who is "not one of us!" If the rich nations are building walls and fences around themselves, and protecting the interests of their own citizens alone, then the Christian Churches within them must ask what has happened to the light that should be shining from them and to the good works that should be there for all to see. If Christians appear to the world to be preoccupied with their own "domestic" issues and problems, as often is the case, no one can really be surprised that the world is turning away from God and going its own way.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next meeting for the children is on Saturday at 1.00pm.

QUIZ AND CHIPS EVENING: Tickets are now on sale after Mass for the next social event: an evening of fun and food on Friday, 17th February at 6.45 for 7.00pm. Come as a readymade Team of six or join a Team on the evening. 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). If you still have any unopened and unwanted Christmas Gifts that would make a suitable Raffle Prize, they will be gratefully received!

SCAM PREVENTION: There is at present an epidemic of frauds - on the internet, the 'phone, through the post and at our own front door - involving criminals skilfully seeking to steal our money by deception. A Police Officer from Chichester is prepared to come to the Church Hall to give advice on how to recognise, and so protect ourselves, from fraudulent activities of all kinds - if there is sufficient interest. There is a signing-on list in the Church Porch if you would consider coming to such an event. The day and time would need to be agreed with the Officer, but an indication of your preference for morning, afternoon or evening will help.

BEGINNERS DANCE CLASS: 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 a weekday evening from 6.30 to 7.30pm. 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. More swimmers are needed: please put your name down on a

clip-board in the porch and collect a sponsorship form. More sponsors are needed: you can sponsor an individual swimmer or the Team as a whole - there is a form in the Porch for Team sponsorship.

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: 28th/29th January
£303.62p

Offertory Collection

£59.93p

Church Maintenance Fund