

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

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT
1st/2nd April 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Matt Davis (anniversary)	
Sunday	10.00am	Roy Bell (anniversary)	
Monday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Tuesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday of Lent	No Mass
Friday		Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am	Fr. Cyril Elkington RIP	
	1.00pm	Funeral Service: Neville Sydney McNair	
Saturday		Weekday of Lent	No Morning Mass

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

	5.30pm	Eric Purse (anniversary)	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

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WELCOME TO Alexander Anderson who will be baptised this Sunday morning. Please pray for Alexander, for his parents Carl and Carla, and for all their family and friends on this special day.

PLEASE PRAY FOR John Joseph O'Shea, of St. Peter's Crescent, who died last Sunday in St. Wilfrid's Hospice. His funeral will be in St. Wilfrid's Church on Wednesday, 12th April. Pray, too, for his wife Sally and all their family and friends at this time. May he rest in peace!

COFFEE AFTER MASS: There will be coffee and other refreshments in the Parish Hall this weekend after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning: all will be welcome especially visitors to the parish - regular or occasional.

SERVICE OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION: The Lenten penitential service will be this Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm. There will be a short service of readings, prayer and reflection and then an opportunity, for those who so wish, to make a personal confession and receive absolution. A priest from Chichester will join us to assist with sacramental confession.

FAMILY TALENT SHOW: The show this year will be on Sunday, 7th May. From this weekend there is a signing-on list in the Porch for those willing to take part; and tickets on sale for the audience.

FR. PAUL WILKINS RIP: Wednesday will be the anniversary of the death in 2003 of Fr. Paul who served as an assistant priest in the parish for a short time: please remember him in your prayers.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE for Neville McNair will be on Friday at 1.00pm followed by his committal at the Chichester Crematorium. Please pray for Neville, and for his wife, Frances, their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and all their relatives and friends. May he rest in peace!

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RISING TO NEW LIFE

In his Pastoral Message last weekend Bishop Richard spoke about the “new life” that awaits all who in Cathedrals, Churches and Chapels across the world will be entering the Church by Baptism during the Easter Vigil. From the earliest times the Vigil on Holy Saturday has been the ideal time for people to embrace the Christian Faith in the newly blessed Waters of Baptism. Then, and now, the majority being baptised were adults and often in family groups. The other group receiving the gift of new life at Easter are those who are already baptised, but are being “received into full communion with the Church” during the Easter Vigil.

The Gospel is the story of the death of Lazarus and the grief of his sisters, Mary and Martha. Sad though the occasion was, Jesus used it as an opportunity to take his disciples, along with Mary and Martha, to the very heart of his whole message: that he is the light and the life of the world, as St. John stated in the Prologue to his Gospel. Martha spoke the question on everyone’s mind: why do people die? Jesus responded with the extraordinary claim that he is “the resurrection and the life.” He underwrites his claim by calling Lazarus from the grave – “come out!” He then invites those close to Lazarus to complete the work he began – “unbind him, let him go free.” And this is what the Church has been doing ever since. People ask questions – about life, about death and about what it all means. Through the Church, Jesus answers those questions and promises the gift of a new life. He then invites those who hear his call to this new life to free themselves from the “entombment” of the old. And he asks the Church to help in the task of removing the binding cloths and welcoming them into the community of the Church. We continue to pray for those in our parish at present preparing to enter more deeply into the life of the Church in the Sacraments of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Confirmation and all of us are invited to play our part by helping them to experience and enjoy this new life through the welcome we extend to them and their families.

SCAM PREVENTION: The information meeting in the Parish Hall on protecting ourselves from crime will be on Friday, at 3.00pm. PCSO Richard Moorey from Chichester Police Station will distribute his “Book of 30 Scams” and talk about the many ways that criminals try to get under our defences to rob us of cash and property. He will also have front door stickers warning off chancers knocking on the door with offers to repair your whatever. All are welcome; entry free.

CONFIRMATION MEETING: The next meeting will be on Friday evening: 7.45 for 8.00pm.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The children preparing for Holy Communion will again meet next Saturday afternoon at 1.00pm in the Presbytery.

WASHING OF THE FEET: There is a “signing-on” sheet in the Porch for those willing to have a foot washed during the Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 8.00pm on Holy Thursday.

WATCHING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE: Also for Holy Thursday, there is a “signing-on” list in the Porch for those who are able to watch for half-an-hour at the Altar of Repose after the Mass.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: There will be a retiring collection next weekend for donations towards the cost of flowers for Easter Sunday, and for the Season of Easter.

BLESSING OF PALMS: Please note that our celebration of Palm Sunday will begin in the Parish Hall with the Blessing and Procession of Palms.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Max Foresheew, Nell Hassett, Grace Ledger, 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.

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