

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		St. George	
	10.00am	Fr. Paddy Kenny RIP	
Tuesday		St. Mark	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am		
Saturday		St. Catherine of Siena	No
Morning Mass			

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

	5.30pm	Helen Ruddell (anniversary)	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Sacrament of Reconciliation:		Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm	

*[2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - page 255 in the Parish Mass Book]*

**OPEN PARISH MEETING:** There will be a parish meeting, open to everyone, in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening, beginning at 7.00pm. The meeting is to receive the parish accounts for 2016 and approve the proposed budget for 2017. Also on the agenda this year will be a discussion on "Pledge Sunday" in 2013. This was the occasion when the parish committed itself to raising the funds necessary to make good the defects in the Church and Hall. The original "pledge" was for three years ending in 2017. Now we need to review again the state of our buildings and other possible parish expenditures, as well as our financial position for the next few years. All will be most welcome.

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

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** Next weekend we will welcome to the parish Michael Casey - the diocesan representative of Aid to the Church in Need (UK) - who will be making an appeal for our support for this international charity. The charity is focusing much of its effort at the moment on supporting Christians in troubled countries in the Middle East where Christians, and other religious minorities, are persecuted and displaced in a number of countries in the region.

**FAMILY TALENT SHOW:** The show this year will be on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. There is a signing-on list in the Porch for those willing to take part - with a song, a dance, a recital (verbal or musical) or any other form of entertainment; and tickets on sale after Mass for those wanting to come and watch.

“NOLI ME TANGERE!”

When Mary of Magdala recognised the Risen Jesus in the garden her very human response, after all the traumas of the previous 48 hours, would have been to give him a big hug. So Jesus' polite, but firm, request, “do not cling to me” seems a little harsh! Mary, like all the friends and followers of Jesus who knew him before his death, had the rare privilege of knowing him as a human being, the same as any of us: they saw what he did; they heard what he said; they touched him and were touched by him. But from the moment of his resurrection the relationship became very different – now deeply spiritual and not merely physical. So Jesus was letting Mary know, in a kindly and gentle manner, that she must let go of their former friendship so as to enter into a new and deeper relationship. As people say these days, she had to “find closure” so as to be able “to move on!”

In the Garden of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning we are given a first class lesson in how to cope with loss and bereavement. Our human instinct is to hold onto all that is familiar, from our little routines in daily life through to those we most love – and everything in between. We resist change whenever anything happens to challenge our routines or remove from us those we love, and so we begin grieving for what is lost. There are recognised stages in the grieving process – denial, anger, depression, acceptance – which sometimes we work through one by one in an orderly manner and sometimes we experience them all at the same time, but with one of the stages dominating. Mental ill-health can often arise because those grieving are not being helped to work their way through the stages of grief. At one time support for grieving was readily available from the extended family, the local community – church, social or cultural – and from well-established rituals and religious practices. Now so many have to cope alone. Jesus' kindly words set Mary of Magdala on the path of recovery from her recent traumas; and her sharing the experience with, and belonging to, the early Christian community completed the process.

**RECENT COLLECTIONS:** The recent special collection in response to the famine in countries in East Africa raised £399.74p which has been sent to CAFOD - a member of the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) that launched the national appeal. From the Lenten Alms collected throughout Lent we will be able to send the diocese £60.45p to pass on to Enclosed Orders of Women in the diocese. On Good Friday the collection at the end of the afternoon Service raised £83.11p in support of the Holy Places in the Holy Land. Thanks to all who contributed.

**RECENT FUNDRAISING:** There was no space in the Newsletters before Easter to record the thanks of the whole parish to all those who organised and contributed to the very successful Books and Bakes Sale at the end of March. Our thanks to all who donated books and to those who baked the usual wide range of delicious cakes, pastries and other delights. Thanks, too, to the Fundraising Group that organised the event and to all its members who turned out on the day (and on the previous afternoon) to set everything up and staff the stalls. A total of £417.70p was raised. We have also received recently a donation from St. Wilfrid's Kitchen of £67.50p from the sale of marmalade, jams and preserves: our thanks to the chef and her assistants!

**EASTER OFFERING:** “May I thank everyone who contributed to the offertory collection on Easter Sunday - a record-breaking £1,151.93p. The Church was more full this Easter than I ever remember it which is very encouraging. So, my thanks for the generosity and support of everyone - our visitors for Easter, our regulars throughout the year and all those that we are always pleased to see on an occasional visit.” Fr. John

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Jacqui Brooker, Frances Casey, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Grace Ledger, 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

see above