

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

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
6th/7th May 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	John O'Shea RIP	
Monday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am		
Saturday Mass		Weekday in Eastertide	No Morning

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am Intentions of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[4th Sunday of Easter - page 262 in the Parish Mass Book]

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Congratulations to Nicholas Crist and Vivien May who received the Blessing of God and the Church on their marriage during Mass on Saturday morning. We join their families and friends in wishing them every happiness for their future together.

PASTORAL LETTER: Today we will listen to a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard after the Gospel Reading: on Good Shepherd Sunday it is an appeal to everyone to continue praying for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese, with some very practical suggestions.

VOCATIONS PRAYER CARD: The Bishop in his Letter refers to a new Vocations Prayer Card with a prayer that he is inviting everyone to join him in saying daily: please be sure to take a card home.

EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS: The retiring collection today is, traditionally, the annual collection to help the Bishop fund the education and training of future priests for the diocese. The training programme is usually six or seven years and often includes a University Course in this country or abroad. As this is a diocesan collection it can be Gift Aided using one of the special envelopes in the box of numbered envelopes if you have one.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: There will be coffee and conviviality in the Hall following Mass today: all will be most welcome, especially any visitors to the parish.

FAMILY TALENT SHOW: Tickets are available at the door for anyone who would like to be entertained this Sunday afternoon at the Family Talent Show, beginning in the Hall at 2.30pm.

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WITH ONE VOICE

The experience of Pentecost was so profound, and the effects so life changing, on those who were there that the first Christians soon came to see it as the antidote to the Tower of Babel. The ancient story of the building of the Tower and City of Babel was an attempt by the authors of the Book of Genesis (in chapter 11) to explain why the peoples of the earth were divided into nations and separated by different languages: sometimes even tribes and clans within nations were divided by a language problem. Filled with the Spirit the Apostles emerged from their hideaway into the streets of Jerusalem on Pentecost Sunday with such great joy in their hearts, and praise for God on their lips, that they “spoke” to everyone: all who wanted could join in – differences of language didn't seem matter!

There are those moments where a vast and diverse crowd can become united in a single celebration – the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games, the Last Night of the Proms, a Papal Mass – and all differences and distinctions are forgotten for a few moments: the people present are united with one voice. Big events are there to show us what can be: what we see and learn from them should be carried into everyday life. The Acts of the Apostles records that a large number were baptised that Sunday in Jerusalem. The Acts also records that the Apostles continued to proclaim the Good News in the weeks and months that followed – not so dramatically but just as effectively – as more and more were “added to their number.” It is in our DNA as Christians to work hard to overcome all that divides and separates people one from another: our vocation is to continue working to reverse the effects of the Tower of Babel and to be sure that the Church becomes a sign and symbol of oneness in our divided world.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY: One of our parishioners - Karen Pirks - is involved in helping to develop Selsey into a Dementia Friendly Community. She is working with several local Community Groups and is happy to talk to parishioners at the beginning of Dementia Awareness Week about the project and invite us to consider becoming a “Dementia Friend.” There will be a information session in the Parish Hall on Monday, 15th May at 11.00am for about an hour. All are welcome: for more information email karen.pirks@westsussex.gov.uk or 'phone 07824 376 760.

Karen will say a few words at the end of Mass explaining the new project and inviting us to the meeting.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The next meeting for those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday evening at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The children preparing for Holy Communion will again meet next Saturday afternoon at 1.00pm in the Presbytery (please note the change of date).

GIFT AID: A few weeks ago the Parish received a very welcome boost to parish funds from the Inland Revenue: our bank account was credited with £2,351.82p being the tax that parishioners have paid in the last year on their donations to the parish. May we thank all those who are able to Gift Aid their contributions to the parish in collections and donations? If you would like more information about Gift Aiding, Ian Purse will always be willing to help and advise.

MORE TO FOLLOW: Still to come, following the Family Talent Show this Sunday, there will be the Plants and Preserves Sale at the end of the month; a Dog Show and Table Top Sale in June; the Summer Fair in July; the Christmas Fair in December - the dates to be confirmed nearer the time.

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: 29th/30th April
£419.03p
£327.10p

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