

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

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

13th/14^h May 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Edmund Hughes (anniversary)	
Monday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am	Tom & Pat Hughes RIP	
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		Weekday in Eastertide	No Morning Mass

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

	5.30pm	Gerald Domone (anniversary)	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

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WELCOME TO Maria Svirskyte, daughter of Justinas and Jurgita, who will be baptised this Sunday afternoon. Please pray for Maria and for her family and their friends on this special day.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY: There will be a information session in the Parish Hall this Monday morning at 11.00am for about an hour. Karen Pirks – of this parish – is involved in helping to promote Selsey as a Dementia Friendly Community. She is working with other 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.” All will be welcome: for more information email karen.pirks@westsussex.gov.uk or 'phone 07824 376 760. There are some handbills in the porch with more information.

FAMILY TALENT SHOW: All who joined the audience last Sunday afternoon were treated to a wide variety of entertainment as members of the local community of all ages displayed their various talents. May we thank those who organised the show, who provided refreshments and, most of all, those who provided the entertainment? The afternoon raised £272.44p for the Building Maintenance Fund.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Ascension Day – this year on Sunday, 28th May – is the second great Feast of Eastertide: a suitable day for an Easter Egg Hunt. All children (and their parents!) are invited to the Presbytery garden after the 10.00am Mass on the 28th to search for (freshly laid) Easter eggs!

JESUS THE WAY

Road maps and atlases are increasingly being replaced by built-in SatNavs that come with new cars, or by portable ones for older cars, or by apps that can be downloaded onto smart 'phones or I pads. So driving can be so much easier as directions are clearly and gently spoken by the ever-present travelling companion and guide. However, such technologies can sometimes let down the driver – by malfunctioning, not being up-to-date on the latest changes to road layouts, or just failing to work – and then what? No maps, no computer guide can mean one lost driver a long way from home!

The way to God doesn't depend on directions from smart technologies, or even from the ability to read printed maps and atlases: the way to enter fully into the life of God is Jesus who said, "I am the Way..." He didn't say, "let me show you the way," or "that's the way to go;" he said "I am the way." Jesus of Nazareth is the face of God, the heart of God, the word of God: as we seek to be ever more fully in communion with Jesus so we inevitably move closer and closer to God. As he said to Philip, "to have seen me is to have seen the Father." So our way to God is not to be found in books, nor from directions given by computerised voices – however reliable they may or may not be – but from our relationship with the Risen and Living Lord, Jesus: who is our Way to the "Father's house" where there is plenty of room for all who are seeking God and are prepared to live in a Christ-like way.

PLANTS AND PRESERVES: Recent rain – meagre though it has been – may just have done a little to bring on your seeds and seedlings! With or without the rain if you may have some plants and shrubs to spare; they would be greatly appreciated for the Plant Stalls at the Plants and Preserves Sale on Saturday, 27th May from 10.00am to 12.00noon. All are invited to browse the plants at the Sale, and to stock up on marmalade, jams and other preserves from St. Wilfrid's Kitchen.

GIFT AID: Further to the welcome boost to parish funds, announced in last week's Newsletter, of £2,351.82p from the Inland Revenue, a further £516.01p has been credited to our bank account. All this is the return of the tax paid on Gift Aided donations to the Parish. Those who Gift Aid their donations should have received in the last week or two their annual statement from our Gift Aid Co-ordinator. Please ask Fr. John for your letter if you haven't yet received it.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE DATES: There is a poster on the notice board in the porch with the dates for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes – 27th July to 4th August. Application forms are available from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: full contact details are on the poster.

LIFE-SAVING DEFIBRILLATOR: Fixed to the front of the Bell Tower there is now a small yellow box which could possibly be a life saver: it contains a defibrillator that is there for public use. It is one of a number that have been installed recently at strategic sites around Selsey including the East Beach Free Church, the Fisherman's Joy and the (original) Co-op. The emergency 999 services know where the yellow boxes are located and can give instructions and the code for opening the box and using the defibrillator until the paramedics arrive. As members of the parish were involved in fundraising to sponsor the defibrillators it seems appropriate that we were chosen as one of the sites for this new service for the community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Frances Casey, Max Foreshew, 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:	6 th /7 th May	Offertory Collection	£332.92p
		Education of Future Priests	£122.41p
		Family Talent Show	£272.44p