

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

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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
21st May 2017

20th/

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Gerald Domone (anniversary)	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday in Eastertide	
	10.00am	Ella Hughes (anniversary)	
Tuesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		St. Bede the Venerable	No Mass
Friday		St. Philip Neri	
	10.00am		
Saturday Morning Mass		St. Augustine of Canterbury	No

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	John O'Shea RIP	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[6th Sunday of Easter - page 268 in the Parish Mass Book]

THE SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP will be meeting on Tuesday evening - at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Included on the agenda will be planning for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Plants and Preserves Sale. All will be most welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Fr. Jeremiah Corcoran on Friday - the anniversary of his death in 1985. For a short time, he was Parish Priest of St. Wilfrid's at the beginning of 1985. May he rest in peace!

PLANTS AND PRESERVES SALE: Now that we have had the benefit of some serious rain our gardens will be ready and waiting to receive the plants and shrubs that will be on sale next weekend in the Parish Hall. Any if you don't have a garden attached there will be hanging baskets and other floral decorations for the home. Alongside the stalls with plants and flowers there will be tables with produce from St. Wilfrid's Kitchen - jams, marmalade, preserves, chutneys etc. The doors will be open from 10.00am to 12.00noon next Saturday: all will be most welcome.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: Every Ascension Day the Church hears again the parting words of Jesus to his disciples, "Go, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." One way of observing this instruction in our day is to keep it as the annual World Communications Day when we consider all the ways in which the Gospel Message can be communicated to the

world. The theme of Pope Francis' Message for Communications Sunday is, "Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time." The Pope reflects on how this is not always easy when so much of the media is filled with bad news and even official media sources are no longer always trustworthy.

JESUS IS THE TRUTH

"Truth?" asked Pilate of Jesus at his trial, "What is that?" In the trial scene in John's Gospel there is no recorded answer to the question: it is left hanging! Perhaps John's intension was that, from Pilate onwards, it is for each and everyone of us to seek an answer to this most famous of all courtroom questions. And it certainly is a question in need of an urgent answer at the present time. Knowing who and what to believe is daily becoming more and more difficult as familiar words like 'reality,' 'facts' and 'truth' itself take on different meanings for different people – and increasingly what the person using them wants them to mean! If reality is how *I* see the world; if facts are what *I* want them to be; if truth is what *I* believe, then we are heading for a very confusing world – and repeating the mistake of those who built the Tower of Babel!

John does offer an answer to the question earlier in his Gospel when, in response to Thomas' question, Jesus says "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Those who seek God are also seeking the Truth: for if God is the source – creator – of all that is then the truth about our world and our lives – their meaning and their purpose – is found, ultimately, in God alone. Jesus, who walked the roads of Palestine and ate with sinners, is the self-revelation of God. Truth is not a theory, not a load of abstract thoughts and ideas; it is the person who said "I am the Truth." But only one person can make such an incredible claim: the one who came from God and has returned to God after revealing in himself the truth about God and the truth about humanity. Anyone who redefines facts, reality, truth to accord with their own purposes and beliefs is "a thief and a brigand" who has "come only to steal and kill and destroy." (See John 10:1-10).

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE of the Catholic Church in England and Wales works for the Bishops and the whole Church in and through the media to promote the Gospel and ensure that Catholic news and current affairs are aired in the media. The retiring collection next weekend will be for this important work: in the meantime, please take an information leaflet/prayer card.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Ascension Day 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 next Sunday to search for (freshly laid) Easter eggs!

THANKS FROM SCFR: The Chairman of the Selsey Community First Responders Scheme has written to thank the parish for "allowing us to mount a PAD (Public Access Defibrillator) on the Church building." Apparently it is not easy to find suitable sites for PADs as they cannot be positioned on domestic properties. Eventually there will an acknowledgement of all those helped raise the funds to place alongside the Insurance Company that provided the PADs around the town, and the Electricians that installed them.

A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: There will be a special Mass at St. Richard's in Chichester for the families of babies who died before birth or in infancy. It will be an opportunity for healing and a chance to remember and celebrate children lost in infancy or before birth. All will be welcome including parents, grandparents, siblings and all who were involved in their brief lives. The Mass will be on Saturday, 17th June at 12.15pm and will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms.

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.

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£336.48p
£44.63p

13th/14th May

Offertory Collection
Church Maintenance Fund

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