

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

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13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1st/2nd July 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Sonny Halloran RIP	
Monday		St. Thomas	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	10.00am		
Saturday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Morning Mass

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am Intentions of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

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COFFEE AFTER MASS: There will be coffee, and other refreshments, in the Hall after Mass this weekend: all will be most welcome - especially those visiting or recently moved to the parish.

THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Next weekend there will be Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports, including many on the larger and larger merchant ships to be seen every day on the English Channel between Selsey Bill and the Isle of Wight on their way to and from Portsmouth and Southampton. As the Apostleship of the Sea is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. There are Gift Aid envelopes supplied by the Apostleship of the Sea for those who would like to Gift Aid their donation.

All who sail in vessels large and small in the very busy waters around Selsey Bill will no doubt be reassured that the new Selsey Lifeboat is now in place and fully operational - let's not forget the crew, all volunteers, in our thoughts and prayers.

SUMMER DRAW 2017: Our annual grand draw, to accompany the Summer Fair, is launched this weekend. Books of tickets have been placed in envelopes and will be available at the end of Mass: hopefully everyone will be able to take at least one

envelope with four books of tickets enclosed. The main prizes are £100, £50 and £25 and there will be many other prizes besides.

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A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

What usually brings family and friends together at the Church on a Sunday afternoon is a newly-born addition to the family – a small baby, beautiful and innocent, full of life and promise for a long years ahead. Talk of dying and death, therefore, may seem totally out of place at such a time – and yet they are there in the prayers, scripture readings and other texts of the Baptism Ceremony. The second reading at Mass this weekend – again from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans – explains this apparent contradiction: “... when we were baptised we went into the tomb with (Christ Jesus) and joined him in death...”

Baptism as practised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan was by full immersion: the person being baptised – including Jesus himself when his turn came – was plunged under the water three times and lifted up three times. The meaning was clear: you were “dying” to your old and former self and rising to begin a new life as a new person. The baptismal font in Baptist Churches particularly is often a bath in the shape and size of a tomb set in the floor of the sanctuary so that Baptists can be baptised by total immersion. Some very modern Catholic Churches also have a font that can be used for baptism by immersion, the nearest to here being the new Church in Epsom. If you are able to witness, or even imagine, a baptism by immersion, with the newly baptised being dressed in the white baptismal gown immediately after emerging from the font, then the symbolism of rising to a new life becomes obvious. So talk of dying and death at a Sunday afternoon baptism don't seem so out of place. As St. Paul writes, we join him in death so that “...as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.”

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL: Our patronal feast day later this month will be on Sunday, 16th July. In preparation a small group in the parish have been making a “do-it-yourself” Retreat called “33 Days to Morning Glory.” It ends with an Act of Consecration to Our Lady. While it is a personal Act of Consecration for those who have completed the Retreat the group will be happy for everyone to stay on after the 10.00am Mass on 16th July and then to join them in the Hall for a little “party” in celebration.

TABLE TOP SALE AND DOG SHOW: The Fun Dog Show drew a large crowd of dogs and their owners - one all the way from Horsham! A great time was had by all, with many wonderful prizes and just a few disappointments. Some of our four-legged visitors then dragged their owners into the Hall for refreshments and a browse of the goods on the Table Tops. Altogether the event raised a very welcome £224.10p for the Building Maintenance Fund.

May we thank the sponsors of the Fun Dog Show - “Pets Doctors” and “Pet Pantry” - who also provided the prizes; the visiting judges and officials for the Dog Show; and, of course, members of the Social and Fundraising Group for all the organisation, setting out and clearing up on the day, and all who helped and contributed in any way?

SUMMER FAIR: There will be all the usual stalls and games for the children at the Summer Fair on Saturday, 29th July, so please sort and box all contributions and donations you may have and bring full boxes to the Church Porch. Stalls include books and bric-a-brac; good-as-new clothes, especially for children; toys and games for children; prizes for the bottle and chocolate tombolas; toiletries and many more besides.

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:

24th/25th June

Offertory Collection

£341.63p

Peter's Pence

£76.16p