

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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY 3rd/4th June 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Good Health of Caroline Gough	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		St. Boniface	
	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 Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Morning

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5.30pm Intentions of the Parish

Sunday 10.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[Pentecost Sunday - page 288 in the Parish Mass Book]

{**Ordinary Time of the Year** resumes on Monday with the Prayers from the 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Readings from the 9th week of Year 1}

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: During Mass this weekend there is a little ceremony, just before the Creed, to help those in our parish soon to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to prepare for their Confirmation Day at Arundel Cathedral on 18th June. Their parents (or godparents) will relight from our Easter Candle the Baptism Candle they received when they first brought their child to the Church. They will then affirm that they have been faithful to the task of bringing up their sons and daughters in the Catholic faith as they promised at their Baptism. The Confirmation Candidates will then promise to continue preparing for their Confirmation before they receive from their parents their own Baptism Candle as a sign that they must take a greater responsibility for their own life of faith now that they are about to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at the Sacrament of Confirmation.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: There will be coffee and other refreshments in the Hall after Mass this weekend: all will be very welcome, especially any visitors to St. Wilfrid's this weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The children preparing for Holy Communion will again meet next Saturday at 1.00pm. The meeting will be in the Church and parents should also stay for the meeting as it will be a rehearsal for the First Communion Mass.

THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

June promises to be a good month in our parish for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: five of our children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time; twelve of our young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation; and there may be a Baptism or two by the end of the month. At the end of the Baptism Service the priest sums up the meaning of Baptism with these words, “My dear brothers and sisters, this child has been reborn in Baptism. S/he is now called a child of God, for so indeed s/he is. In Confirmation s/he will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In Holy Communion s/he will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his/her Father in the midst of the Church...”

Ever since the Church introduced the practice of infant baptism the three Sacraments of Initiation have become separated and spread out over a number of years, although the original intention was that they should all be received in one single celebration. Originally, adult converts to Christianity (and very often their whole family) would go to their local Cathedral to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and thus become members of the Christian community. They were Baptised in a special chapel at the door of the Cathedral (possibly by a Deacon or even Deaconess) and then escorted into the body of the Cathedral where the Bishop and the community were waiting to welcome them. The Bishop Confirmed them by the laying on of hands and anointing with the Sacred Chrism, and then they joined the rest of the community in approaching the Altar to receive Holy Communion for the first time. This now happens every Holy Saturday night in numerous parish Churches – with the Parish Priest able to give the Sacrament of Confirmation on behalf of the Bishop – as an increasing number of adults are received into the Church every Easter. This month we are celebrating with 17 families in our parish the continuing journey of their children's faith that began when they first brought them to the Church as infants to be Baptised. We thank the parents (and godparents) for faithfully keeping the promise they made to bring up their children “in the practice of the faith” and we pray with them for their sons and daughters at this special and important time.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES: Our Bishops have written a letter to Catholics in both our countries on the occasion of the forthcoming General Election. If you were unable to take home a copy last weekend, please take one today from the Church Porch.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS: The 10.00am Mass next Sunday will be the Mass at which the children in this year's First Communion Programme will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time. We look forward to welcoming them, their families and their friends to the Table of the Lord.

THE MISSIONARY ENDEAVOUR OF THE DIOCESE: Next weekend there will be the annual retiring collection to fund the support we give to our twinned diocese of Chulucanas in Peru. Earlier this year, many parts of Peru suffered the consequences of disastrous flooding after a long period of heavy rain - so our support this year will be particularly appreciated. As a diocesan collection, donations to this collection can be Gift Aided using the special numbered envelopes.

PLANTS AND PRESERVES: The amount raised last weekend from the Plants and Preserves Sale was an incredible £602.14p - St. Wilfrid's Kitchen alone raising £315.00 - for the Building Maintenance Fund. So may we thank everyone who contributed in any way to the preparations and who supported it on the day (and since)? A handful of plants remain on tables in the Car Park if anyone still has space in their gardens!

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: 27th/28th May
£521.22p
£51.18p

Offertory Collection
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