

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

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25th June 2017

24th/

Mass Times

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| Saturday | 5.30pm | Intentions of the Parish | |
| Sunday | 10.00am | | |
| Monday | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | |
| | 10.00am | | |
| Tuesday | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | No Mass |
| Wednesday | | St. Irenaeus | No Mass |
| Thursday | | St. Peter and St. Paul | |
| | 10.00am | Intentions of the Parish | |
| | 7.00pm | | |
| Friday | | Weekday in Ordinary Time | |
| | 10.00am | | |
| Saturday Mass | | The Dedication of the Cathedral | No Morning |

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| | 5.30pm | Intentions of the Parish | |
| Sunday | 10.00am | Sonny Halloran RIP | |

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

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TABLE TOP SALE AND DOG SHOW: All will be welcome this Sunday afternoon from 12.00noon to 2.00pm to browse tables in the Hall with a wide variety of goods and crafts on sale. There will also be a Fun Dog Show with a variety of classes covering all temperaments, sizes and ages of dogs.

PETER'S PENCE: The retiring collection this weekend is the annual collection for Peter's Pence: it is in anticipation of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul which will be celebrated on Thursday. This collection is taken in every parish across the world - except the poorest - to fund Pope Francis in doing his work as the universal pastor - which includes supporting the poorest of parishes. In recent years, millions of people have been able to see the Pope in person as successive Popes have made Papal visits to different nations or met young people every other year for World Youth Day - just one example of the Pope serving the Universal Church.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP: The group meets on Tuesday - at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall - to review the Dog Show/Table Top Sale and to begin serious preparations for the Summer Fair and Grand Draw at the end of July. All will be most welcome.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL: Thursday is the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul - a holy day of obligation when we should make every reasonable effort to celebrate Mass in honour of two founding Apostles of the Church. Mass will be at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

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IS SIN INEVITABLE?

In Christian theology today's second Reading is possibly the most discussed passage from the entire New Testament: it gave rise to the doctrine of Original Sin which, in turn, has shaped so many of our beliefs on good and bad, life and death, heaven and hell. The hottest debate has often centred around the meaning of original sin: is it something we are born with, or something that is part of the human condition that is difficult, if not impossible, for anyone to avoid? If it is the former then everyone is damned unless saved by "that divine grace, coming through one man, Jesus Christ" which we first receive in Baptism. This raises very difficult problems, notably, are all those who die without being baptised damned for ever – or at best to spend eternity in limbo?

On the other hand, if original sin is part of the human condition then, in theory, we are free to resist and so not become tainted. But our human condition is weak and fallen: it seems that once we become mature enough to choose freely it is almost inevitable that sometimes we choose what is good and at other time what is bad (Mary, Mother of Jesus, being the exception who, tradition teaches us, chose only what was good). As a faithful Jew, Paul believed that all sin is, ultimately, the sin of disobedience by not observing the Law of Moses. But he was also aware that people not bound by the Law of Moses could also be guilty of sin. The consequence of sin, of whatever kind, is death – death of the human spirit rather than bodily death. If ever we have been in a state of serious sin we will have some idea of what it means to be spiritually dead but, hopefully, have been able quickly to find reconciliation with God and those we have offended. But a thousand minor sins could also sap the spiritual life from us. All of us, therefore, are in need of that "abundant free gift." If we don't think we need it we are probably deceiving ourselves: sin is like a contagious disease that few can escape!

COFFEE AFTER MASS: Next weekend there will be coffee in the Hall after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning: all will be most welcome.

FATIMA STATUE AND RELICS: This is the Centenary Year of the Apparitions at the Shrine of Fatima. Recently Pope Francis canonised the two child visionaries - Saint Jacinta and Saint Francisco. Currently a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of the two new Saints are travelling around the country. They will be at our own Cathedral in Arundel for the weekend 1st/2nd July: please see a poster in the Porch for full details or visit the website www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk.

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.

REFUGEE NEWSLETTER: The Summer 2017 edition of the Newsletter that details how our diocese is responding to the global refugee crisis is available free in the Porch. It tells of how individuals and parishes have been helping refugees and suggests how others can become involved.

NEW POSTERS: The Deanery / Diocesan notice board in the porch is once again covered with posters advertising a wide variety of events across the diocese and beyond. Please

check to see if there is anything that may be of interest to you - there are events for all ages.

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: 17th/18th June
£342.27p
 £81.00p

Offertory Collection
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