

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

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8th/9th July 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Julia Manfredi RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		St. Benedict	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		St. Bonaventure	No Morning

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	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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THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Today is Sea Sunday when we remember all those who live and work at sea - as crew on merchant ships sailing the seas or as crew on fishing boats reaping a harvest from below its surface. We all depend greatly on the goods from around the world imported daily on merchant ships, and our economy depends on the goods exported on the same ships. The second collection today is for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting all our ports, including those who pass us by at Selsey Bill on their way to and from Portsmouth and Southampton. The Apostleship of the Sea is dependent on voluntary donations to do its work. There are special Gift Aid envelopes supplied by the Apostleship for those who would like to Gift Aid their donation. For more information, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

ENCOUNTER EVENING: The last monthly gathering at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis for the 15 to 30 age group before the summer break will be on Friday from 7.30pm: please see poster in the porch for details.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL: Our patronal feast day in honour of Our Lady is next Sunday. A small group in the parish has been making a "do-it-yourself" Retreat called "33 Days to Morning Glory" in preparation for making an Act of Consecration to Our Lady, Immaculate Mother on our feast day. Others are welcome to join them in the Act of Consecration, even if they were unable to make the Retreat: it will be after the

10.00am Mass next Sunday. And all are welcome to join them afterwards in the Hall for a little “party” in celebration.

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SPIRITUAL LIVES

Numerous surveys over recent years, and the National Census every ten years, have all recorded a drop in Church attendance (and, to a lesser extent, at Synagogues and Mosques) in the last four or five decades. But they do not record an equal decline in spiritual activities in the widest sense of the word: if anything, there is an increasing interest in matters spiritual. As people who “belong” to Christ our spiritual life is all about our relationship with God; indeed, as St. Paul tells us in the second reading today, we should be possessed by the “Spirit of Christ.”

G.K. Chesterton shrewdly observed that when people “chose not to believe in God, they do not thereafter believe in nothing, they become capable of believing in anything.” Did he put his finger on the reason for the apparent paradox – of a growth in all kinds of spiritual interests and activities matched by a decline in membership of organised religions? The evidence seems to be that a great many people want to believe in things deeper, more lasting and more satisfying than the purely material – things that money can't buy! And to match this desire there has been an explosion of charismatic figures, cults, movements and even new philosophies and religions all claiming to reach and satisfy the deeper needs of the human spirit. Sadly, many of these are based on delusions and can only, in the end, lead to disappointment. Many others, though, do offer some answers to those searching and some satisfaction to those wanting more from life. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans is quite sure that our deepest spiritual needs will only be satisfied when “the Spirit of God has made his home in you.” That so many people haven't discovered the Spirit of God in organised religion – in our parishes and schools, in our organisations and institutions – should be a cause of concern for all of us.

NEW ROTAS: Those Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers who receive printed copies of their rota will find a named copy in the porch.

New ministers are always welcome - indeed, needed: if you would like to consider serving the parish community in the liturgy, please talk to Fr. John about what is involved.

PARKING IN CHURCH ROAD: We have received a request from the Town Hall to leave enough space adjacent to the bus stop at the end of Church Road so that the bus can stop alongside the pavement. If it has to stop out in the road it is unable to lower its height from the ground to make it easier for elderly passengers to climb aboard - which happened last Sunday.

SUMMER DRAW 2017: Thanks to all who took an envelope last weekend with books of Summer Draw tickets. If you missed receiving your envelope last weekend - or are able to take more to sell to family, friends and neighbours - then you will find more in the pews. The main prizes are £100, £50 and £25 and there will be many other prizes besides. Please return the envelope with the counterfoils and the money for the tickets to a specially marked box in the porch.

SUMMER FAIR: There will be all the usual stalls and games for the children at the Summer Fair on Saturday, 29th July. 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 (chocolates might do better in the fridge at home during the present hot weather!); 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:	1 st /2 nd July	Offertory Collection	£400.50p
		Church Maintenance Fund	

£39.28p