

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

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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15th/16th July 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Sonny Halloran RIP	
Monday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	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		St. Mary Magdalene	No Morning

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am Intentions of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 102 in the Parish Mass Book]

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL: Our patronal feast day in honour of Our Lady is this Sunday. A small group in the parish has been preparing to make an Act of Consecration to Our Lady, Immaculate Mother, to coincide with our feast day. Others are welcome to join them in the Act of Consecration: it will be after the 10.00am Mass this Sunday morning. And all are welcome to join them afterwards in the Hall for a little "party" in celebration.

SUMMER DRAW 2017: There is just one more weekend left before the Summer Draw - still time to take some more books of tickets to sell to family, friends and neighbours (you will find more at the end of the pews); and still time to return the counterfoils and money for tickets already sold. Thanks to all who have returned counterfoils and money: there is a special box in the Porch to receive them. The main prizes are £100, £50 and £25 and there will be many other prizes besides.

SUMMER FAIR: The Summer Draw coincides with our annual Summer Fair - together they are one of our most important fund-raisers. As well as the draw itself, there will be all the usual stalls - books and bric-a-brac; good-as-new clothes, especially for children; cakes and preserves; toys for children; toiletries and many more besides - as well as games for the children and tombolas (bottles and chocolates) for the adults. All this, and more, on Saturday, 29th July from 10.00am to 2.00pm. (Help on the Friday afternoon, and on the day, will be greatly appreciated).

Please bring any donations for any of the stalls - especially for the two tombolas - and leave them in the Church Porch. Just one weekend remaining after this one!

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“A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH”

Today's passage from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans has taken on a whole new meaning in the last 50 years, and is coming to be understood by the present generation of Christians in a way that few in previous generations would have understood in – including St. Paul himself! At the time of writing Paul and the first Christians still had lingering thoughts and hopes that the second coming of Christ at the end of time was going to happen soon and that the moment of his return would be the “birth of the new creation” - there would a new heaven and a new earth and everything would be just as God intended it to be with everything and everyone living in perfect harmony.

Paul was obviously somewhat out on his calculations: we are still here and we are still waiting! For the first time in history those living in the second half of the 20th century and into the present century know that, far from bringing the “entire creation” to birth, the human community now has the power to abort it – to kill off creation (or our small part of it) by nuclear explosion or by the destruction of the environment. If creation was “unable to attain its purpose” from the beginning then we can assume that God's plan was that God and the human family can work together to bring it to perfection: we are co-creators with God in the work bringing to birth the “new heaven and the new earth.” In today's world it is the “children of God” who “possess the first-fruits of the Spirit” who are charged with ridding our world of its “the slavery to decadence” so that we, the whole human family and the whole of creation can enjoy the “freedom and glory” that God intends for everything created in heaven and on earth – but God has chosen not to do it alone. What an awesome privilege and responsibility we have as co-creators with God of the future

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: A message from Geraldine Allchurch and Team at the SHOP: “Can you spare a morning once a week, or occasionally, to help in the SHOP at 89 High Street? We serve hot and cold drinks, snacks and fairly traded goods in a friendly atmosphere. Local artists exhibit their work together with hand-made cards. We represent the various Selsey Churches and enjoy working with each other and meeting our lovely clientele. We open mornings only. Come in and give us a visit and see if you'd like to join us!”

FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST: A regular event that also bring together the Christians of Selsey is the open invitation to breakfast at The Riviera on the first Saturday of each month, from 9.00am.

THE QUIET GARDEN AT FISHBOURNE: There is a new updated poster on the Notice Board for the monthly mornings of “rest, quiet and spiritual reflection” in and around the Fishbourne Church Hall at St. Peter's Place, Fishbourne. The Quiet Garden at Fishbourne is one of over 300 Quiet Gardens worldwide: an ideal place for a few hours of peace and spiritual refreshment.

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.

And please always be sure not to park in the road immediately in front of the main entrance door to the Church on Sunday mornings: plenty of space is needed by the Selsey Venture Bus when it delivers parishioners for Mass and collects them afterwards.

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:	8 th /9 th July	Offertory Collection	£353.20p
		Apostleship of the Sea	

£96.35p