

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

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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
22nd/23rd July 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Mary Harkin RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		St. James	No Mass
Wednesday		St. Joachim and St. Anne	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	10.00am		
Saturday		St. Martha	No Morning Mass

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 105 in the Parish Mass Book]

SUMMER DRAW 2017: This is the last weekend before the Summer Draw: there are still books of tickets waiting to be sold to anyone generous enough to support our parish, and have a chance of winning one of our major prizes - of £100, £50 or £25 - or one of a selection of minor prizes. Thanks to all who have returned counterfoils and money to the special box in the Porch; after this weekend you can bring them to the Fair next Saturday.

SUMMER FAIR: All will be welcome our annual Summer Fair next Saturday from 10.00am to 2.00pm to browse the many stalls - including books and bric-a-brac; good-as-new clothes, especially for children; cakes and preserves; toys for children; toiletries and many more besides - and have a go at various "games" for all ages - traditional fair games for the children and tombolas (bottles and chocolates) for the adults.

Help will be much appreciated on Friday afternoon setting things in place, as well as on the day itself. Any more gifts and donations to the stalls can be brought to the Hall on Friday afternoon.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP: There will be a meeting of the Group on Tuesday evening: in the Hall from 6.30pm. The meeting is to finalise the details for the Summer Fair: all will be welcome, especially anyone able to help with the Fair on Friday afternoon or Saturday.

BISHOP LANGTON FOX: Wednesday will be the anniversary of his death in 1997: as Parish Priest of St. Richard's in Chichester he oversaw the building of the present Church,

including the installation of our art works, and the setting up St. Wilfrid's as a parish.
May he rest in peace!

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“PRAYING AT ALL TIMES”

In the second reading last Sunday St. Paul reminded us that the children of God are called to work with God to bring about “a new heaven and a new earth.” Our vocation is to work with God as co-creators entrusted with the task of enabling the entire creation, which has been “groaning in one great act of giving birth,” to achieve its purpose. In this week's extract from his Letter to the Romans he tells us how: by prayer!

We may have learnt as children that prayer is “the raising of our mind and heart to God.” Very often when we pray, however, we assume that God will listen as we do all the talking! But that is to bring God down to our own small world when God wants to fill our minds and hearts with God's own beautiful vision for our lives, our future and our world. Prayer begins with a humble acceptance that all of us are dependent on God for all that is good and worthwhile. Often, though, we don't see what is best for us and present God with our own “shopping list of goodies” that we think God ought to grant us. That is why, as St. Paul tells us, we need the Spirit to “express our plea in a way that can never be put into words.” Left to our own devices our prayer might be more like a child's letter to Father Christmas than a genuine effort to bring our mind and heart into line with the will of God. When God and the whole human family are “singing from the same hymn sheet” then will heaven and earth come together in perfect unity and harmony; or, as St. Paul writes, when “the pleas of the saints as expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.”

LIFEBOAT SERVICE ON THE GREEN: After a two-year gap the annual Lifeboat Service returns to the Lifeboat Green, adjacent to the brand new lifeboat house with its brand new lifeboat and launching system. The Service - traditionally joined by members of all the Selsey Churches as well as the people of the town - will be next Sunday at 6.30pm: on the Lifeboat Green unless prevented by the weather.

RED MISSIONARY BOXES: This is the time of the year when those with a missionary box at home can have its contents emptied if it has filled up since the beginning of the year. If you need your box emptied, please leave it in the Porch at the weekend.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE: The stresses and strains on Local Authorities in providing adult social care are much talked about at the present time. West Sussex County Council is undertaking a public consultation to find out what the residents of the County want from social care. Paper copies are available this weekend or you can respond online - <https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk>.

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!”

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:	15 th /16 th July	Offertory Collection	£423.93
		Church Maintenance Fund	£69.24