

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

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19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
13<sup>th</sup> August 2017

12<sup>th</sup>/

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Good Health of Eden & Elizabeth Cawley	
Monday		St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe	
	10.00am	Ella Hughes RIP	
Tuesday		The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	10.00am	Seamus Doherty RIP	
	7.00pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Wednesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	10.00am	Tom & Pat Hobbs RIP	
Saturday Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Morning

### 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday Cookson	10.00am	In Thanksgiving for the lives of Rebecca & Rachel	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

*[19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 114 in the Parish Mass Book]*

STARS OF MARY MASS: This Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm our parish is host to the deanery group that arranges regularly a special afternoon Mass in the Churches of the Deanery for those who are uncomfortable at a normal parish Mass because of their age or disability. All will be welcome.

REST IN PEACE! Monday will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Father Vincent Maxwell, the first parish priest of St. Wilfrid's. He was an assistant priest in St. Richard's when, in 1970, Selsey was established as an independent parish in its own right. So he knew Selsey well before being appointed its first parish priest. For health reasons he had to leave the parish after a short 18 months as parish priest. May he rest in peace!

THE ASSUMPTION: Tuesday this week is the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - a Holy Day of Obligation, which means we should make every reasonable effort to come to Mass and celebrate this special day in honour of Our Lady. The times of Mass on Tuesday will be 10.00am in the morning and at 7.00pm in the evening.

DEMENTIA INFORMATION SESSIONS: Karen Pirks is running Information Sessions on Dementia as part of the programme to make Selsey a Dementia Friendly Community. They will be at The Shop in the High Street on the next two Wednesdays (16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>)

August) from 2.00 to 3.00pm. Please see the poster in the Porch for more information and for contact details.

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*“THEOTOKOS”*

For the first 400 years Mary had no place in the thoughts or devotions of the Church: all the attention was given to trying to sort the true identity of Jesus. Was Jesus both truly divine and truly human was the key question – and not just for the bishops and theologians but for everyone in the “pews.” While most people could identify with Jesus as another human being with very special gifts and powers from God it was not so easy to get your head around the claim that he was also the Son of God: that the second person of God – the Word and Wisdom of God – had been born into our world as “one of us!” Only after the Council of Ephesus in the year 431 finally decreed that Jesus was both human and divine did Mary begin to come into her own: for if the Son of God was born into the world as a human person then he must have had a mother who carried him in her womb and gave birth to him. Mary was that mother and so was given the title “God-bearer (*theotokos*).”

With the exalted place that Mary has had in the Church ever since it's hard to believe she had been overlooked for so long. Catholics, in particular, are renowned for their devotion to Mary – every Catholic Church has a “Lady Altar” with statues and pictures; every Catholic home has its own statue or picture of Our Lady somewhere in the house; every Catholic can recite the 'Hail Mary' if no other prayer. The feast of the Assumption is one of the oldest feasts and devotions to honour Our Lady. If Mary was truly *theotokos* – the bearer of God – then it would be unseemly for the body that had been for nine months the Tabernacle of God should be subject to mortal corruption. If God has somehow arranged for Mary to remain fully human even in death then, perhaps, her present situation gives us an insight into what our own situation will be when we are eventually gifted with the fullness of life in the heavenly kingdom.

**PHIL BEER IN SELSEY:** The Selsey Folk and Music Club, which began in our own Parish Hall, has invited the BBC Folk Award Winner, Phil Beer, to give a live performance in Selsey on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September in the Selsey Centre. Details for booking tickets on a poster in the Porch.

**CAFOD IN EL SALVADOR:** There will be an open meeting, organised by the local CAFOD Group, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Bognor Regis on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 10.00 to 11.30am. This year's Harvest Fast Day in October will focus on El Salvador and the challenges facing the country's farmers. This is the centenary year of the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero, the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador. For more information about the meeting from the local CAFOD office ring 01483 898866 or email [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk)

**RED MISSIONARY BOXES:** If you would like the contents of your missionary box at home to be emptied please leave your red box in the porch. An emptied box will be issued as soon as possible. Please ask Fr. John if you would like to have your own missionary collection box at home: proceeds are sent to “Missio” (formerly the A.P.F.) - the Church's missionary charity.

**PARKING IN CHURCH ROAD:** Throughout the week there is an increasing problem with parking in Church Road, which is an important bus route. It will be greatly appreciated if we can avoid adding to the problem on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Please avoid parking in the space adjacent to the bus stop at the end of Church Road so that the bus can stop alongside the pavement (and not in the middle of the road) and please do not double park: always park on the Church side of the road (despite what others might do!).

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Frances Casey, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Margaret Kortens, 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.*

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