

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

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 2017

16th/17th

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Deceased Members of the Pinto Family	
Sunday	10.00am	John McHugo (anniversary)	
Monday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	10.00am	Deacon Joe Crane RIP	
Tuesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Wednesday		St. Andrew Kim Taegon and Companion Martyrs	No Mass
Thursday		St. Matthew	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Saturday		St. Pius of Pietrelcina	No
Morning Mass			

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - page 128 in the Parish Mass Book]

HOME MISSION SUNDAY: This Sunday is the day for the annual retiring collection that helps those responsible for the "Home Mission" at a national level. Each of us has a responsibility to put the light of our faith on a lampstand; every parish should be a beacon of light shining in the local community, like a city built on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. In addition we can support, by contributing to the Home Mission Sunday retiring collection, all those who promote the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales.

SELSEY COMMUNITY CARE SHOWCASE: On Monday, at Selsey Town Hall from 11.00am to 1.00pm, local support groups, networks and organisations involved in providing care locally will "showcase" and celebrate the variety of community activities in Selsey for older residents, including recent developments in making Selsey a "Dementia Friendly Community." Older residents will be able to visit the Town Hall to see for themselves - and even experience at first hand - some of the services available. A poster in the porch gives further details of the scope and extent of local participation in the event: entry free.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP: The Group meets on Tuesday evening - at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall - to begin preparing for our autumnal social and fundraising activities, including a Jumble Sale next month and the Christmas Fair at the beginning of December. There will also be a review of recent fundraising activities. All will be most welcome, especially anyone who hasn't been before.

“COME AND SEE”

The story in St. John's Gospel of how the first followers of Jesus gathered around him has a number of useful hints about what we might be able to do that would help others discover Jesus for themselves. The first two were disciples of John the Baptist who was happy to point out to them Jesus as “the lamb of God.” Their curiosity aroused they then went to get a closer look and probably stalked him for a while until he turned and asked what they wanted. Caught off-balance they said the first thing that came into their heads and asked Jesus, “where do you live?” To which he gave the very simple and direct reply, “come and see.” There are countless ways in which curiosity can be aroused in people who have never known Jesus or who, once knew him and subsequently pushed him to the margins of their life. Once their curiosity has been aroused then people must be able to hear the Lord's invitation to “come and see.” And that's where the Church in all its manifestations should come into its own – for Jesus now lives in his Church. Elsewhere Jesus promised that where two or three of his disciples are gathered in his name he would be present among them: Jesus is to be found living in Christian families, in Christian schools and parishes, in communities of monks and nuns – they all have a part to play making Jesus real for those asking the question “where does he live?”

Andrew was one of the two who left John the Baptist to become a disciple of Jesus. He then went off to tell his brother, Peter, all about Jesus. It is not always easy to speak directly to others about our faith in the way that Andrew did but, if and when the opportunity presents itself we should try to grasp it. So, we all have a chance to be “missionary” whether by speaking directly about what we believe, or by being part of a Christian community in which Jesus is present. On Home Mission Sunday we can pray for the courage to be faithful to our responsibility.

“CONSIDER A CAREER IN CARE” There will be an open meeting in Selsey Town Hall on Saturday, 7th October for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a care worker in the local community. There are posters and postcards in the porch with more information.

THE BIG SLEEP OUT: This annual fundraising event, organised by Stonepillow, will be on the night of Saturday, 7th October in the grounds of Chichester Cathedral. Stonepillow now provides 365 days a year support for homeless people in Chichester, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton and is able to give accommodation to 86 people at any one time. The Big Sleep Out aims to raise £30,000 from sponsorship of those prepared to spend a night sleeping in cardboard boxes or other makeshift shelters - not to replicate the plight of homelessness but to gain a small insight into the realities of rough sleeping. If you would like to be involved - by sponsoring those sleeping out or even by joining them for the night - then find out more from the Stonepillow website.

“THE ART OF DYING WELL” The Bishops of England and Wales have recently launched a new website that “offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life.” This new website - www.artofdyingwell.org - will help clarify the beliefs and practices of Catholics on the subject. There is a FREE prayer card, with a prayer for the dying, available in the Porch.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Joanne Donoghue, Max Foreshow, Nell Hassett, Margaret Kortens, Grace Ledger, Desmond McGoldrick, 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:
£395.86p

9th/10th September

Offertory Collection
Catholic Education Service
£46.61p