

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

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PARISH PRIEST: Father John Healy

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th/8th October 2017

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	Paulette Lavanant RIP	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	10.00am	In Thanksgiving	
Tuesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Wednesday		St John XXIII	No Mass
Thursday		St Wilfrid – co-Patron of the Parish	
	9.30am	Intentions of the Parish	
Friday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	10.00am	Tom and Pat Hobbs RIP	
Saturday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Morning Mass

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	5.30pm	Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am		

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – page 137 in the Parish Mass Book]

HARVEST FAST DAY: Whatever you saved by practising self-denial on Friday – the annual Harvest Fast Day – can be donated to CAFOD in the retiring collection this weekend. What we save from doing without some of the things we take for granted helps CAFOD to support those who don't enjoy all the things we enjoy every day. Those who will be benefiting most from this year's Harvest Fast Day collection will be farmers, like Edelmira and her family, in El Salvador.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: This weekend there will be coffee and conversation after Mass in the Hall: all will be welcome – especially if you have never been before.

FEAST OF ST. WILFRID: There will be Mass on Thursday morning this week to celebrate the feast day of our parish co-Patron – St. Wilfrid – who is also a Secondary Patron of the Diocese. Please note that the Mass will be at **9.30am** to enable Fr. John to depart in good time for a meeting.

JAM & JUMBLE: Next Saturday morning – from 10.00am to 12.00noon – there will be a Jumble Sale in the Parish Hall: clothes and shoes for all ages and both genders and bric-a-brac will be on sale at greatly reduced prices. St. Wilfrid's Kitchen will also be open for the sale of jams and marmalades, chutneys and preserves. All are welcome.

BAGS2THEFUTURE: The next collection date for Bags2thefuture is coming soon: next weekend will be the last opportunity for leaving bags of clothes, shoes and soft furnishings (but no sheets and blankets) in the Porch. Proceeds from the collection are for the Church Maintenance Fund.

A MARTYR IN OUR TIME

Archbishop Oscar Romero seems to have caught the imagination of Christians in this country. The example of his life and the manner of his death have become an inspiration for many of different denominations, sometimes bringing Churches together to celebrate his life and death. There is a statue of Blessed Oscar Romero in Westminster Abbey alongside statues of other 20th century martyrs. His statue was a focus during a recent ecumenical Evensong in the Abbey at which the previous Archbishop of Canterbury preached the sermon and Cardinal Vincent Nichols said prayers. The Service was to mark 100 years since the birth of Oscar Romero and was attended by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Peter Smith and six other Catholic bishops as well as many representatives of other Churches.

Archbishop Romero was the bishop of San Salvador until he was shot dead in March 1980 while celebrating Mass in his Cathedral. He had become a constant critic of the Government of El Salvador, speaking out for the poor and disadvantaged who suffered inequality and a form of slavery imposed with barbaric violence and injustice. He was beatified by Pope Francis in 2015 and will be canonised a Saint before too long. The theme of CAFOD's Harvest Day this year is "We plant the seeds that one day will grow" - words taken from a prayer composed in honour of Blessed Oscar Romero. The prayer is about sowing seeds and reaping a harvest in a country that relies heavily on agriculture: the proceeds from Harvest Fast Day will be used by CAFOD to help farmers of El Salvador. But the prayer is also about another kind of "harvest" - of peace, justice, equality, dignity, prosperity for the poor in El Salvador and other Central and South American countries. Blessed Oscar Romero's life and death are the seeds sown that will produce this rich harvest in the fullness of time.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Application forms are available this weekend for children to join the new programme of preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion during 2018. Children who had passed their 7th birthday on 1st September this year are now old enough to prepare for these Sacraments. Please ask Fr. John for a form.

OPEN DAYS: If you have a child due to start school in September 2018 you may want to consider a place at St Richard's Primary School in Chichester. There will be an open day on Monday, 16th October. See a poster on the Parish Notice Board for more details.

Families looking for a Secondary School in September 2018 may like to visit St. Philip Howard Catholic High School in Barnham: there are Open Morning tours every Monday, Tuesday and Friday until 20th October, beginning at 9.30am. Please be sure to ring the school's Reception (01243) 552055 to arrange a visit.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING: St. Philip Howard has a thriving and outstanding Sixth Form with the "highest quality of teaching" (Ofsted Report). There will be an Open Evening on Thursday, 9th November for students and their families looking for sixth form education in September 2018: please see a poster on the Notice Board for details.

SELSEY LIFE AND A & B NEWS: The October edition of the Town's free monthly magazine – Selsey Life – is available this weekend. The October edition of our free Diocesan magazine – the A & B News – is also available: please take your copies from the porch.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Joanne Donoghue, Max Foreshew, Nell Hassett, Margaret Kortens, Grace Ledger, Desmond McGoldrick, Samantha Phillips, Archie Walsh 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:	30 th September/1 st October	Offertory Collection	£447.92
		Church Maintenance Fund	£67.70