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## Social and Fundraising

The parish hosts many fundraising and social activities throughout the year including: monthly Coffee & Chat mornings, Jumble Sales, Quiz Suppers, sales of books and bakes, jams and preserves, a Summer Fair, a Christmas Fair, a Swimathon, clothes collections and other events.

## Church Finance

The finances of the Church are overseen by Fr John assisted by the Finance Committee. There is a weekly collection at each Mass and an envelope system is in place designed to take advantage of the Gift Aid tax relief available on weekly offerings.

## Church Repair, Maintenance & Grounds

The Church has undergone extensive improvements and repairs over the last five years including a new roof, new windows, external pointing and internal decoration. A second phase of improvements is planned. The car park and grounds also need attention all year round.

**Church Cleaning** takes place on the first Saturday of each month.

**Volunteers** of all ages would be most welcome to help with social events, maintenance and minor repairs, as well as any new ideas for fundraising. Please see the Contacts List.

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## Contacts List

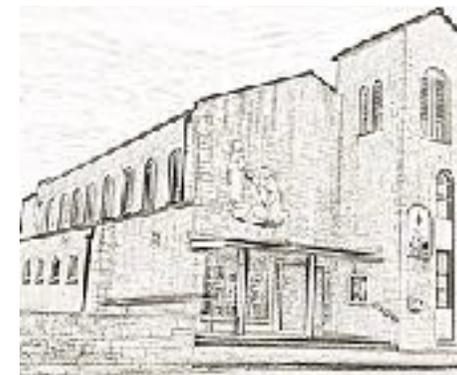
Should you wish to know more about any of our parish groups please speak to Fr John or the contact below:

Safeguarding Representative	Nuala Field	07846 011387
Children's Liturgy Catechist	Carol Taylor	07973 264056
Children's Liturgy Catechist	Karen Pirks	07824 376760
First Communion Catechist	Angela Goff	763402
Church Maintenance	Brendan Carney	601009
Church Grounds & Hall Bookings	Sylvia Gill	605897
Cleaning Rota	Bill Collins	607526
Welcomers' Rota	Trish Evans	606490
Readers' Rota	Stella Crist	603221
Flower Rota	Mary Kennedy	699419
Choir	Sally Rudman	604942
Gift-Aid Co-ordinator	Ian Purse	605624
Social & Fundraising Group	John Bradley	603803
Repository & Website	Zina Neagle	605570



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



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## Foundation

Our Church is dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Wilfrid. St. Wilfrid, in about 681, founded a monastery in Selsey dedicated to Our Lady which now lies beneath the sea due to coastal erosion. This may have been in the minds of those who chose to dedicate the church to Our Lady and it may have been the Carmelite monastery near Hunston (now closed) that suggested the dedication of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

## Boundary

The roots of the parish date back to 1916 when a small catholic community was first identified that year. It was not until 1970 that the catholic population of Selsey became an independent parish, separate from Chichester. The parish covers the south-eastern part of the Manhood Peninsula. The current church was built in 1961. A more comprehensive outline of our history can be found on our website: [www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk](http://www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk).

## Community

The parish serves a regular churchgoing congregation of 135 parishioners. There is not a catholic school in Selsey so the children of our families attend St Richard's Catholic Primary School in Chichester or local schools in Selsey. The older children attend St Philip Howard Catholic High School in Barnham.

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## New Parishioners

New parishioners are invited to make themselves known to Fr John at the earliest opportunity and complete a "New Parishioner Registration Form", to be found in the book rack (bottom right-hand side) fixed to the wall of the Church porch.

## Newsletter

Our weekly newsletter contains important messages from Fr John, notices from parishioners concerning events that are of interest to the parish and information on fundraising and social activities coming up. A copy (plus archived copies) of the newsletter is also available on the Church website.



## Repository

A repository shop providing religious themed gifts and cards is a constant presence in the Church and at our fundraising events.

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## Childrens' Liturgy of the Word

Children coming to Mass on Sunday morning are able to have their own Liturgy of the Word in the hall. Our catechists, helped by parents willing to supervise the younger children, lead the children from the Church to the hall after they have been called to the front at the beginning of Mass. They return to the Church and form the procession of the gifts before returning to their families.

## Reading and Welcoming

The parish encourages parishioners to volunteer for reading duties for each weekend Mass and other Masses and celebrations. Recently we have relaunched our 'Welcomers' who meet and greet our congregation as they arrive and hand out Mass books, hymn books and newsletters.

## Church Hall

Selsey has a lively community spirit with many clubs, societies and events taking place all year round. St Wilfrid's plays its part by making our Church hall available to many of the societies and clubs in the town including the Camera Club, Model Boat Club, two Art Clubs, a singing group and more. Providing a base for these clubs also earns much needed funds for our parish. Our Church was built in the 1960s and is not eligible for any grants so all monies for the upkeep of both the Church building and the hall have to be found by the parish. Our Church hall can be booked for private functions or parties.