

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

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**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**26<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**25<sup>th</sup>/**

### Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm		
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish	
Monday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		St Thomas Aquinas	No
Mass			
Wednesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	
No Mass			
Thursday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No
Mass			
Friday		St John Bosco	
	10.00am	Tom & Pat Hobbs RIP	
Saturday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No
Morning Mass			

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)

5.30pm Intentions of the People of the Parish

Sunday 10.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – page 127 in the Parish Mass Book]

### "THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD"

Pope Francis has designated this Sunday – the third Sunday of the Year – as **The Sunday of the Word of God**: a day to focus especially on the Scriptures in our lives and in our worship. To help us deepen our understanding of how important the scriptures are in our spiritual life there are some initiatives that have already been introduced and others to follow soon, both in our own diocese and throughout the Church in England and Wales. Bishop Richard wants to remind us of them in a short Pastoral Message to be read today.

Lectio Divina (*literally 'Divine Reading'*) is a way of praying that is close to Bishop Richard's heart: he travels the diocese introducing it to groups in parishes, schools, religious communities and others! In the pews this weekend there is a special leaflet that describes the basic steps to *lectio divina*, either for individuals or for small groups.

At the same time the Bishops of England and Wales have joined forces with the Bible Society to dedicate this year to a national initiative, “**The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word**” that enhances our own “The Word Who Is Life” programme. During the year we will be invited to join others in ***Celebrating God's Word***, in ***Living God's Word*** and lastly in ***Sharing God's Word***. As the year progresses there will be regular updates on what will be happening in our own diocese and elsewhere in England and Wales.

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**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY:** Following events and commemorations from around the world this weekend, the annual Holocaust Memorial Day on Monday is a special one as it marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the most infamous of the concentration camps erected during the Second World War to exterminate Jews and others. Older generations present will be reminded during the last few days of the particular images from the Holocaust that have been seared into their memory over the years; younger generations are regularly learning in the classroom of the horrors of the Holocaust – lest any of us should forget. On Holocaust Memorial Day our prayers should also be focused on other examples of mass persecutions, if not exterminations, of people in different parts of the world in the recent past and at the present time in world history.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The first Saturday of the month “Men's Breakfast” will be in St Peter's Church Hall for one month only. There will be a special guest speaker, Simon Day, whose talk will be called “Encountering unconditional love, freedom and healing.” Breakfast will be served from 09.00am; entry fee will be £5.00 to include the talk by Simon Day and breakfast. It will be next Saturday: for more information, and to reserve a seat at the table, contact The Shop (in the High Street); or Philip Marsden at 07763 945 057 or on [philipgmarsden@hotmail.com](mailto:philipgmarsden@hotmail.com).

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:** Next weekend we will celebrate “The Presentation” also known as “Candlemas” – the fortieth day after Christmas. In some parts of the Church the Season of Christmas lasts for the full forty days, with customs such as sharing Epiphany Cake throughout and keeping the Christmas Crib in the Church. In St Wilfrid's we keep our small Christmas Crib in place in the small window by the main door of the Church until after today's Feast! (Readers and musicians: please note the Mass texts for next weekend are of page 300 in the Parish Mass Book.)

**COFFEE AFTER MASS:** There will be the usual refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass next weekend – on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning. All will be very welcome.

**SWIMATHON 2020:** St Wilfrid's Annual Sponsored “Swimathon” – held every year at Bunn's Oasis Pool – will take place from 12.00noon until 3.00pm on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. Once again we have invited Swimmers from Selsey Community First Responders to take part so it becomes a joint Charity event. Bunn's is kindly allowing our Swimmers free entry to the Pool with the exclusive use of at least two lanes. We really would like to welcome new swimmers this year to join our regulars, and we are appealing for swimmers of all ages to take part. The idea is that you aim to swim a number of lengths of the pool at Oasis and your friends, family and neighbours – in fact anyone willing to sponsor you – will then pay you an agreed amount per length, or a lump sum, on completing your own goal. To sign up as a Swimmer, or to Sponsor an individual, or to sponsor 'The Team' please complete the Form on a clip-board at the back of the Church. Non-parishioners are able to read about the Sponsored Swimathon 2020 on our Parish Website, and can advise us on how they might wish to support the event via the Contact page on the website [www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk](http://www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk).

**VACANCIES AT ST PHILIP HOWARD SCHOOL:** There are a number of exciting teaching and support posts being advertised at the present moment at our local Catholic

Secondary School at Barnham. For details please visit the School's website [www.sphcs.co.uk](http://www.sphcs.co.uk). Prospective applicants are very welcome to visit the school.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Angela Barnado, Jacqui Brooker, Joanne Donoghue, Max Foreshew, Magda Gallanti, Nell Hassett, David Mortby, Brian Rogers, Cyril Wass 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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