

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

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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

18th/19th April 2020

Mass is Suspended until Further Notice

Saturday	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	
Monday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Tuesday		St Anselm	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		St George	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Saturday		St Mark	

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *None this Saturday*

"To celebrate Easter is to believe once more that God constantly breaks into our personal histories, challenging our "conventions," those fixed ways of thinking and acting that end up paralysing us. To celebrate Easter is to allow Jesus to triumph over the craven fear that so often assails us and tries to bury every kind of hope."

(Pope Francis, Easter Homily 2018)

Although from his Easter Homily of two years ago this thought from Pope Francis is extremely apt for this Easter. We have all been shaken up profoundly by what neither the Pope nor anyone else could possibly have imagined. Everyone's "thinking and acting" are going to change, no matter what! Whatever fears we may have for the future the message of Easter is that, with faith in the Risen Lord Jesus, we have every reason for living and hoping.

SAINTS DURING THE WEEK: Even if it is not possible to celebrate a saint's feast day Mass during the weeks when our Church doors are locked we can still remember that we belong to the Communion of Saints in our daily prayers from our own homes. Thursday this week is the Feast Day of **St George**, Patron of England. Renowned as the defender of the weak and vulnerable – the "slayer of dragons" – our whole nation is in need of his protection as it seeks to confront the invisible enemy that threatens all of us. St. George, pray for us!

St Anselm can claim to be one of the great English saints; although he was born in Lombardy, now at the centre of the coronavirus epidemic in Italy. As a young man he entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, became the Abbot and from there he was appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury. He wrote devotional and spiritual works, but his greatest achievements were in theology. **St Mark** gave his name to the second Gospel: written between 60 and 70 AD he recorded the memories of St Peter whose disciple he was. At this time all of us need the "Good News" of all of the Gospels! St Anselm and St Mark, pray for us.

WEEKLY MASS FOR ALL AFFECTED BY COVID-19: Every Thursday evening at 7.00pm for the time-being, one of our Bishops will celebrate Mass in his own Cathedral: it will be live-streamed so that people can join in from their own homes. The Mass will be offered for everyone affected by the pandemic, particularly those who are sick and their families, for NHS front-line workers and those working in care homes, those working in social care, and so many more whom we depend upon; and, finally, those who have died and their family and friends. This Thursday, the Mass will come from Westminster Cathedral, with Cardinal Vincent Nichols; the following Thursday it will come from Arundel Cathedral with our own Bishop Richard Moth. Visit the Bishops' Conference webpage – cbcew.org.uk – or the webpage for the individual Cathedrals.

PARISH WEBSITE: More and more parishioners have discovered the weekly edition of the Newsletter on our parish website – www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk. Thanks to those who have been printing an extra copy or two of the weekly Newsletter and popping a copy through the letter box of a neighbour not on the internet. As well as the Newsletter, look out for new features, particularly pages listed under the drop-down menus **News** and **What's On** on the Homepage.

NUMBERED ENVELOPES: A steady flow of numbered envelopes have been landing on the doormat at the Presbytery and at chez Collins – as can be seen from the figure published below of recent offertory and church maintenance fund collections. Others are storing their weekly envelopes behind the clock on the mantelpiece until the Churches are allowed to unlock their doors. Our thanks to our Gift-Aid Co-ordinator – Steve Worley – for combining his daily exercise with distributing the remaining boxes of number envelopes. (If you haven't yet found your new box please contact Fr. John or Steve.)

STANDING ORDERS: Several parishioners have recently changed their method of supporting the parish by take out a Standing Order in favour of the parish so that in future their contributions can be credited directly to the parish bank account. Nell Collins (607526) can advise on how to arrange this with your own bank.

CHAPLAINCY CARE IN HOSPITAL: If you are admitted into hospital at any time, but especially at the present time, and if you want the ministry of a Catholic priest, you must make sure that the hospital has recorded your religion as “Catholic” and that you would like a visit from a priest. During the current crisis anyone attempting to visit St Richard's Hospital is governed by the hospital's safeguarding protocols, including visiting priests. Ministers of Holy Communion from the local parish are not able to take Holy Communion to patients for the time-being. If you need a priest to administer the appropriate Sacraments a priest from the parish will make the necessary arrangements with the ward staff who will advise him on what protective clothing he must wear if necessary. You, or a relative or friend acting for you, can ring St Richard's Presbytery in Chichester (01243) 782343 or ring Fr John – 602312 – who can pass on a message (please note: Fr John is not able to visit the hospital himself – because of his age!).

ST. CORONA: pray for us!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Angela Barnado, Joanne Donoghue, Max Foresheew, Magda Gallanti, Angela Goff, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Raymond King, Desmond Devlin, Olive Wood, Edwin Shannan, Margaret van Ewijk

Collections from 28th/29th 2020

Offertory Collection
Church Maintenance Fund

£470.50p
£35.00p

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