

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

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PARISH PRIEST: Father John Healy

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd/3rd May 2020

Mass is Suspended until Further Notice

Saturday	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	
Monday		The English Martyrs	No Mass
Tuesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Saturday		Weekday in Eastertide	

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

	5.30pm	No Mass
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *None this Saturday*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: With great sadness we announce the death of Reginald Vyvyan John Hunt – known by everyone as **Reg** – who died peacefully last Sunday at the Sussex Grange. Reg was the oldest member of the parish – in years and in length of time he lived in Selsey. Please pray for Tim, his son, at this time of sadness for him, and for all Reg's relatives and friends. His funeral will be on Monday, 11th May at Chichester Crematorium and will be conducted by Deacon John Harman. It is hoped to arrange a Memorial Mass for Reg in St. Wilfrid's later in the year when the current restrictions have been lifted. May he rest in peace!

PRAY, TOO, FOR Mary Sherlock – known in the parish as **Maisie** – formerly from Mountwood Road who died on Wednesday after being unwell since the beginning of the year. Pray, too, for her two daughters and her son and Maisie's eleven grandchildren. Her funeral will be on Friday, 15th May at Chichester Crematorium, again conducted by Deacon John (as Fr. John continues to be on restricted lock-down). There will be a memorial Mass for Maisie at St. Wilfrid's later in the year when the Churches are able to reopen. May she rest in peace!

PASTORAL LETTER: There is a message from Bishop Richard for the 4th Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday. Obviously it is not possible to hear it during Mass this weekend but you will be able to find it on the parish website under "Further Updates" in the "News" section. The Bishop reminds all of us that we have a "vocation" by virtue of our baptism but he goes on to highlight the particular vocations to the priesthood, the religious life and to the diaconate.

PASTORAL MESSAGE: There is also a message of hope from the Archbishops of England and Wales: it, too, has been uploaded onto the parish website. They end with this thought, "On that first Easter day, the disciples were in lock-down and the doors were closed. In their isolation Jesus came among them and said 'Peace be with you.'" May we all look forward to better days....

GOOD SHEPHERD'S SUNDAY: There is a famous photo of a smiling Pope Francis holding a small lamb wrapped around his neck like a scarf. The earliest known portrait of Jesus depicts him as a young shepherd with a lamb wrapped around his neck in the manner of Pope Francis. It is still the practice of the Bedouin shepherds of Israel to carry new born lambs in this way in the belief that the lamb will quickly learn to know the voice of the shepherd. European shepherds **direct** their flocks from behind; middle-eastern shepherds **lead** their flock from the front calling them by name. As Bishop Richard writes in his message for this Sunday we need to pray to the Good Shepherd for the gift of pastors in the Church who will lead God's Holy People with love.

WEEKLY MASS FOR ALL AFFECTED BY COVID-19: This Thursday evening the weekly Mass at 7.00pm from a Catholic Cathedral will be live-streamed from Leeds Cathedral with Bishop Marcus Stock as the celebrant. Next Thursday it will be the turn of Bishop Robert Byrne, CO, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, who will be celebrating the Mass from St. Mary's Cathedral. Clearly the Bishops want these weekly Masses to coincide with the nation's pause on a Thursday evening at 8.00pm to show its appreciation to NHS front-line workers and those working in care homes, those working in social care, and so many more upon whom we depend to help us through these difficult times. During the Mass we can also pray for all those suffering from the virus and for those who have died from it and their family and friends. For details visit the Bishops' Conference webpage – cbcew.org.uk – or the webpage for the individual Cathedrals.

MAY "MAGNIFICAT" The monthly booklet could be a helpful companion for anyone wanting to watch a live-streamed Mass: it contains the texts for daily Mass as well as daily prayers and much more besides. There are copies available of the May edition – please take a copy from a shelf just inside the door of the porch to the Presbytery (No 12 Church Road).

THE CHICHESTER FOODBANK: The pressure increases daily on families who struggle to feed their children when there are no school dinners because schools continue to be shut. Even when they begin to reopen it will be gradually so that it may be many months before every child 'on free school dinners' can be sure of a good, wholesome, meal five days a week. The Chichester Foodbank is among local charities that are supplying a lunch pack to many families in Selsey in need of extra support with food and other essentials. There are collecting baskets supplied by The Trussel Trust in various locations around the Town: while St. Wilfrid's basket is locked in the Church, there is a temporary basket in the Presbytery porch. All donations will be passed on regularly to the Foodbank for distribution to those family in greatest need.

"ALTERNATIVE PORCH" The entrance porch to the Presbytery (No. 12 Church Road) is a temporary "pick-up" and "put-down" point provided that all the usual safeguards are observed: you may collect copies of the Newsletter, the latest edition of "Magnificat" etc.; you may leave donations to the Chichester Foodbank, numbered envelopes etc.

EASTER OFFERING! Fr. John would like to thank everyone who found a way of donating the Easter Offering that is, traditionally, a personal gift to the parish priest every Easter Sunday. With all Churches closed on this particular Easter Sunday all priests, up and down the country, will lose a little of their income this year – the present lot we share with everyone else!

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: James Whaley, Norah Titmuss. May they rest in peace!

Collections	25 th /26 th April 2020	Offertory Collection	£271.50p
		Easter Offering	£300.00p