

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

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7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

23rd/24th May 2020

Mass is Suspended until Further Notice

Saturday	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	
Monday		St Bede the Venerable	No Mass
Tuesday		St Philip Neri	No Mass
Wednesday		St Augustine of Canterbury	No Mass
Thursday		Blessed Margaret Pole	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Eastertide	No Mass
Saturday		Weekday in Eastertide	

PENTECOST SUNDAY

	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *None this Saturday*

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

During the week there are feast days on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of three English Saints. The Church has a Calendar of Saints which complements the Calendar of the Liturgical Seasons (cf. last week's Newsletter). Known as the Roman Martyrology it lists all the Saints whose lives are remembered and celebrated somewhere in the world every day of the year. The feast day of the vast majority on the list are local: in the country or region of their origin or just in the diocese, town or even village where they were born, lived and often died.

St Bede the Venerable (a near contemporary of St Wilfrid and, like him, a native of Northumbria) was a Benedictine Monk of Jarrow, best known for his book, "*A History of the English Church and People*." But he was also a student of the Scriptures and author of spiritual and theological works. He is the only English Doctor of the Church. He is venerated in the Eastern Churches, in the Anglican and Lutheran Churches as well in the Roman Church.

St Augustine of Canterbury was born a citizen of Rome, joined a Monastery in the City and would have lived and died there had the Pope of the day, St Gregory the Great, asked him (in a way that only popes can!) to lead a group of fellow monks on a precarious mission to convert the pagans in the southern kingdoms of England – and the rest is a part of English history. He is an English Saint by adoption, venerated in Rome, Great Britain and elsewhere.

Blessed Margaret Pole, known as the "Last of the Plantagenets," was of royal birth but, sadly, lived in trouble times, caught up with the religious and political turmoil of the time. The quietest and happiest period in her life was when she and her family were living in the Manor House of Lordington, north-west of Chichester. It was there that she gave birth to, and raised her five child. She died a martyr's death by beheading in 1541.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Patrick Joseph O'Connor, of St Hilda Close, who died at St Richard's Hospital last week after a short illness. Pray, too, for Lynda his wife and for their two sons and two daughters and their eight grandchildren. His funeral service will be on 29th May at Chichester Crematorium. May he rest in peace!

FATHER JEREMIAH CORCORAN: Tuesday is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the death of the third parish priest of St. Wilfrid's. May he rest in peace!

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY: Please pray for Bishop Richard: this Thursday is the anniversary of his installation as the fifth Bishop of our diocese.

WEEKLY MASS FOR ALL AFFECTED BY COVID-19: The Archbishops and Bishops of England and Wales continue to take a turn at offering a Thursday evening Mass at 7.00pm, live-streamed from their own Cathedral. The Mass this week for the "Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line Workers and those working in Social Care" will be from Middlesbrough Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Terence Draney. Next week Bishop John Arnold will celebrate the Mass from Salford Cathedral.

NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY: Next Sunday we are invited to join in a nationwide prayer rally. Pope Francis wants people everywhere to join him in praying the rosary during this month of May asking for deliverance from the coronavirus and all its consequences. The rosary is an ideal prayer for individuals and families to pray at home, especially if they are in lockdown. But individuals and families are also able to 'come together' with others in their parishes or other communities using the various social communication technologies now available. Dioceses in England, Scotland and Wales have been allocated an hour between 9.00am and 9.00pm to lead National Rally: the dioceses of Arundel & Brighton, Northampton and HM Forces will be responsible for the first hour. Bishop Richard will start the day from Arundel Cathedral with the first of numerous public and individual recitations of the rosary to follow during the next twelve hours – it will be live-streamed from Arundel.

THE CHICHESTER FOODBANK: There have been some very generous contributions to the temporary collecting basket in the Presbytery Porch (so generous they have never managed to fitted into the basket!). There is still much uncertainty about when the majority of schools will be able to reopen for all pupils, so there is still a great need for food-parcels of wholesome food for families with children not able to benefit from regular 'school dinners'. With three schools in Selsey, our local food-banks have much need for our donations.

LOOKING AHEAD: The start of the re-opening of places of worship will come in Stage 3, starting on 4th July, of the Government's programme of "unlocking the lockdown." It is unlikely that celebrating Mass and the Sacraments in public will be permitted in the first instance. Churches will be allowed to open for personal prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament at specified times and provided that they are able to fulfil the required safeguarding protocols. During the coming weeks there will be further instructions from Bishop Richard and from appropriate diocesan agencies: please keep an eye on the weekly Newsletter – on the parish website; in printed copies delivered to your door; on the two notice-boards at the Church. For further general updates you can log-in to the Bishop's Podcast and to the diocesan e-Newsletter at www.dabnet.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Joanne Donoghue, Max Foreshew, 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: Father Jeremiah Corcoran. May he rest in peace!

Collections

16th/17th May 2020

Offertory Collection
Church Maintenance Fund

£485.00p
£20.00p