

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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

30th/31st May 2020

Mass is Suspended until Further Notice

Saturday	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	
Monday		Mary, Mother of the Church	No Mass
Tuesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Wednesday		St Charles Lwanga and Companion Martyrs	No Mass
Thursday		Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	No Mass
Friday		St Boniface	No Mass
Saturday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

	5.30pm	No Mass
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *None this Saturday*

PENTECOST SUNDAY: This weekend we celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Spirit and the Birth Day of the Church. *Pentecost* means literally “*fifty days*” in Greek: fifty of the most important days in the Jewish and Christian traditions. In the Hebrew calendar, Pentecost was the fiftieth day after the beginning of the spring harvest: when the harvest was over there was a day of thanksgiving for the blessings of God's goodness in the fruitfulness of nature. In the Christian tradition the Day of Pentecost marked the end of Eastertide during which the Church celebrated the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, marking his Real Absence as he returned to the Father and his Real Presence in the Birth of the Church, following the “gifting” of his disciples on this day of the Holy Spirit. It is also the day of our rebirth as Christians.

NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY: As a south coast parish situated at the tip of a peninsula pointing southwards, it's sometimes a temptation to be lose sight of the rest of our nation and church located to the north of us! This Sunday's nationwide prayer rally, and the now regular Thursday evening Mass celebrated by one of our Bishops from his own Cathedral, are a timely reminder of the Church beyond our own parish boundaries....

Pope Francis wants people everywhere to join him in praying the rosary during this month of May asking, particularly, for deliverance from the coronavirus and all its consequences. He reminds us that the rosary is an ideal prayer for individuals and families to pray at home at any time but especially at the present time. Dioceses in England, Scotland and Wales have been allocated an hour between 9.00am and 9.00pm to lead the 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: people around the diocese can join him in spirit (or online) at any time during the first hour. It will be live-streamed from Arundel.

ORDINARY TIME OF THE YEAR: From Monday we return to the liturgical calendar that is marked by the Weeks of the Year beginning at the Week 9. Hopefully by Week 34 – the last week of the liturgical year before the beginning of Advent – Churches everywhere will have been reopened and our worship will have returned to what we have known and loved! In the meantime....

...THE JUNE “MAGNIFICAT” The new edition of the monthly booklet is a guide to the daily prayer and worship of the Church and a helpful companion for anyone wanting to watch a live-streamed Mass or other “broadcast” Services. There are copies of the June edition available from a shelf just inside the door of the porch to the Presbytery (No 12 Church Road).

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 Salford Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop John Arnold. Next week Bishop Patrick McKinney will celebrate the Mass from Nottingham Cathedral.

LOOKING AHEAD: Places of Worship are grouped with libraries, hairdressers and places of entertainment that will be permitted to reopen from 4th July in Stage 3 of the Government's programme of “unlocking the lockdown.” Sadly, we won't be able to resume our shared lives of prayer and worship immediately but we may be able to begin little by little. Churches will be able to open for visits to the Blessed Sacrament and for personal prayer, subject to all the usual safeguards that we have become used to, such as personal hygiene, maintaining a safe distance from others, etc.

Further guidance from the Diocese, including supplies of hand sanitisers and marking tape, are on the way to all parishes. In the meantime, we can begin to make plans for the day when we can open the doors of St. Wilfrid's. Once we can start using the Church again we will need to be sure that we can keep it clean and virus free particularly the hard surfaces (and Churches by definition have plenty of those!). **Team A** and **Team B** of our monthly Church Cleaners will need to play a crucial role in ensuring that we maintain a high standard of safety and cleanliness. Both teams will need new members to boost their numbers. Nearer the time we will have a better idea of when and how we will need to clean important surfaces but, in the meantime, please would you consider giving a little time to help us keep our Church safe for the use of everyone. To join Team A, please ring John Bradley – 603803 – or Bill Collins – 607526 – to join Team B.

FUNERALS: Regular readers of our weekly Newsletter may have noticed that there have been several funerals in the last couple of months. At the moment funeral services can only be conducted at the Crematorium or at the Graveside, and can be attended by no more than a dozen family members. A Funeral Mass in Church on the day of the funeral is not allowed; however when Churches can open again it may be possible to arrange a Memorial Mass, particularly for family and friends who were unable to attend the funeral.

PLANTS AND PRESERVES: Next Saturday would have been the sale of bedding plants for the garden and produce from St Wilfrid's Kitchen: we look forward to their return in the normal times!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Joanne Donoghue, Max Foresheew, Magda Gallanti, Angela Goff, Nell Hassett, David Mortby, 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: Michael Homer, Richard Dennett, Molly Lewey, Peter Rudman. May they rest in peace!

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23rd/24th May 2020

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