

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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

6th/7th June 2020

Mass is Suspended until Further Notice

Saturday	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	
Monday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Tuesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Thursday		St Barnabas	No Mass
Friday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Saturday		St Anthony of Padua	

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

	5.30pm	No Mass
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *None this Saturday*

PLACES OF WORSHIP: Archbishop John Wilson, the new Archbishop of Southwark, has written a letter to the Prime Minister echoing many of the points made by Cardinal Nichols in a radio interview last Sunday and in a homily in Westminster Cathedral later that same day. Archbishop John writes about the growing frustration among Catholics that their Churches still remain closed, even for personal visits and private prayer, while many non-essential facilities will be opening at the start of next week. He asks why Churches can't be opened for visits so long as they can guarantee proper supervision and a hygiene regime akin to that of supermarkets. His contention is that there are two paramount principles at stake – freedom of religion and basic justice and equality. To deny Catholics access to their place of worship is an infringement of religious freedom and equity. The Archbishop is also concerned about the long-term consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic particularly the, as yet unknown, effects on people's mental health. Religious faith is able to help support people, directly or indirectly, in respect to their well-being: access to places of worship is integral to that.

STATEMENT ON RACISM: Bishop Declan Lang (Bishop for International Affairs) and Bishop Paul McAleenan (Bishop for Racial Justice) have issued a joint statement declaring that they “stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd.” As the US Bishops make clear “we cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy and justice.” The statement also points out that systematic racism is still embedded in our own society and that this has been highlighted by the disproportionate number of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people who are dying as a result of the coronavirus.

(Logo-on to the website www.cbcew.org.uk and the **News** page to view both statements.)

CATHERINE DAVENPORT: Please pray for Catherine who died peacefully on Thursday morning at home in Dorking: she would have turned 97 years next Sunday. Catherine and Julian have been coming to Selsey (to their holiday home) for many years. Please pray for Catherine and for Julian and his brother, sister and all their family and friends. May she rest in peace!

WEEKLY MASS FOR ALL AFFECTED BY COVID-19: In some places a halt is being called to the weekly Thursday evening two-minute demonstration in support of those caring for the victims of the coronavirus epidemic. The Archbishops and Bishops of England and Wales are happy, however, to continue offering a Thursday evening Mass at 7.00pm. This week Bishop Patrick McKinney will celebrate the Mass from Nottingham Cathedral.

DELAYED SACRAMENTS: It is not just the opportunity of coming to Mass that we continue to be denied by the present closure of the Church: it's the Sacramental Life of the Church that we are missing. Everyone benefits whenever we are able to participate in the celebration of the Sacraments as they are conferred on members of the community. Those in our programmes of preparation for Holy Communion and Confirmation are now waiting patiently for the day when we can have Mass again in St Wilfrid's and so will be able to celebrate with them and their families their respective special days. Please continue to pray for them as they await the day with hope in their hearts!

LOOKING AHEAD: Behind closed doors the first signs of the preparations that will be needed for opening our Church so that it can be used for the purposes for which it is intended! The dust that had settled over the last few months has been lifted and the floor has been cleaned and polished. But before the time does come to open the doors again we will need to give the Church a thorough cleaning with all the appropriate cleansing agents, particularly the hard surfaces, and we will then have to keep all surface hygienic clean. Everyone coming into the Church will need to follow any instructions on personal hygiene, social distancing and whatever other safeguards will be expected of us. Our monthly Church Cleaners in **Team A** and **Team B** 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. To join Team A, please ring John Bradley – 603803 – or Bill Collins – 607526 – to join Team B. Nearer the time we will have a much clearer idea of what we will need to do and what we will need to ask our church cleaners to do for us.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH: We continue to record at the foot of this page the weekly collections and will, in future, record once a month the amount that is paid into the parish account by standing orders. We all need to extend our gratitude to those who have found ways of ensuring that their regular donations to the parish are maintained during the time that the Church is in "lockdown" - essentially those using their numbered envelopes and paying by standing orders. We look forward to the day when the rest of the parish will be able to resume their support of the parish in the weekly collection baskets, either with cash or with those numbered envelopes that have been accumulating 'behind the clocks on mantelpieces!'

BISHOP'S PODCAST: Don't forget the Bishop's weekly guide for the coming weekend – out every Friday afternoon – that also includes general information about life in the diocese.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Joanne Donoghue, Max Foreshew, 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: Barbara Hawksley, William Kirwan. May they rest in peace!