

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

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

13^h/14th 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		St Richard of Chichester	No Mass
Wednesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Thursday		Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass
Friday		The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	No Mass
Saturday		The Immaculate Heart of Mary	

12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

	5.30pm	No Mass	
Sunday	10.00am	No Mass	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: <i>None this Saturday</i>			

A FEAST OF FEASTS!

The feasts this week are 'devotional' rather than focused on the central mysteries of our faith, although the feast this Sunday is both. Those with long memories will remember the Corpus Christi Procession, particularly if they went to a Catholic School. As we are still not able to come to Mass we can celebrate the **Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** by meditating on appropriate Scripture Readings, especially the account of the Last Supper; by praying any of the many prayers that express our love for Jesus present in sacramental signs, especially in bread and wine; we can recall memories of processions, pilgrimages and other devotional activities that helped us to come closer to Jesus. In the meantime, we wait patiently, and with longing in our hearts, for the day when we will again be able to receive Holy Communion during Mass.

Tuesday is the feastday of **St Richard of Chichester** – a day on which the Cathedral Chapter would have invited Catholics in the area to celebrate a feastday Mass in the Cathedral. Alas, we won't be able to join the school community of St Richard's Primary School and members from neighbouring parishes for this annual Mass! The famous prayer of St Richard is printed at the end of this Newsletter – a suitable prayer all of us can offer on his feastday.

Two saints with lifelong devotions – one to Our Lord, Jesus Christ and the other to Mary, his blessed Mother – have given the Church feastdays at the end of the week. The vision of St Margaret Mary Alcoque has given the legacy of the threefold insight into the gifts that flow from the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**: his mercy for sinners; his charity for those in need; the love and light for all God's children.

The devotion of St Louis Grignion de Montfort to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. Throughout his life he taught that meditating on the joys and sorrows that Mary "treasured in her heart" are a reminder of the saving love of God brought to us through his Son and his Mother.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jeanne Purse who died at home last Saturday after a long illness. The mother of Ian she was a member of the St. Peter's Community and her funeral service will be conducted by Fr. Andy next Thursday in Surrey. Pray, too, for Ian and Precy, their family and friends. May she rest in peace!

PLACES OF WORSHIP: At the time of writing last weekend's Newsletter there was hope that lobbying by leaders of faith communities might lead to an announcement from the Government of a date for re-opening Places of Worship sometime soon. By the end of that weekend we knew that it would be possible for Churches to open from this Monday for private prayer....!

However: nothing is so simple as just unlocking the Church doors and letting people in again; there are many conditions, and much preparation to be done, before we put out the "welcome mat" – and certainly not before this Monday. Parish Priests have been sent "Guidance for the Re-opening of Churches for Private Prayer" (a six-page document) and a "Checklist" of things to be done before permission can be given to open the doors. We are assembling a small 'Core Group' of parishioners with training and experience in various areas to guide and advise on the preparations that we will have to put in place. We will also have to acquire stocks of materials and equipment to make the Church clean and safe for use. We will have to put down marking tape on the floors and the furniture that can be used or is out of use. And there will be lots signs saying what we can and can't do and where we can and can't go in the Church. (We will need to be as safe as schools, surgeries, shops and supermarkets and wherever people have 'public' access). We will also need to find volunteers to be present whenever the Church is open to guide people safely as they come and go. There's a lot to be done and so it will need a little more patience before we can return our Church to its proper use – a place of encounter with God, and of communion with God's holy people, firstly in private prayer and, subsequently, in the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments.

WEEKLY MASS FOR ALL AFFECTED BY COVID-19: The weekly Thursday evening Mass live-streamed from a Catholic Cathedral to pray for those caring for the victims of the coronavirus epidemic, comes from Birmingham Cathedral. Archbishop Bernard Longley (one-time priest of our diocese) will celebrate the Mass at 7.00pm: next Thursday it will be the turn of Bishop Alan Hopes at Norwich Cathedral.

THE CHICHESTER FOODBANK: A car-boot full of donations to the Foodbank were collected from the Presbytery porch to be distributed in food parcels to individuals and families in Selsey. One contribution was a shopping bag full of domestic cleaning materials – surely a basic necessity in any household in need along with food on the table.

DAY BY DAY

Thanks be to thee, Lord Jesus Christ
for all the benefits which thou hast won for us,
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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: Neville McNair, Kenneth Rodgers, David Sutton. May they rest in peace!

Collections	6 th /7 th June 2020	Offertory Collection	£130.00p
		Church Maintenance Fund	£5.00p
		Standing Orders for May	£248.50p