

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

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**Sunday 26 July 2020**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Sunday:** Mass at 10.00am (Sally Ann Barker RIP)  
**Tuesday:** Church open from 10.00 - 11.00am for private prayer.  
**Thursday:** Church open from 10.00-11.00am for private prayer.

Please do not come to Church if you or anyone in your household has any symptoms of Covid-19. Hand sanitiser is provided and you must use it when you enter and leave the Church. All surfaces will be wiped down after each time the Church is open. It is very important that you respect social distance while in Church and follow any given instructions. Mass books will not be available until further notice. Holy water stoups are not currently in use. The toilets remain closed.

**Saturday 1 August:** Mass at 5.30pm. (No Mass on Sunday)

Readings for Mass next weekend: Isaiah 55: 1-3; Romans 8: 35,37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21

In the light of current restrictions we ask that you telephone the Presbytery number, 01243 602312, and leave a message if you are coming to Mass next Sunday or email [selsey@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:selsey@abdiocese.org.uk). Please give your name and phone number and the number of people from your household who will be attending.

**Fr John's Funeral** for the parish and area will be on **Tuesday 4 August at 2pm**. Further services for Fr John's family and the wider Diocese will be held later that day and the following day at the Cathedral. The Mass at St Wilfrid's will be celebrated by Bishop Richard and with our Dean, Fr Peter Newsam.

Fr John will be received into the Church in the morning. The Church will be open from 10.30 - 12.00 for private prayer and the opportunity to pay respects. This would be for those who may not wish, or are unable to make the 2.00 Funeral.

People of the parish are encouraged to book for this Mass by phoning the presbytery or by email.

**Welcomers and Cleaners** are still needed in order for the Church to remain open. Please contact Cathy Long, 07951 601493, if you are able to help. You must be aged under 70 and free of underlying health conditions for these roles.

**The Presbytery Porch** remains open for all food donations for the Food Bank and numbered envelopes or donations may be put through the front door letterbox. There will also be copies of the latest newsletter, as they are produced.

### **A Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel**

*St Matthew presents us this week with three final pictures from his collection of Jesus' images about the Christian community. Matthew likes pairs of parables: the dragnet pairs with last week's darnel-parable, the treasure pairs with the pearl. The Kingdom is an exciting and unexpected treasure which can change our whole life; it's like winning the pools or the lottery - except that God's gifts change us only for the good, and fill our lives with meaning and joy. Of course we know that God's call is demanding: you've got to pay a price for the field in which the treasure lies, or for the genuine pearl found in a junk shop! The very last picture - the householder bringing down different food-packets, pots and jars off the shelf - is encouraging too: some are old favourites (perhaps like the Christian values and prayers which we inherited from our families), but some add new flavours too, which we have discovered or been taught ourselves. If we listen, the Spirit is always there to show us new ways of living out our Christian calling, revealing to us an opportunity for prayer or help or service. This 'householder' is often thought to be Matthew's secret signature for himself: he brings out old and new in the Christian message. How can we learn new ways of living out our Christian calling?*

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you to all who have continued to contribute over these past months. We expect to run our parish as best we can and rely on your ongoing generosity. There are still bills to be paid, even while the Church is closed, and there is no current income from fundraising events or hall lettings. You might like to consider setting up a Standing Order for this purpose - please contact Nell Collins on 01243 607526 to discuss this. The offertory collection will not be taken during Mass but you are asked to place your donation in the baskets on the table as you leave the Church.

**A & B Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage:** All are welcome to join in, not just those who normally come to Lourdes. The Pilgrimage starts on Saturday 25 July and the link is [www.ablourdes2020.org](http://www.ablourdes2020.org)

**Please check the parish website** - [www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk](http://www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk) - for the latest updates and pass on any information to parishioners known to you who do not have access to the website.

Finally, should you need to contact a priest in an emergency, please contact St Richard's Church in Chichester, 01243 782343.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Margaret Dempsey, Joanne Donoghue, Max Foreshow, Magda Gallanti, Angela Goff, Nell Hassett, David Mortby, Cyril Wass and all in the parish who are sick.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember all whose anniversaries are about this time.

Collections Weekend 18/19 July

Offertory Collection

£261.20

Church Maintenance Fund

£48.00