

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

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Sunday 2 August 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday:** Mass at 5.30pm (Sally Ann Barker RIP). No Sunday Mass this weekend.
We welcome Fr Chris Bergin who is celebrating Mass with us this week.
Retiring collection for flowers for Fr John's Funeral. Contributions may also be put through the Presbytery letterbox.
- Tuesday:** Fr John's Funeral Mass at 2.00pm - please see details below.
- 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.

Sunday 9 August: Mass at 10.00am (No Mass on Saturday)

Readings for Mass next weekend: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

In the light of current restrictions we ask that you telephone the Presbytery, 01243 602312, and leave a message if you are coming to Mass next weekend. 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 his 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, and other Clergy from our Diocese. An order of service will be available.

Fr John will be received into the Church at 10.00am and the Church will be open until 12.00 for private prayer and the opportunity to pay respects or light a candle. This would be for those who may not wish, or are unable to make the afternoon Mass.

There will be a retiring collection after this Mass for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice, the charity chosen by Fr John's family. Donations may also be made by cheque payable to Chestnut Tree House and sent to Reynolds. There is an online memorial page on Reynolds website, where thoughts, stories and photos may be shared. Messages of condolence may also be left at Church.

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

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel we hear Matthew's account of the feeding of the five thousand. This is the only miracle that is reported by all the four gospels, because the link to the Eucharist is obvious. The verbs used at the end of the passage, that is taking, blessing, breaking and sharing to describe what Jesus did with the bread are repeated at every single Mass.

The Eucharist has the same characteristics of this miracle: the community and the transformation of humble elements into what satisfies us as a sign of God's abundant gifts. Yet the gift is immeasurably greater: it is the body and blood of Christ.

We stand in awe of this great gift and ask for the grace to be grateful and to enter more deeply into this great mystery, especially at a time when participation in the Eucharist has been denied us for so long and we are slowly being able to come together as a community once more to share in God's gift.

With blessings and best wishes for the week ahead,

Deacon Jon

Welcomers are still needed, to guide us in moving safely round the Church and to help with sanitizing the benches and hard surfaces after Mass. Please contact Cathy Long, 07951 601493, if you are able to help. You must be aged under 70 and free of underlying health conditions.

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 weekly newsletter.

Weekly Offerings: The offertory collection will not be taken during Mass but you are asked to place your donation in the basket on the table as you leave the Church.

Please check the parish website - 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 Foresheew, 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 25/26 July

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| Offertory Collection | £270.10 |
| Church Maintenance Fund | £24.20 |
| Donation to Church Maintenance | £45.00 |