

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

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### **NEWSLETTER 4 July 2020**

**It was with great sadness that we heard of the sudden death of our Parish Priest, Fr John Healy, last weekend. He was well known in the local community and was loved and respected by all. We hope to have details of funeral arrangements in the next week or so and will put the information on the website and in a further newsletter. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!**

**Deacon Jon Harman** is assisting us during this difficult time and we are very grateful for his help and leadership.

**Mass on Sunday 12 July at 10.00:** Deacon Jon has arranged for a priest to Celebrate Mass at St Wilfrid's on Sunday 12 July. This will of course depend on our being able to fulfil the current requirements during the pandemic. There will be a permitted maximum of 30 in the Church: this is 30 units, so people on their own, couples or people in the same household would count as one unit. Please do not attend 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.

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 on Sunday. Please give your name and phone number and the number of people from your household who will be attending.

**Welcomers and Cleaners** are still needed in order for the Church to re-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.

**There will be no toilet facilities until further notice.**

**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 basket on the table as you leave the Church.

**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.

**Facemasks** are not compulsory in Church, but Mary Kennedy is happy to supply washable facemasks if you would like them. Please call her on 01243 699419 or email [marykennedy542@gmail.com](mailto:marykennedy542@gmail.com).

**Looking ahead**, it is hoped that Mass may also be celebrated next weekend, 18/19 July, day and time to be confirmed. Plans are also in hand to open the Church during the week commencing 12 July for private prayer. Please check the 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: 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 in your prayers all those whose anniversaries are about this time.

Collections	Offertory Collection	£230.00
	Church Maintenance Fund	£