

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

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**Sunday 19 July 2020**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday:** Mass at 5.30pm (Stephen Collins RIP)

**Tuesday:** Church open from 10.00 - 11.00am for private prayer.

**Thursday:** Church open from 10.00-11.00am for private prayer.

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. The toilets remain closed.

**Sunday 26 July:** Mass at 10.00am (Sally Ann Barker RIP)

Readings for Mass next weekend: 1Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52

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

**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.

**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.

**Baptism:** Anyone seeking Baptism for their child should telephone the Presbytery - 01243 602312 - and leave a message.

### **Dear Friends in Christ**

*In the readings this weekend, we are reminded of God's central characteristic - merciful love. We are always in need of forgiveness and encouragement, and the readings assure us of both God's mercy and compassion and the promise of assistance. The Holy Spirit is given freely, to help us in our weakness.*

*Today's First Reading from the book of Wisdom reaffirms that God's mighty strength is demonstrated through fair judgement. And, because God is lenient and kind to us, we might be moved to treat others in the same way.*

*The Psalm continues the theme of God's quality of mercy. God is full of compassion, abounding in love and truth. God is forgiveness.*

*The Gospel deals with the problem of evil. God's kingdom is one of truth, justice and integrity, but it exists in an imperfect world. St Matthew tells us that God will be faithful to those who have tried to seek him in the midst of the reality of evil. St Paul reassures us, via his letter to the Romans, that the Holy Spirit is there to help us in our struggles.*

*Let us ask, this week, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who prays in and for us. May we receive what we need to cope with the evils of the world and with our own weaknesses, and may we find our strength in the loving mercy of God.*

*With prayers and best wishes,*

**Deacon Jon**

**Jean Wright** thanks all who sent cards and flowers and came to her home to sing Happy Birthday last week on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Many happy returns Jean!

**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.
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ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember all whose anniversaries are about this time.
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Collections Weekend 11/12 July	Offertory Collection	£274.10
	Church Maintenance Fund	£42.00
	Apostleship of the Sea	£104.95

