

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

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Sunday 9 August 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sunday;** Mass at 10.00am No Saturday Mass this weekend.
 We welcome Bishop Richard, who is celebrating Mass with us this week.
- 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. 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. Stewards will guide you to the front of the Church to receive Holy Communion and you are asked to remain seated until a steward invites you to proceed.

Saturday 15 August: Mass at 5.30pm (No Mass on Sunday)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings for Mass next weekend: Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6,10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26;
Luke 1:39-56

Please telephone the Presbytery, 01243 602312, and leave a message if you are coming to Mass next weekend, giving your name and phone number and the number of people from your household who will be attending.

Facemasks: Following the Government's recent instructions, please note that from this weekend face coverings must be worn by all attending Mass, unless they are unable to do so for health reasons. There will be some disposable masks available should you forget to bring one. Mary Kennedy has washable, cloth masks - please call 01243 699419.

Welcomers are still needed, to guide us in moving safely round the Church and to help with sanitizing surfaces after each time the Church is 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.

The Presbytery Porch remains open for all food donations for the Food Bank. Numbered envelopes or donations may be put through the front door letterbox. There will also be copies of the latest weekly newsletter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

In the readings this week, Elijah and Jesus both seek out quiet places to pray alone. They reveal an ever-present God who reaches out to us and brings peace, especially amidst the storms of our own lives.

The First Reading sees a dejected Elijah finding a place of solitude. There he recognizes and responds to God's still, small voice in the gentle breeze, rather than in the more dramatic events of wind, earthquake and fire.

The Psalmist asks for the Lord's saving help as well as listening to his voice - one that speaks of justice and peace, mercy and faithfulness.

In the Second Reading, St Paul shows his love for his fellow Jews, agonizing because most of them reject Christ. Paul is ready to be cut off entirely from Christ himself, if that would help his Jewish kinsfolk recognise Christ as their Lord.

The storm in Elijah's life is echoed by the storm in the Gospel. We see the disciples overcome their fears and doubts as they eventually recognise Jesus. Seeing the power of his presence, they proclaim their belief in who he is: 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The events of recent months may have made us more aware of God's presence in times of chaos. As we continue to move through these uncertain times, we pray for the grace always to be aware of God's presence in our lives, and confident in the peace he offers us.

With prayers and best wishes,

Deacon Jon.

Fr John's Memorial Collection - donations to Chestnut tree House Children's Hospice are still very welcome and may be put through the letterbox in the presbytery.

Thank you to all who gave so generously last week towards flowers for Fr John's funeral. We will be able to continue for some weeks to display fresh flowers in Church in his memory.

Thanks are also due to Deacon Jon Harman and to all who helped to prepare the Church and to make Tuesday's Mass memorable and an appropriate farewell to someone so loved in the parish and in the wider community.

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	Offertory Collection	£484.40
	Church Maintenance Fund	£28.00
	Flowers for Fr John's Funeral	£111.50