

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

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Sunday 16 August 2020

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: Mass at 5.30pm. No Sunday Mass this weekend.

We welcome Bishop Richard, who is again 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. Please continue to 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.

Facemasks: Following the Government's recent instructions, please note that 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 if you would like to order one.

Sunday 23 August: Mass at 10.00am. No Saturday Mass this weekend.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Mass next weekend: Isaiah 22: 19-23; Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20

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.

Collections: Your continuing support is much appreciated, especially at present when there is no income from parish social events or hall lettings but there are still regular bills to be paid. Please remember that the second collection (in the basket on your way out of Church) is always for Church Maintenance, unless a special collection is announced.

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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The glorious taking up of Mary into heaven, though not mentioned in Scripture, has been celebrated since the sixth century and is now part of recognised Roman Catholic doctrine. The feast of the Assumption is celebrated in mid August in the Catholic church, and some other denominations also keep this day as a special Feast of the Virgin Mary.

The readings for today's celebration are all triumphal in tone.

In the First Reading, a woman, in whom we can see either Mary or the Early Church, defeats the evil dragon with the help of God, bringing the Messiah safely to birth.

Verses from Psalm 44(45), originally part of a wedding song for a king, are also applied to Mary in today's liturgy. She takes her place, in triumph, in the palace of the King, her Son.

In the Second Reading, Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ, raised from the dead, has put all his enemies under his feet, including death. In today's feast we celebrate the fact that Mary, mother of Jesus, also enjoys the fruits of the Resurrection.

The Gospel recounts Mary's visit to Elizabeth, where she voices her triumphant hymn of praise, the Magnificat, as she proclaims: 'The Almighty has done great things for me.'

This week, like Mary, we might also wish to praise the Lord for the great things he has done for us, and for the people around us.

With best wishes for a blessed week,.

Deacon Jon.

The Presbytery Porch: Donations for the Food Bank are still needed and may be left in the Porch. Copies of the latest newsletter are also available. Any cash donations should be put through the letterbox in the Presbytery door.

Fr John's Memorial Collection raised an amazing £572.00 for Chestnut Tree House. It is not too late to donate, either through the Presbytery letterbox or directly to Reynolds Funerals.

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 8/9 August

Offertory Collection	£264.60
Church Maintenance Fund	£29.50
July Standing Orders.	£328.50
Fr John's Memorial	£572.00