

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

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**Sunday 23 August 2020**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Sunday:** Mass at 10.00am. No Saturday 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 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. Please remain seated until a steward invites you to proceed.

**After Mass:** To comply with official guidelines, we have to use a one-way system for entering and exiting the Church. We need to allow time for senior or disabled parishioners to leave without being rushed, but while still maintaining a 2m distance in the Church. Please be aware that a little extra time and patience is required when leaving the Church building. Thank you.

**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.

**Saturday 29 August:** Mass at 5.20pm. No Sunday Mass this weekend.

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for Mass next weekend: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27

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.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ**

*In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter states, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Peter's faith, like ours, is a gift. His belief in Jesus has been revealed from above. Faith in God is the rock on which the rest of Jesus' community will stand, and this rock is what our faith stands on. Peter, and now the church, opens the door of the revelation of God to God's people and to the world.*

*During our lives, our faith can grow, develop or get stuck. Many people seem to try to live from a faith that has not grown since their schooldays. Some continue to pray in a way that is too simple for the complexities of life, or live with an image of a fearful and punishing God. Instead of growing in faith, there are many who have given up faith in a false God, false ways of prayer, and simplistic answers to big questions. Faith is a gift that needs nourishing and our constant attention. The God of Jesus Christ is the living God and the God who loves all that lives, the One we meet in prayer.*

*With best wishes for a blessed week ahead,*

**Deacon Jon.**

**The Book of Condolences for Fr John** will be put together on Friday 28 August, to be sent to his family. If anyone would like their message to be included, please write it on a piece of paper and put in through the door of the presbytery before that date.

**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.

**SUMMER SALE OF NEARLY NEW CLOTHES on Saturday 29 August** in the Hall from 10.00-12.00. Please support us if you can, and bring your family and friends. This is the first fundraising event we have held this year because of Covid restrictions. Face coverings will be required. No donations of clothing needed - but do save them for next time. All items will be priced at £1; please try to have the correct change for your purchases.

**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, Fr Chris Ingle, David Mortby, Cyril Wass and all in the parish who are sick.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember all whose anniversaries are about this time.

**Collections Weekend 15/16 August**

Offertory Collection

£618.70

Church Maintenance Fund

£32.50