

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

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**Sunday 6 September 2020**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday:** Mass at 10.00am. No Saturday Mass this weekend.

We welcome Fr Peter Johnstone who is celebrating Mass with us this week.

**Wednesday:** Holy Hour in the Church 6-7pm. Canon Tom will be available for Confessions

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. Social distance must be respected and you should 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 all 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:** Please note that face coverings must be worn while attending Mass, unless you are unable to do so for health reasons. Disposable masks are available should you forget to bring one. Mary Kennedy has washable, cloth masks - please call 01243 699419 if you would like one.

Although there is no longer a requirement to register to attend Mass, in order to comply with the Government's expectations to be able to track and trace, we will continue to record contact details of visitors and retain details of those who have recently attended. If you are new to the parish or have not attended recently, please check with the welcomers that the parish hold your contact information.

**Saturday 12 September:** Mass at 5.30pm. No Sunday Mass this weekend.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for Mass next weekend: Ecclesiasticus 27: 33-28:9; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18:21-35.  
There will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service (not Gift Aid)

Bishop Richard is pleased to announce that **Fr Alban Aguezeala** will be leaving his current appointment in Horsham and moving to Selsey as Parish Administrator. Fr Alban is expected to arrive for the last weekend in September and will be with us for a period of two months. We look forward to this period of stability for the parish and the blessings it will bring and I am sure you will join me in making Fr Alban particularly welcome. *Deacon Jon Harman.*

During the months of October and November Mass will be at 10am. There will be no Saturday Mass.

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

*The theme of listening runs throughout today's readings: listening to the Divine Voice; to the voice of the prophet Ezekiel; to our community members; to the Church. In the First Reading, God likens the prophet's role to that of a sentry, who has the task of warning people of approaching danger. Ezekiel must point out to the community both their sins and the consequences of them.*

*In the Gospel, Jesus advises us of our duty to do what we can when an individual's behaviour is a threat to the community. Our community does not live separately from God: the Lord is active and present in the decisions and desires of his people and our prayer and action should reflect this. The Psalm picks up the theme of listening and bids the people to heed the message of God and to be receptive to his love and gifts.*

*Paul emphasises to the Romans that the precious freedom bought for us by Christ also brings with it a responsibility and a debt to love and care for each other and to live out the consequences of our faith. These words go to the heart of the Gospel message. Jesus has shown us how to love our neighbour by everything he said and did. He also shows us how to be fully alive as a human being (Second Reading).*

*Amidst the distractions and bustle of daily life, we pray to be alert for the quiet voice of the Divine, and to be generous in responding to it. We beg for the awareness of our responsibilities as a church community, especially to those most at risk across the world at this time.*

*With prayers and best wishes for the week ahead.*

**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.

**Repository:** The Repository Shop has been re-opened on a self-service basis. Please have the correct money and place it in the wall money-box in the porch. No change can be given. Please sanitise your hands before touching goods. All cards are wrapped in cellophane. Items on the table can be viewed through clear plastic covering. Stewards are happy to help if needed.

**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 Foreshew, 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 29/30 August

Offertory Collection	£221.90
Church Maintenance Fund	£45.30
Sale of clothes/bric a brac	£430.20