

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

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Sunday 3 January 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday: Mass at 10.00am.
We welcome Fr Peter Johnstone, who is celebrating Mass with us today.

Wednesday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses this week.

Sunday 10 January: The Baptism of the Lord. Mass at 10.00am

A Big Thank You to Fr Alban and all who were involved in the celebration of Masses over Christmas - those who decorated and prepared the Church, Readers, cleaning teams, stewards - and anyone else who helped in any way.

The Christmas Crib Collection will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund, which has provided emergency food and essentials as well as mental health services for over 5000 children and their parents and carers since March. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund to support local families in need. A special page has been set up at www.cathchild.org.uk/crib where you can make a donation. You may wish to put cash donations through the letterbox in the Presbytery door.

The Selsey Care Shop is open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm, Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm. They offer a range of services and can provide information, support and signpost to other organisations. Telephone: 01243 201616 www.selseycommunityforum.uk
mail@selseycommunityforum.uk.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue our celebration of Christmas, we may recall what we are celebrating: The Word of God - Jesus - has taken on human flesh and pitched His tent among us (thus sharing all our experiences - except sin).

We know that our faithful God is always present with us and around us, even in this year of pandemic. Perhaps we have even found ourselves grateful to have a little more time than usual to sit quietly with the Lord, pondering some of the things we may once have taken for granted.

As we look back over 2020, we ask God to show us anew how many of our ordinary daily human activities are linked with love ... love for God, for one another, and for the whole of creation.

With the Lord beside us, we try to notice some of the special gifts we've seen: the bravery of those working on the 'front line'; the kindness of neighbours or strangers; the gift of communication through technology; the hopeful news of a vaccine; and above all, the certainty that we are loved.

*With prayers and best wishes for the new year, **Deacon Jon***

The Presbytery Porch: Although Fr Alban is away visiting his family for a few weeks, the presbytery porch remains open. Copies of the latest newsletter are available. Any cash, including donations for the Christmas Crib Collection, or Mass offerings, should be put through the letterbox in the Presbytery door. Donations to the Food Bank are still welcome.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Tony Crist, Margaret Dempsey, Joanne Donoghue, Max Foreshow, Magda Gallanti, Angela Goff, Nell Hassett, David Kennedy, David Mortby, Cyril Wass and all in the parish who are sick.

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

Collections for Clergy at Christmas & Sunday 27 December: £802.50
(Bishop Richard has instructed that both collections are for the Clergy this year)

November Standing Orders: £578.50

