

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

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

Please do not come to Mass if you or anyone in your household has any symptoms of Covid-19. You are reminded to keep maintaining social distance while in Church.

There will be no Masses during this week. The Church will not be open for private prayer.

Sunday 17 January: Mass at 10.00am. Retiring Collection for Pax Christi.

Bishop Richard's planned visit next Sunday has been postponed on account of new restrictions and discouragement to have public meetings.

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.

Standing Orders: It may be more convenient for you to make your weekly contribution by Standing Order. Please contact Nell Collins (01243 607526) for information about setting this up, or joining the Gift Aid scheme.

Donations to the Food Bank are still welcome especially now that schools are closed and some families are still finding it difficult to make ends meet.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today's feast of the Baptism of Our Lord ends the season of Christmas. Coming after the Epiphany of the Lord, it can be seen as a second manifestation of Christ, as the heavens are opened before the whole world. Through Christ's baptism, in which the entire Trinity is present, the world is made into a second creation.

In the First reading, from Isaiah, we hear how God's word will bear fruit in us. The one we see being baptised in the Gospel is the Word and, by carrying out the Father's will perfectly, all creation is restored. This is why we can join with the Psalmist, 'With joy we shall draw water from the wells of salvation!' St John develops this theme in the second reading when he says that because Jesus overcame the world by water and blood, so we, with the Spirit living in us, can be saved.

This coming week, let us strive to deepen our trust in the Father, who is our salvation; to nurture our faith in the Spirit, who works in us to ensure we do not return empty-handed; and to strengthen our joy in the Son, through whose incarnation and baptism we are made into God's children.

With prayers and blessings for the coming week,

Deacon John

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.

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, cheques, numbered envelopes and Mass offerings should be put through the letterbox in the Presbytery door.

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 3 January

Offertory Collection	£194.00
Church Maintenance	£25.50

