

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

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Sunday 17 January 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday: Mass at 10.00am.
We welcome Fr Bruno Witchalls, who is celebrating Mass with us today.
Retiring Collection for Pax Christi

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

Sunday 17 January: Mass at 10.00am.
Readings for Mass next Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Some Covid Reminders: Please do not come to Mass if you or anyone in your household has any symptoms of Covid-19. You should continue to wear face covering (unless exempt for health reasons), to use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the Church and maintain social distancing. The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended.

Covid Vaccinations will shortly be available at the Selsey Centre and you will receive an invitation when it is your turn. You should make your own way to the centre for your vaccination if you can, or if you have family, friends or neighbours who can help, please ask them. There is very limited availability for transport, backed by the Selsey Community Forum, for those who are unable to make their own arrangements. If you have a mobility scooter, you should use that. If you cannot make arrangements and need transport, **please wait until you have received your invitation**, then phone Julie on 07590 060234.

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,

Like the people in today's readings, we, too, are called by Christ: called to spend time with him; to work with him; to offer our bodies, hearts and minds in loving service of God's will.

The First Reading tells the delightful story of God's intervention in the life of the boy Samuel, who is open to the call of the Lord despite his youth, signalling the beginnings of a close relationship with God. Writing to those in Corinth, a city notorious for its vice, Paul emphasises that both our bodies and our souls are meant for the glory of God. The physical body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and we come together in unity as the cosmic body of Christ.

John the Evangelist describes the call of the first disciples, where Jesus asks the searching question addressed to every reader of the Gospel: 'What do you want?' Here begins the journey of getting to know Jesus, as the disciples (and we ourselves) follow on the path of deepening faith towards an understanding of who Jesus Christ is.

This week, we may ask for the grace of an open ear and an open-hearted response to Jesus's invitation to 'Come and see.' We also remember those of our sisters and brothers who, like Samuel, as yet have 'no knowledge of the Lord,' and ask that they may come to know the safety and peace such knowledge can bring in an uncertain world.

*With prayers and best wishes, **Deacon Jon***

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. You may also leave donations in the porch for the Food Bank.

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, Noel Cutler, Margaret & Tom Dempsey, Joanne Donoghue, Max Foreshew, 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 10 January

Offertory Collection	£162.20
Church Maintenance	£12.50
Crib Collection	£99.00
December Standing Orders	£578.00

