

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

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**Sunday 24 January 2021**

### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

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

**Sunday 31 January:** Mass at 10.00am.  
Readings for Mass next Sunday: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28  
Retiring Collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice

**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** are now taking place 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.

**The Repository shop** is not open during the current lockdown. Cards are available in the rack on a self-service basis and you are asked to sanitise your hands before touching any cards. Please put the correct money in the wall box in the porch.

**Coming soon - Invited** - the Diocese-wide Mission for Lent 2021. God loves you. He has great plans for you. He wants to accompany you through all the highs and lows of your life. There will soon be an opportunity for you to explore all this and more as we journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission. Visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) to find out more. You, are Invited.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

*This Sunday, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, marks the 'Sunday of the Word of God,' instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 as an annual celebration of the gift of Scripture. It encourages us to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, shaping how we are called to live and to relate to each other.*

*In the same way, the readings for this Sunday call us to follow the Lord's ways. This may involve some change of priorities and direction for us as we seek to move towards the kingdom of God ourselves. In the First Reading, we see God show mercy to the people of Nineveh. They renounce their evil ways in response to Jonah preaching the word of God.*

*At the beginning of St Mark's Gospel, again we hear of people changing their ways. Jesus begins his ministry by finding and inviting the first disciples to leave their work as fishermen and follow him for greater things.*

*Perhaps during this coming week we can pray for the grace to be open to any change the Lord asks us to make, so that we can respond better to his call and be ready to go wherever he is asking us.*

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

**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. Donations for the Food Bank may also be left. Some families are still struggling during the current lockdown and rely on your continuing generosity.

**Thank you** for continuing to support our parish. This week we expect to receive invoices for £5,000 for repairs to the Church roof. Your support is very much appreciated, especially so in the absence of our usual fundraising events and income from the letting of the hall.

**Standing Orders:** It may be more convenient for you to make your weekly contribution by Standing Order, which can be set up online or by using a simple form. Forms and information about the Gift Aid scheme are also available. Please contact Nell Collins (01243 607526) for further information.

**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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Tony Crist, Noel Cutler, Margaret & Tom Dempsey, Joanne Donoghue, Max Foresheaw, 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.
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**Collections 17 January**

Offertory Collection	£248.40
Church Maintenance	£55.00
Pax Christi	£30.00

