

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday: Mass at 10.00am.
We welcome Fr Peter Johstone 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 14 February: Mass at 10.00am.
Readings for Mass next Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45.
Retiring collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage fund (Gift Aid) to send sick people on the pilgrimage to Lourdes in future years.

Fr Alban's return to the parish has been delayed due to flight cancellations. We are fortunate that Fr Peter Johnstone will continue to celebrate Mass on Sundays until his return.

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.

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 to find out more. You, are Invited.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus was constantly surrounded by demanding people. In today's Gospel, after preaching, he heals a sick man and then goes on to attend to Peter's mother-in-law. Later in the day, crowds come to the door, bringing many who were suffering from one disease or another. But Jesus, as St Paul says in our second reading, made himself 'all things to all men.' How can someone cope with such pressure?

By going off to a lonely place to pray, as was our Lord's practice. Always, in the midst of his ministry, we will read in the Gospels that Jesus goes away to pray, often described as a lonely or quiet place. What did this lonely place give him? It gave him space, rest and, above all, the opportunity for prayer.

We too need to find space in our lives for prayer. One could say that some of us have too much space at the moment, but there are many in our communities who are having to be 'all things to all men' at the moment. We bring to mind those working in hospitals, care homes, tending to people in their homes, schools, nurseries and further education.

But, all of us, whatever our situation is at the moment, need to spend time wisely in prayer; prayer for ourselves, for others, in entreaty and in thanksgiving, to seek the face of God so that in it we find not only God, but ourselves.

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

Collections 31 January

Offerory Collection	£171.15
Church Maintenance	£32.55

