

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	5th	5.30pm	St Wilfrid's -	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Sat	5th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Michael & Bridget Kitts - Golden Wedding Anniversary
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Sun	6th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	P. J. Kelly RIP
Mon	7th	2.30pm	St George's -	2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	8th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Eileen & Brian - Golden Wedding Anniversary
Wed	9th	10.00am	St George's -	Winnie Bourke RIP
Thur	10th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Hugh Reilly RIP
Fri	11th	10.00am	St George's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	12th	5.30pm	St Wilfrid's -	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Sat	12th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Sun	13th	9.00am	St George's -	Dr John Pern Cobb RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Gordon Lawley RIP

1st Friday of the month: 9.30am St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

IMPORTANT: Going into hospital? Would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy? Ring 417400, ext 4145 and leave a message for the Catholic Chaplain. Please also let Fr Rory know. Catholic Mass in the hospital Chapel every Friday at 3pm.

St. Thomas a Becket Infant School: Tel 01323 726004 **St. Thomas a Becket Junior School:** Tel 01323 737221
St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill: Tel 01424 731070

New to the Parish or would like to get back in touch but not sure how? Please complete the welcome form available in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. *It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.*

USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 847014
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 870990
St George's & St. Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Brian Winter
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Peter Dromgoole
ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 509047
Prayer LineJean Barham Tel: (01323) 842824

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM
Contact: Ann Fielder 01323 843361

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER
Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Maureen Barnard, Jennifer Duder-Rumsey, Edna Andrews, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Agnes Galt, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Betty O'Hora, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Michael Bradley, Josephine Coleman, Elizabeth Osbourne, John Dodson, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer and Enza Riddiford.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

Newsletter items: Please send to Jackie at ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Fr Rory Writes:

As we return to a new year in the life of faith, a most important word is "responsibility". A couple of weeks ago in our newsletter I emphasized that there are important elements that determine whether things will come to fruition in the life of faith; one of them being ability. God knows our God given abilities. This is best expressed in our responsibility. A most important purpose as we gather for Sunday Mass is that God is..... then that he is worshipped, praised and glorified. That is why all the different parts of the liturgy must be well celebrated. All the ministries must be responsible.

Thanks be to God, the Altar Servers are giving a good lead. As they continue to develop their ministry with prayer and attention, highlighting for us the presence of Jesus in the gospel and on the altar, helping us to be less distracted and more fervent. A more fervent faith will generate much more energy, so that it will be apparent that the love of God goes out from us.

Recently I have heard it acknowledged that the Muslim faith will take over in Europe. This was not said in any other way than the acknowledgment of facts on the ground. Obviously their young people are more committed to their faith. It is not only in France but in Ireland that they are seeking to turn closed churches into Mosques. The influx of seminarians for Ireland last year was seventeen, way insufficient for its needs. This for me is one great sadness, the second is that the moderates in each faith do not work together to build a better safer world, which would be in everyone's interest. For many years as Catholics we had to contend with the actions of the I.R.A. The work of the terrorist should be a catalyst for everyone else to do better. For another great sadness is the amount of effort that people will make for bad purpose, like trafficking persons, drugs or sex, compared to those who try to counter it by doing good. This was very much highlighted for me, by the Legion of Mary as they tried when I worked with them on my first visit to London when they tried to meet young vulnerable Irish persons coming off the train from Ireland many years ago.

Please God, we will have a great bash on Sunday 27th September for all our parish communities to celebrate our new church, but above all our ministries and the service we can give because God has been good to us.

St George's Choir Practice – Saturday 26th September at 10.00 am. All welcome.

St George's Social Committee invite you to afternoon tea! Tea will be served on Sunday 13th September at 3.00 pm in the church hall. Delicious dainty sandwiches and homemade cakes, all served to you at your table on beautiful vintage china. Tickets now available from Shirley and Ros at £5 per person or £6 on the door. Tickets can be obtained at St Wilfrid's through Brian Sutcliffe. Please do come and join us.

Music Day at St Agnes in Eastbourne on Saturday 19th September from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Do you enjoy singing and would like to know more about how music can enhance the Mass? Speakers include Catherine Christmas from the Diocesan Liturgy Team. More details to follow.

Catholic Bible School: Come along to our New Term of Scripture Saturdays in Eastbourne. September 12th - Charles Whitehead will explore what it really means to be holy in today's world. Charles is a brilliant and inspirational speaker and is guaranteed to help us become the best we can be. 10.45am to 3pm. Suggested donation £10. Find us at Our Lady of Ransom, BN21 4EU. **Bringing the Bible to Life.** If you have never been to a Catholic Bible School event before, you are in for a treat; the days are always wonderful. Further details found at www.catholic-bible-school.org/events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 9th Sept Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 9th Sept St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm
Wed 9th Sept St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Thur 10th Sept St Wilfrid's Leaven Group Mtg, St W's Cabin, 7.15pm
Sun 13th Sept Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm
Wed 16th Sept St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Mon 21st Sept St Wilfrid's Fundraising Meeting, St W's Cabin, 7.30pm
Wed 23rd Sept St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 26th Sept St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am

Special Party - 27th Sept: Fr Rory has requested that a special Party be organised for 27th Sept. in the Civic Centre, Hailsham, to celebrate the completion of the construction of St Wilfrid's new church. The event is as follows: Children's Event - 2.30-4pm for fun, games and prizes. Welcome drinks and buffet from 3.45pm, from 4pm - Irish Dancing, song and dancing to music by Dom & Flash Company, Presentation - details of our new church, tombola and roll-a-pound. This event is open to all the Parish and friends. Tickets - £10. but families please see Fr Rory. We hope to welcome you there. There will also be a special Service in St Wilfrid's Church, based on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, from 2-3.30pm.

Leaven Group Meeting: There is a Leaven Group Meeting scheduled for Thursday 10th September at 7:15pm in the Cabin at St Wilfrid's.

Diocesan Mass: There is a Diocesan Mass for all Altar Servers on Saturday 26th September at 12 midday at Arundel Cathedral. Please contact David Hoad to confirm that your child will be attending. Phone 01323 849909. Servers are requested to bring their Albs'. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. Transport arrangements will be confirmed nearer the time subject to numbers.

All Mission-Box Holders: Just to let you know that the autumn Mission Today News has arrived, and is in the Porch.

COLLECTIONS: (29th/30th August)

St George's (22nd/23rd Aug) £194.36
St George's (29th/30th Aug) £207.11
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D £176.50
St Wilfrid's (22nd/23rd Aug) £233.58
St Wilfrid's (29th/30th Aug) £242.87
Weekly aver. of DD £209.60
Attendances: St W's 127 St G's 102
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If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:

Sat 29th August
No 10, Dolores Giles

Wed 19th August
No 34, Gary Westcar

Wed 26th August
No 32, Ephraim Crowe