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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	25th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Christopher Karaviotes RIP SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Special Collection Today for A Day for Life
Sun	26th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Gordon & Fiona McCarthy's Intention St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	27th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - August & Martha Rennhard RIP
Wed	29th	10.00am	St George's - Andrew Kon RIP
Thur	30th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - P. J. Kelly RIP
Fri	31st	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	1st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Michael & Bridget Kitts Intention EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	2nd	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Special Intention St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

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'Hara, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Michael Bradley, Josephine Coleman, Elizabeth Osbourne, John Dodson, Gordon Lawley, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Margaret 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.**

This year DAY FOR LIFE focuses on cherishing life and accepting death. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the mysteries of life and death, as well as the Church's teaching on appropriate treatment at the end of life. It also highlights the prayer to St Joseph for a good death.

The theme of this year's Day for Life is most appropriate as there is an Assisted Suicide or so-called Assisted Dying Bill (sponsored by Rob Marris MP) scheduled for debate in the House of Commons on 11th September. If you would like to voice your concerns about the proposed Bill, please get in touch with your local MP. The Bishops' Conference website catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill-2015 provides some practical steps on how to do that.

Please support the crucial work of DAY FOR LIFE. This enables the Church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre), as well as projects which work to protect life at every stage and every condition. Please visit www.dayforlife.org



St George's Children's Liturgy is now on holiday. We wish all the children and their families a happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming them back on Sunday 13th September.

BINGO: At St George's Hall on Friday 7th August. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Proceeds in aid of Children with Cancer, Polegate.

MASS FOR LOURDES PILGRIMS NOT TRAVELLING IN 2015
If you normally travel to Lourdes, but are not for whatever reason able to be there this year, a Mass is being held for pilgrims just like you to get together and experience some of the atmosphere and friendship of the Pilgrimage. This will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whiteways Lane, Rottingdean, BN2 7HB at 10am on Saturday 1 August. There promises to be lots of recognisable Lourdes music to enjoy. After Mass, if you would like to stay with the group, they will create their own "Little Flower" and decamp down to The Plough at the end of the lane for coffee, maybe a lunchtime drink or lunch. If you are intending to attend, please call/text Andrew Harvey (after 7pm weekdays or anytime weekends) on 07736 930849, or email andrewjharvey1@gmail.com so an idea of numbers can be gained.

Transfigured in Christ - Young Adults Summer Retreat (18-35s) 26th - 30th August at Worth Abbey - Benedictine Monastery Talks, Space, Mass, Prayer, Friendship, with input from monks of Worth Abbey and members of The Wellspring Community. For more information or to book, contact TOC@worthabbey.net or call 01342 710318.

St George's Church Hall: Please note, the Hall will be closed for one week, commencing on the 10th August. A new floor is being laid and the contractor requires this closure to ensure the floor is finished to a high standard. The Hall will re-open on the 17th August.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 26th July St Wilfrid's UN Lunch, St W's Church after Mass at 12pm
Wed 29th July St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 5th Aug St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 12th Aug St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
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

Tuesday July 28th: Mr Graham Albon will be giving a talk on "Inland Waterways -- Britain's Canal System" at the Catholic Women's League meeting on July 28th at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre, Our Lady of Ransom. All parishioners most welcome.

Saturday September 19th: 10am-3pm MUSIC DAY at St Agnes. 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 later.

Children's Liturgy - St Wilfrid's: is now on holiday for the summer and returning on Sunday 13th September. We wish you all a happy holiday.

Annual Altar Servers Mass: This will take place at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 26th September at 12 noon with Bishop Richard Moth presiding. All welcome.

World Youth Day 2016: Next Summer the Diocese will be taking a group to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day, the Church's huge international youth festival held every two or three years. It is an amazing chance to deepen your faith and have a lot of fun, surrounded by about 3 million other Catholics from around the globe! We will be travelling out there by coach and staying in a hotel on the outskirts of the city, not too far from the action. Application packs are available from the Youth Service website www.yaab.co.uk. Feel free to get in touch with Jack if you've got any questions (01293 651158 – Jack.Regan@dabnet.org)

Please pray for the repose soul of Eric Lopez who died recently. He was a long term member of our parish community and did a lot of work as a Minister of the Eucharist.

COLLECTIONS: (18th/19th July)

St George's £180.67
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D £176.50

St Wilfrid's £240.62
Weekly aver. of DD £209.60
Attendances: St W's 147 St G's 83

Thank you for your continued generosity
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:

Sat 18th July
No 35
Margaret Forde

Wed 15th July
No 41
Father Rory

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

THE COLLECT

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with
you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that
pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever
endure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of
God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh
grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But
his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?'
'Give it to the people to eat,' he insisted, 'for the Lord says this,
"They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they
ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 144: 10-11.15-18. R.v16

**R) You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of
your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete
selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to
preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you
together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all
called into one and the same hope when you were called. There
is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father
of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia! Lk 7:16

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of
Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the
signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and
sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the
Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to
Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?'
He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he
was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would
only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his
disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small
boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that
between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit
down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five
thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave
thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then
did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted.
When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up
the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked
them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from
the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that
he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come
into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come
and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the
hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present
way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 5:7-8

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The Lord and His Apostles
have shown themselves
indefatigable in their service
to the needy crowds who
flock to them. Today, they are
confronted by hungry,

probably starving, crowds.
The Lord performs a miracle,
in which He *gives out as much
as was wanted to all who were
sitting ready*. However, beyond
the first, or literal, sense of
the Gospel narrative, one can
see a more fundamental
teaching issuing from the
Lord's merciful and loving act.
This deeper teaching is that
whoever comes to Him will
never be hungry; whoever
believes in Him will never
thirst, for the food that

Christ gives is that Life for
which all humanity always
yearns, that Life which alone
satiates our heart's desire.
Christ nourishes us with *the
true Bread, that comes down
from heaven and gives life to
the world*.

Our heart's desire is given the
name, here below, *eternal life*.
Hereafter, we shall know it
simply as Jesus Christ.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

6. There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent
without Easter. I realize of course that joy is not
expressed the same way at all times in life, especially
at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and
changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of
light born of our personal certainty that, when
everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved. I
understand the grief of people who have to endure
great suffering, yet slowly but surely we all have to
let the joy of faith slowly revive as a quiet yet firm
trust, even amid the greatest distress: "My soul is
bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is...
But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the
steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies
never come to an end; they are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness... It is good that one
should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord"
(Lam 3:17, 21-23, 26).

Monsignor Bruce Harbert –
Thoughts on today's Mass

In today's Prayer over the Offerings we pray to
God that the sacred mysteries will sanctify us
'through the powerful working of your grace'.
That word 'working' occurs over and over again
in the prayers of the Mass. Here are some
examples: "the working of your mercy", "the
working of your power", "the working of this
heavenly gift", "the working of this mystery", "the
working of this sacrifice", "your divine
Sacrament . . . working mightily within us".
These phrases impress on us that the early
Christians who wrote these prayers had a
strong sense of God working in his Church
through the Sacraments. They knew that when
the Mass is over its effects continue. These
expressions remind me of Jesus' comparison of
his kingdom to the leaven that works silently
and invisibly in a loaf, causing it to rise and
become ready for the oven. We pray that God
will work mightily within us.

