

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	20th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - George Barham RIP - 2nd Anniversary Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Voluntary Collection: Catholic Association for Racial Justice next Sunday)
Sun	21st	9.00am	St George's - Michael Daly RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	22nd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	23rd	10.00am	St George's - Anne Mazzella RIP
Wed	24th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Marie Kelly RIP
Thur	25th	10.00am	St George's - Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP
Fri	26th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	27th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Sylvia Galea RIP Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Voluntary Collection: Catholic Association for Racial Justice Today)
Sun	28th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Peter Robinson RIP

1st Thursday 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 Primary School: Tel 01323 726004 **St Thomas a Becket Primary School:** Tel 01323 737221
St Thomas a Becket Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977 **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) 832577

St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 870990

St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Peter Dromgoole

ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753

Hailsham Hall Hire Tel: (01323) 841504 - Mon, Wed, Fri Morning or email at above address

Prayer LineJean Barham Tel: (01323) 842824

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

Contact: Ann Fielder 01323 843361

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990

Contact Care: 07900 823138

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Jenny Price and Ann Winter.

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:

Continued from last week..... Dear friend and supporter of the Catholic Bible School, ask the Lord to give us a love for His word. When my faith came alive in 1976, I quickly realised I did not know the scriptures.

The Spirit and the Scriptures

You may be forgiven for not knowing that 2018 marks the 75th anniversary of a truly significant step in the development of Catholic theology. In September 1943, Pope Pius XII issued 'Inspired by the Holy Spirit' ('Divino Afflante Spiritu') - a groundbreaking encyclical letter which laid the foundations for ministries such as the Catholic Bible School over the coming decades.

As I am drawn back to this letter three quarters of a century later, I am struck by a number of points which can continue to help us see the enduring importance of engagement with the Scriptures as we seek to be faithful disciples of Christ.

Firstly, the document emphasises that we find in the Bible a source of renewal for our interior lives as Christians. Quoting Benedict XV, the letter reminds us 'that in these pages is to be sought that food, by which the spiritual life is nourished unto perfection'. So, if you ever feel weary, dry or tired in your soul, turn to the Bible to find life.

Secondly, Divino Afflante Spiritu encourages those who are engaging with the Bible to approach the Scriptures seriously and with their whole being. Specifically, the document responds to developments in theology by permitting thoughtful enquiry about the historical context of the writings we read, as well as encouraging us to translate these writings (or even read them, if we can!) in the original Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic.

This approach is really important to our ministry at the Catholic Bible School. We know that reading passages of the Bible simply at face value can be really inspiring for everybody. But when we take the time to explore the Scriptures with more knowledge of the setting, more attention to detail, and more appreciation of what others have seen in the words of the Bible, there's a richness and power to the Scriptures that can speak to us as disciples in a truly transforming way.

Fr Rory

Congratulations to all who supported and donated to our fundraising for Children with Cancer. The Tea Party, Bingo and Table Sales which you all attended raised £1,290 96, such a grand effort, thank you all so very much for your support.

New Recruit: Barry Megan has had to retire from the Mill Hill Missionary role of local Secretary, due to ill health. We need someone to replace him as soon as possible, to co-ordinate the collection of money from the red Mill Hill boxes and oversee the total amount sent to the Association for the Propagation of Faith Mill Hill. Also needed is more collectors of the red boxes from the people of the St. George Parish. Please get in touch with Barry or Father Rory. This Mission is a great support to many Priests and Sisters in many areas of work abroad in spreading the Faith. Please give it your consideration and phone Barry on Polegate 483465. Many thanks

The Local Post Office: For your information the local post office is no longer taking the old (paper) £5. notes.

Special Celebration: On Sunday morning at St Wilfrid's the Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Peter Robinson, in thanksgiving for all he has contributed to our parish community and to the wider communities.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Sun 21st Jan** Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
- Fri 26th Jan** Bereavement Group Meeting, St Wilfrid's Hall, 11.15am
- Sat 27th Jan** Table Sale, St Wilfrid's Hall, 10am-3pm
- Fri 2nd Feb** St George's Parish Council Meeting, St G's Hall, 6.15pm

Table Sale - St Wilfrid's: We will be holding a table sale on Saturday 27th January, 10am to 3pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents or items that are suitable for our sale, please leave in the church hall or church porch. Thank you.

The Bereavement Group Meeting will take place in St Wilfrid's Church Hall on Friday 26th January at 11.15am. If you have been bereaved or live alone or have recently moved into St Wilfrid's Community and want to get to know us then please come along. We look forward to meeting you.

'Revisiting food growing today' - Monday 22 January
A highly relevant subject today. A talk by John Fowler. He was born on a farm near Mount Kenya and came to England to study agriculture and later to study at London Bible College. Back in Kenya he and his wife served with the Church Missionary Society for 12 years. In 1990 the CMS sent them to Tanzania to undertake rural development work. Retiring to Bexhill in 1998, John has since been busy helping farmers through Farming Community Network. At St Martha's church hall, Cooden Sea Road, Bexhill, TN39 4SP. 7.30-9 pm. Organised by Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle. More info from Alex Mthobi 07957 632208 or Edward Echlin 01424 219788.

COLLECTIONS: (13th/14th Jan)	
St George's	£203.73
Pax Christi Collection	£155.97
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£287.38
Pax Christi Collection	£122.35
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 204 St G's 93	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 13th January
No: 5
Sylvia Winter

Wed 10th January
No: 45
Ann Fielder