

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	24th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Margaret & John Forde's 56th Wedding Anniversary Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent (Special Collection: CAFOD Fast Day)
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Peter Robinson RIP
Mon	26th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	27th	10.00am	St George's - Michael & Angela Archer's Intention
Wed	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Molly Jefferson
Thur	1st	11.00am	St George's - Reconciliation & Benediction
Thur	1st	11.30am	St George's - Rosina & Michael Wilson's Intention
Fri	2nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	3rd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Flavio Cirignano RIP Third Sunday of Lent
Sun	4th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Alan O'Rourke 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:

This great season of Lent. Many years ago I was very fortunate to attend Fantane Catholic National School, a small school in the middle of the countryside with two teachers. Lent began in a dramatic way with the master coming in to school with the ashes he had received for the school after attending the morning Mass in the village. Then from low infants to high and up to sixth class, for some it had seventh before leaving school to face the outside world. "Remember man thou art but dust and unto dust thou shall return". "Remember man thou art but dust and unto dust thou shall return". "Remember man and so on until all who attended the school was done.

Then I was privileged to go to Seminary at St Patrick's College, Thurles, just after the 2nd Vatican Council which was well received. Lent had its focus upon the gospel and the signing with ashes was accompanied by the words Repent and Believe the good news. 'Repent and Believe', what is the good news that my life should be all about? So it is so sad that there does not appear to be very much good news to be celebrated by your generations in the life of our church. The challenge given to us by Bishop Richard, "what will the life of the church be in our parishes in 2030?" is very important, and especially what we can do to prepare for it.

I am very grateful to Deacon John Truman for looking after the celebration of the ashes, with a very good attendance at St George's. For our distribution of the ashes here at St Wilfrid's, I was moved by the spirit to minister the ashes with the words "God is love, let us love one another". Afterwards the thought came to me, why do you not practice what you preach? As I became aware of persons who would have expected more love and support from me.

Please God, we are a work in progress. Two important events among others on the horizon are Council Meetings, Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm for St Wilfrid's and Friday 2nd March at 6.15pm at St George's. Please give them the attention and support which is most important at this time

Fr Rory

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

This day, requested by the Holy Father, has been designated by our Bishops' Conference for the Friday of the 5th Week of Lent, 23rd March this year. This cause should also be included in the Intercessions on Palm Sunday.

Lenten Lunches, St. George's – our next Lunches will take place on 8th March, the 15th March and the 22nd March at 12.00 noon, following Mass at 11.30 am. It has proved impossible to provide lunch each week as we are short of cooks and helpers this year. If you can help on any of the mornings before a lunch, please let Margaret Piegrome know as soon as possible. Helping would involve setting up and laying tables etc.

The Woman's World Day of Prayer Service will be held this year at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Hellingly. 10am on Friday 2nd March. All are welcome.

St George's Parish Council Meeting: Friday 2nd March in St George's Hall at 6.15pm.

In preparation for Easter, we have the opportunity to meditate upon the different stages of Jesus' Journey towards Calvary, when Stations of the Cross are being held at St George's on Sunday afternoons in Lent, with the exception of 11 March, Mothering Sunday. The last one will be on Palm Sunday, 25th March, which will be followed by Benediction and refreshments in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

Advance Diary Notice: The Children's Liturgy Team is holding its annual gathering for all in our Parish at Abbots Wood on Sunday 20th May 2018. More information to follow.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 25th Feb Stations of the Cross, St George's Church, 3pm
Wed 28th Feb St Wilfrid's Parish Council Mtg, Parish Centre, 7.30pm
Fri 2nd March St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 6.15pm
Sun 4th March Stations of the Cross, St George's Church, 3pm
Sun 4th March Classic story of Swiss girl, St George's Hall, 4pm
Sat 10th March Bishop's Day of Reflection, St George's Hall, 10.30am
Sat 17th March Stations of the Cross/Lunch, St G's Church, 11.30am
Sun 18th March Stations of the Cross, St George's Church, 3pm

Readers of both churches – a meeting has been called to discuss the Bishop's Day of Reflection, on **Saturday, 10th March, at 10.30 in St. George's Hall**. Please be prompt and enjoy coffee and cakes which will precede what promises to be a lively discussion. We will also undertake our planning for Holy Week. Fr Rory has asked that all readers (week day and Sunday readers) attend if possible. Please let Margaret Piegrome (St G) or Lesley Crowe (St W) have names of those attending before 1st March

St Wilfrid's Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 28th February in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Please pass on any items you wish to add to the agenda. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross for children and families from both communities will be held on Sat 17th March at 11.30am in St George's Church, which will be followed by a Poverty Lunch in St George's Hall. There will be a collection for CAFOD after lunch.

Film Club – the next two films will be shown at 4pm in St George's Hall, as follows: **4th March (2015)**, Classic story of Swiss girl; **18th March (1957)**, Disney film, a boy and his stray dog. **FREE ENTRY**. All parishioners, their friends and family are welcome. Following each film the club enters a short enjoyable discussion/reflection about the film. Refreshments available. For more information email Christian cjane@mgccconsultancy.co.uk.

COLLECTIONS: (17th/18th Feb)

St George's	£253.30
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£389.14
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 139 St G's 84	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 10th February
No: 13,
Maeve O'Rourke
Sat 17th February
No: 56
Jeanette Coles
Wed 14th February
No: 5, Sylvia Winter