

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	24th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence, Collection for the Holy Places)
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's - Mrs Jane Ewer RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Elza Da Silva Fioresi RIP
Mon	26th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Florence & Edward Gaynor RIP
Mon	26th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	27th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Elizabeth Shepherd RIP
Wed	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Thur	29th	7.00pm	St George's - Maundy Thursday , Johnnie Humphreys RIP
Fri	30th	3.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Good Friday, Passion & Cross Service
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Sat	31st	7.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Holy Saturday , Parish Communities' Intention Easter Sunday
Sun	1st	9.00am	St George's - Private Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Jim Cleary's Anniversary 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:

IT IS HOLY WEEK

Time to run away fast. When the crowds went out to meet Jesus as He was entering Jerusalem, they had no doubt in their minds that they had a clear expectation of what Jesus was coming to do. They were expecting Him to challenge and overcome the authorities and powers of the establishment. Especially the Roman authorities, but also because he had challenged the Jewish Authorities e.g. saying in today's gospel (5th Wednesday in Lent) that "Abraham was not their father". So they were expecting Him and they had reinforced the army, and those in authority were especially drafted into the city as they were expecting Him to make this challenge. They were ready for a fight, above all ready to stir up trouble and to deal out punishment. Jesus enters the city, humble and riding on a donkey. The penny drops and it is a big shock to his followers - He is not going to put up much of a fight, and the going is about to get rough. It goads on those who are ready for a fight, always reinforced with the powers of evil. Soon there are chants shouting in the air..... They become more focused as the spotlight and judgements are being made about Jesus. Crucify him, crucify him, became the message of the mob. So the responsibility of those in authority, do we protect and defend Him? Is He innocent?.... First option; take Him yourself and crucify him..... But they know that this would be a recipe for anarchy; their fear was that they would be next to suffer the same fate. They have to keep control and carry out the wishes of the mob. They decide to crucify Him. Two thousand years later these are the events we now recall during the coming week. This is why we call it Holy Week. So during the coming days and week we give time and prayer, so that as we take part in the services, we strive to express our care and our willingness in support of those who wanted comfort, Jesus. That is why we always look towards Mary and the early disciples.

Jr Rory

St George's Church's Appeal – there is an attachment in today's Newsletter for St George's parishioners. A similar appeal will be made in St Wilfrid's in April.

St George's Church - The boxes of **Gift Aid Envelopes** are ready for collection at the back of the church. Please take your named box as soon as possible. Your old box should not be used after Easter Sunday. If you pay tax and wish to give via Gift Aid, please see Charles or Margaret Piegrome.

Holy Week activities in Polegate: The Walk of Witness, Good Friday, 30th March, commencing at 10.00 am from the Community Centre. There is a Service at St. John's Church at 10.30am Saturday 31st March, Singing in the Precinct, 10.30am until 11.00am
SONRISE on Easter Sunday, the 1st April at 6.30 at Butts Brow. Followed by breakfast at St John's Church. Please let St. John's Church know as soon as possible if you are going to breakfast.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION AT ST GEORGES: There will be an Easter Flower collection after Mass this Sunday which is Palm Sunday. Thank you all, you are always so generous in your donations.

Delia McCann would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages and especially prayers following her recent operation. She has been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness. Please continue to remember her in your prayers as she convalesces. Tom and Shirley also offer sincere thanks for everyone's support.

This Sunday at 3pm is your last chance to do Stations of the Cross at St George's – Mary's Way of the Cross. Followed by Benediction and then tea and cake in the Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Easter Cards are on sale at the back of the church at St George's.

Holy Week Posters are available this weekend, provided free by the Knights of St Columba. Please take one and display it in your window if you can.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 25th March Stations of the Cross, St George's Church, 3pm

Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life & Peace in the British Isles:

On Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3pm. Rosary on the Coast is an initiative of the Lay Faithful across the British Isles inviting the faithful of our nations, with the support of our clergy and Bishops, to surround the coasts of our Isles with prayer and encircle them with a living Rosary for Life, Faith and peace. More information can be found on the website: <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/>

Local preparations are at an early stage. If you or your prayer group would like to be involved locally, please contact Bob on 847014. (He is co-ordinating this on behalf of the local Knights of St Columba).

Mariapolis 2018: Beyond all borders, Ampleforth Abbey, April 4-8, Based on the prayer of Jesus "That All May Be One". All welcome, including families. Local contacts Celia 01323 892271 or Hanora 01323 490721

NHS Blood and Transplant

We are holding a blood donation session at Wealden Community Hall, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 1BT on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd April 2018 and have appointments available between 09.30 - 13.00 & 14.00 - 15.00. To book an appointment please visit us at www.blood.co.uk, download our app NHSGIVEBLOOD or call us on 0300 123 23 23. New and Existing Donors are Welcome by Appointment Only.

Happy Easter from all the Catholic Churches In the Eastbourne Deanery

Please pick up a leaflet located in St Wilfrid's and St George's Church porch, which contains dates and times of all the Easter Services for Eastbourne.

COLLECTIONS: (17th/18th March)

St George's	£246.75
APF Boxes	£23.96
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£138.83
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 107 St G's 85	

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

Bonus Ball:

Sat 17th March
No: 39
Ian Van Breda

Wed 14th March
No: 15
Joan Covey