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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	5th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Elsie Brown & Mrs Mary Brown RIP Sixth Sunday of Easter (Special Collection for the Catholic Communications Network next Sunday)
Sun	6th	9.00am	St George's - Jenni Duder-Rumsey RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	7th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	8th	10.00am	St George's - Donor's Intention
Wed	9th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Joanna Morrisry RIP
Wed	9th	7.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Vigil Mass for Feast of Ascension
Thur	10th	10.00am	St George's - Michael Bradley RIP
Fri	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Patrick Edmunson RIP
Sat	12th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Encinas & Wadey Families Intentions Seventh Sunday of Easter (Special Collection today for the Catholic Communications Network)
Sun	13th	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:

Sick, sore and sorry. I always sound like a member of the S.S.S. So it is about time I put it behind me. Fifty years ago I applied to join the seminary just after good Pope John 23rd and the 2nd Vatican Council. Forty years ago I was on my first sabbatical. Then the charismatic renewal, catholic marriage encounter, the curculio, Taize monastery, the focolare and many other movements were alive. It was a very good experience.

Now, with the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, it is a very special time. We reflect upon the outcome "Christ Risen from the Dead our faith will never be in vain". During Lent we responded to what we had celebrated at Christmas, as we continue to take part in the life of the church. It is not something we have celebrated; and will celebrate it again next year, as a time to be jolly. Our Lenten preparation prepared us for Holy week which is always a most special time for us - although always over shadowed with the Crucifixion. Afterwards the apostles and disciples relate profound stories of meeting Christ on the road to Emmaus.

Among the stories is the account of Peter who, with other close friends, having returned to the day job of fishing. But they did not immediately recognise Jesus as they returned from having spent the night fishing, to whom Peter complained that they have fished all night and caught nothing. I can identify with this as the Lord instructs him and us "to go out again".

After the Ascension, the next most important celebration will be the Feast of Pentecost. Jesus instructed his apostles and disciples to prepare for the time when the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon them. This must be at the centre of our lives. We need a new generation, fresh wine, fresh wine skins. This must be at the centre of our lives as a parish community so that we are living witnesses to our faith. If the message of Christ fades out from our world, what are we really left with?



St George's Plant Fair Saturday 26th May. Do you grow seeds and cuttings? Have you got an allotment or greenhouse? Then you can help us produce plants for our fair in May. We need a lot of help and support to make this event a success. Please let Ros or Shirley know if you can help in bringing on plug plants or manning the stalls on the day. We really do need YOUR help.

Beetle Drive: St Wilfrid's will be hosting a Beetle Drive on Friday 11th May at 7.30pm, in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Tickets £5.00 each and will be on sale after Masses. Please come and join us for a fun and enjoyable evening.

St George's film club: Please note change of dates. On 6th May we'll show (1960) The story of a castaway family on a desert island. On 27th May we'll see (1943) The story of Saint Bernadette and her visions. There will be a short chat after the film and moreish nibbles for everyone. All showings will start at 3pm.

United Nations Lunch: Sunday 24th June 2018, 11.45am after Mass. More details to follow. Please put this date in your diaries.

Catholic Evenings for 15-30's Encounter: Starts Friday May 18th, Our Lady of Ransom Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Live Music, Great Speakers, Adoration and Food. Guest Speaker: Bishop Richard.

ROSARY ON THE COAST:

Over 200 people attended this event at the Bandstand on Eastbourne seafront last Sunday and prayed for Faith, Life and Peace across the British Isles. Some people prayed the Rosary at home, too. Thanks to everyone who took part. His Holiness, Pope Francis has given to all those who participated in the Rosary on the Coast his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of abundant graces from heaven while placing them under the protection of Our Blessed Lady, Mary, Mother of the Church. Further details of the prayers around our coastline and photos can be found at www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

INSPIRE 2018 - YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

CONFERENCE, MAY 12TH Tickets are still available for the Diocesan youth ministry leadership day being held on May 12th at Redhill. It's open to anyone who is interested in youth and young adult ministry, including parents and Confirmation leaders, and tickets are just £10. It's happening at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, from 10am to 3.30pm, and there is a very impressive line-up of speakers: We've got Will Desmond, founder of the ASCENT, Dominican Friar Father Nick Crowe, Lizzie Wakeling (talking about young people and mental health), Bishop Richard, and others. We'll also be bringing you up to date on the current discussions at the Vatican around 'Young people, faith, and vocational discernment.' To book: Email YMBookings@dabnet.org <<mailto:YMBookings@dabnet.org>>.

Les Whittaker from East Grinstead Parish is cycling to Walsingham and back to raise money for the pro-life work undertaken by Good Counsel Network. Les will also mark the 50th anniversary of the abortion act by praying 50 rosaries on his journey to Walsingham, 50 whilst there and 50 on the return journey. If you would like to support this cause please see flyer on notice board, or view web page: justgiving.com/fundraising/rosarybikeride

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 6th May Castaway Family on a Desert Island, St G's Hall, 3pm
Fri 11th May Beetle Drive, St Wilfrid's Church Hall, 7.30pm
Sun 20th May The Annual Children's Liturgy Outing
Sat 26th May St George's Plant Fair, St George's Church,
Sun 27th May The Story, St Bernadette & her visions, St G's Hall, 3pm
Sun 24th June United Nations Lunch, St Wilfrid's, 11.45am

COLLECTIONS: (28th/29th April)

St George's	£251.25
Education of Future Priests	£25.00
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£207.98
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 144 St G's 90	

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Bonus Ball:

Sat 28th April
 No: 20
 David Hoad

Wed 25th April
 No:
 No Winner