

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	7th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Enza Riddiford RIP Second, 'Low', Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Sun	8th	9.00am	St George's - Bridget Little RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	9th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	10th	10.00am	St George's - Dermot McDonald RIP
Wed	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Fr Rory's Intention
Thur	12th	10.00am	St George's - Vera Almeida RIP
Fri	13th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Grace Verral RIP
Sat	14th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - John Dobson RIP Third Sunday of Easter (Special Collection for the Education of Future Priests next Sunday)
Sun	15th	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:

Good trees bear good fruit. The period after the resurrection was a time of great confusion. Word was continuing to spread, people were saying that Jesus had appeared to them. "He had risen from the dead". People remembered that when he was alive He had hinted to them that this would be so. They remembered He said He would go before them and that they could see Him in Galilee.

For us this too is a very important time. Like the early Christians it is an opportunity for us to come to terms with our celebration of Holy Week. In the Scriptures, as in all of God's providence moments like the two disciples meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus are very rare. Moments like the ascension when many shared the experience are rarer still. Even then an instinct to doubt is always present, just as it was for those early Christians. It was very important that they provided good attention and because of this it was made clear to them how they were to prepare for Pentecost.

In the early church, fresh converts were dressed in white robes after their Baptism. They had been part of the community in the early church which had an extended time of preparation, sometimes this period lasted for several years. Recently the church reintroduced this to allow for a time of enquiry, catechumenate and being part of the elect. It is a time to welcome new enquiries and because we have some who are interested, this will take place before Pentecost.


An Article Taken From CTK Newsletter :

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later." "Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?" The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat with our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now." The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded." The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore." The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere." "Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us." The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?" The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist." Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist." To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

Attention St George's: There will be no tea/coffee in the hall after Mass on Tuesday 10th April, due to the hall being hired.

St George's film club is back after the Easter break. On 15 April we will show (2005) CS Lewis' classic tale of the magical world of Narnia. On 29 April we'll show (1943) The story of Saint Bernadette and her visions. On 13 May we'll see (1960) The story of a castaway family on a desert island. There will be a short chat after the film and moreish nibbles for everyone. All showings will start at 3pm.

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.

Friends of EDGH: are still collecting milk bottle tops to help raise money for hospital equipment. Please help them by bringing in your washed **red, blue and green milk bottle tops only** and place in the container provided in both church porches. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Fri 13th April St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 6.15pm
Sun 15th April Magical World of Narnia, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sun 29th April The Story, St Bernadette & her visions, St G's Hall, 3pm
Sun 13th May Castaway Family on a Desert Island, St G's Hall, 3pm

ROSARY ON THE COAST:

Further to our earlier announcement, Rosary on the Coast will be held on Sunday 29th April at the Bandstand on Eastbourne seafront at 3 pm. Please try to attend as we would like this event to be very successful.

Friends of EDGH: Please remember to save all your stamps. These can be left in both the church porches for collection.

A Weekend of Discovery, A Lifetime of Love: Enrich your Marriage with a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Margaret Roper Primary School, Purley (Non-Residential), 28th-29th April 2018. This is an enrichment weekend for ordinary good marriages. All discussions are private to the participating couples. There is no group work. Take advantage of a weekend close to you and Give yourselves and your relationship a treat. For further information check out our website: www.wvme.org.uk or contact Phil & Mary Pond 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

COLLECTIONS: (31st March/1st April)

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

Bonus Ball:

Sat 31st March
 No:
 TBC

Wed 28th March
 No:
 TBC