

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	27th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention Second, 'Low' Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) (Collection Today for Leprosy)
Sun	28th	9.00am	St George's - John & Paul Bree RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	29th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	30th	10.00am	St George's - Feast of St George
Wed	1st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention
Thur	2nd	9.30am	St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Thur	2nd	10.00am	St George's - Priest's Intention
Fri	3rd		St Wilfrid's - No Service
Sat	4th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention Third Sunday of Easter (Special Collection for the Education of Future Priests next Sunday)
Sun	5th	9.00am	St George's - Jenni Duder-Rumsey RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

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 Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977 **St Thomas a Becket Primary School:** Tel 01323 737221
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

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, Juliette Lusted, Evelyn South, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Ann Winter, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Bill O'Rourke, Chris Neyenhuizen, Judith Bourke, Fr Rory and Letty & Douglas Booth.

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**.
Office Hours Monday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 8.45am-12.45pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Fr Rory Writes:

Just a lovely night. There is something very special about the Easter Vigil. Admittedly it is focused upon the gift of belief Jesus Christ has entered into our human experience. He has shared our lives, especially our sufferings and afflictions. But the mystery remains.

With the beautiful singing of the Exultet, and other voices raised in psalm and song, this Holy Night was truly a night full of joy. So often life brings you down to earth again with a bang, and then you are left with options and choices. Do you deal with them in a manner that reflects Christ and His example to us?

Looking back at my piece last year, I think it is worthwhile to repeat "good trees bear good fruit". High moments and Holy moments are quite rare. It is in living our daily lives in a way that brings help and hope to others that is most important.

Fr Rory

Easter Offering: A huge thank you to all who donated to my very generous Easter Offering.

Fr Rory

Holy Week:

Sincere thanks to Father Kieran and everyone who made our Services of The Last Supper, Good Friday and Holy Saturday so special and inspirational.

Divine Mercy, Sunday 28th April: Let us accept God's invitation to celebrate and practise mercy: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. It is mainly through our own works of mercy as we go about our daily lives that we practise mercy and are so able to receive God's merciful judgment. St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) put it like this: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action." Please note that there will be a recitation of the Chaplet, veneration of the image, with a homily and music, at 3pm at Our Lady of Ransom. Please pray for God's Mercy upon our country on this day.

St George's Film Club:

Next dates for film club are: April 28th (1959) A storyteller seeks the proverbial pot of gold. May 12th (1963) A charming Disney film about love, mysterious family secrets and small town summer nights. May 26th (1993) The latest adaptation of Mark Twain's timeless story. All showings start at 3 pm.

St George's Bible Study Group: A Bible Study group takes place every Tuesday at 6 pm. Sessions last 1 hour. For information please ring Merce (07855452741)

ENCOUNTER EVENING (FOR 16-35s) THIS SATURDAY IN EASTBOURNE:

This Saturday (May 4th) there will be an ENCOUNTER evening at Our Lady of Ransom in Eastbourne, starting 7.30pm. It's totally free, and you don't need to book. ENCOUNTER evenings are all about making friends, singing, praying, being inspired, and eating! Lots of eating. To find out more, search for 'Catholic ENCOUNTER' on Facebook.

Leprosy is completely curable:

Finding and curing people before disability takes hold
Raising awareness to fight the stigma
Supporting those disabled by leprosy to lead fulfilling lives

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 28th April Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Tue 30th April St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 10.30am
Sun 12th May Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sat 18th May St George's Plant Fair, St George's Hall, 10am
Sun 19th May Summer Gathering, Abbots Wood Picnic, 12noon-4pm
Sun 26th May First Holy Communion, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am
Sun 26th May Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sun 2nd June 1st Holy Communion B/fast, St W's Hall, after 10.30 Mass
Sun 23rd June 1st Holy Communion, St George's Church, 9am
Sun 30th June 1st Holy Communion B/fast, St. G's after 9am Mass
Sun 29th Sept Country Walk & Picnic, Route TBC, 11am-3pm

Thank You is a word used many times. This Easter we have come to use it more than ever. Firstly, to our Lord who sent us such beautiful weather, which certainly put a smile on everyone's face and helped towards good relationships all-round. Secondly, to all the people involved in bringing about a truly meaningful Easter Season. So much preparation goes on behind the scenes in order that we might come to church and enjoy all the special services.

This year we had the help and jovial presence of Fr Kieran, who put an awful lot into arranging our many services. Who can forget his special jokes? Where does he find them? He was of course assisted by our Fr Rory. Please God, he will continue to recover and be back among us doing the job he was made for.

Children's Picture Competition: All our winners received Easter Eggs and presents. Thank you to Amelia, Amanda, Varsha and Roisen. It was very interesting to see how the children understood the meaning of the Easter Story, even the sun had a sad face when he saw Jesus crucified!

Children's Liturgy: There will not be any Children's Liturgy this week. Both Teresa and Annette are off on a well deserved break.

St Wilfrid's: Sunday morning after Mass in the Hall was such a happy occasion. The raffle was extended with many more prizes. The final total was £120. Money will be used for items in connection with Children's Liturgy. I never saw the going of cakes and hot cross buns. It was lovely to see so many parishioners and friends. Sorry the "Sales Table" is a bit of a mess. It will be sorted by next week with many more items for sale.

COLLECTIONS: (20th/21st April)

St George's	£
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	206
St G's	101
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 20th April

No: 4
Betty Forde

Wed 17th April

No: 52
Peter Bowles