

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	6th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention Fifth Sunday of Lent (Second Collection for Easter Flowers)
Sun	7th	9.00am	St George's - Parents of Nicholas Cooray RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - For Victims & Survivors of Sexual Abuse in the Church
		2.30pm	St Georges - Stations of the Cross
Mon	8th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	9th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	10th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention
Thur	11th	11.30am	St George's - For Victims & Survivors of Sexual Abuse in the Church
Fri	12th		St Wilfrid's - No Service
Sat	13th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Ellen Kavanagh RIP Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence, Collection for the Holy Places on Friday)
Sun	14th	9.00am	St George's - Creta O'Neil RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
		2.30pm	St George's - Stations of the Cross
<i>1st Thursday of the month: 9.30am St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation</i>			

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, Julliette 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

Deacon John Writes:

I recently read an article by a British journalist who writes for several UK newspapers, called Joanna Moorhead. This particular article was about parents and their children. In it she wrote: "God loves us absolutely, just the way we are. It is difficult to over emphasise the importance of that fact. When someone loves us just the way we are, as God does, it can give us all the encouragement we need to be kind and helpful, and try to be the best person we can be."

That's an important part of the meaning of Lent, trying to do our very best to become the sort of person God wants us to be.

Deacon John

Easter Collection

The offertory collection over the Easter weekend goes towards the upkeep of Fr Rory your Parish Priest. This collection is only taken twice a year, Christmas and Easter.

Way of the Cross up Beachy Head to pray for all suffering in mind or heart on Saturday April 13th at 3pm starting from St. Bede's School car park.

Hailsham Choral Society will sing J. Maunders 'Olivet to Calvary' on Good Friday the 19. April at St. Mary's Church Hailsham at 7pm. Free concert with retiring collection.

Rosary on the Coast of the British Isles. Last year over 250 people gathered and prayed at Eastbourne Bandstand for the first ever Rosary on the Coast. In October we prayed the Rosary under the Cross at St Agnes Church in penitence for our sins. This year we will be praying for our Nation on the Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday 28 April. Everyone is invited to pray for God's Mercy. Trust in God's Mercy and cry out unceasingly to the Lord for his Mercy to enfold the British Isles.

Please pray for Morgan Mukutirwa who is to be baptised and received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on April 20th.

Rosary for the Unborn. The KSC and SPUC ask everyone to continue praying the Rosary for the Unborn. The intention for April is "For those grieving the loss of a child during pregnancy".

St Wilfrid's Penitential Service: A very moving service, simply arranged primarily for our First Holy Communion children from both communities. The theme was "The Good Shepherd and his sheep". The children were asked to find their sheep and place them underneath the Altar near the "Good Shepherd" statue. Sheets of prayers and instructions were provided to make the whole service easy to follow and participate. It was a shame more parishioners did not avail themselves of this privilege.

Altar Server Practice: Could I appeal to all teenage and adult altar servers to attend a rehearsal for the Easter Vigil Service on Good Friday at 5 pm at St Wilfrid's. A minimum of 6 servers required to fulfil all the liturgical activities required for this extremely important Liturgy.

Mothering Sunday at St Wilfrid's: A very big THANK YOU to everyone who arranged and organised this Happy Mass. The children really enjoyed their readings, prayers and musical hymns, such a variety of bells, tambourines and shakers for the final hymn, even Fr Kieran was seen shaking a maraca to the music. Then the children handed out a beautiful yellow rose to all the ladies. A special "Mothering Sunday" cake was washed down with a cuppa in the hall afterwards.

Choir Practice for Easter Vigil: Could all who can sing and are willing to help with the Easter Vigil, please attend a choir practice on Tuesday 16th April at 7 pm in St Wilfrid's Church. It is hoped at least a dozen voices will volunteer.

Bunny Run Childcare: A natural start to learning - Ofsted outstanding provider. This little nursery has been brought to our notice because many of our young families from St Wilfrid's attend. If you would like more information or join us for a free morning, contact 01323 848490 or email bunnyrunchildcare.co.uk

Easter Cards are available at the back of St George's Church.

St George's Lenten Lunches: will be available throughout Lent for everyone to enjoy good soup and chatter! Members of both communities are warmly welcomed. Lunches will be on **Thursdays**, when Mass will be at 11.30am. All soup will be homemade and we will put up menus as we did last year, so please sign up to let us have an idea of numbers. Menus will be available each Sunday for the following week.

There will be **Stations of the Cross** at St Wilfrid's on Good Friday at **11am**. All are encouraged to take part in this service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 7th April Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Tue 16th April Choir Practice for Easter Vigil, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 19th April Altar Server Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 5pm
Sun 21st April Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Tue 30th April St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 10.30am
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 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

Healing Mass at St Wilfrid's: There will be a healing mass ending with solemn Benediction every Wednesday morning at 10am in Hailsham during the Lenten period. Tea and Coffee will be available in the hall afterwards.

The children's liturgy on Palm Sunday at St. Wilfrid's will include the children examining all the events of Holy Week including the events surrounding the first mass on Holy Thursday - Jesus death on Good Friday and Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It's hoped as many of the children as possible will attend this.

COLLECTIONS: (30th/31st March)
St George's £226.70
 Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £146.33
St Wilfrid's £359.31
 Weekly aver. of DD £204.60
 Attendances: St W's 164 St G's 74
Thank you for your continued generosity
 If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:
Sat 30th March
 No:
 No Winner
Wed 27th March
 No: 21