

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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ST WILFRID

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	8th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
			Pentecost	
			(Special Collection for the Day of Life Next Sunday)	
Sun	9th	9.00am	St George's -	Carles Garcia Cervera RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Priest's Intention
Mon	10th	2.30pm	St George's -	2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	11th	10.00am	St George's -	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	12th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Priest's Intention
Thur	13th	10.00am	St George's -	In Thanksgiving (Jean and Margaret)
Fri	14th		St Wilfrid's -	No Service
Sat	15th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
			The Most Holy Trinity	
			(Special Collection Day for Life Today)	
Sun	16th	9.00am	St George's -	Tom McCann RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Priest's 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, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Lilian Summers, 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:

Recently I spoke about 'Love' in a homily as it has been the subject of several of the readings at Mass during Eastertide. Love is Christ's great message to his followers – "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Jesus followed that statement with a challenge to all of us: "Love one another, as I have loved you." In other words: We are to love one another as deeply as God loves His son, and as powerfully as Jesus then loves us. That is how we are to love one another. Christ is asking us to do nothing less than to love the world the way that God does. It is a love that says to each of us: "Whatever happens, I will be there."

We should always remember this statement of Jesus: "Love one another, as I have loved you." Despite your differences, love one another. Despite the hurt someone has caused you, love one another. Despite the angers you are nursing or the grudge you can't let go of...love one another. That is what Christian love is all about – literally loving like Christ.

So - there we have our challenge: - look at the world around us, the people around us — all those we like **and** those we don't - those we care for **and** those we don't - those we respect **and** those we don't — and love them as Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you." This is what we have to do. It is Christ's great commandment.

Joan Chittister wrote this: "God sends angels into every life to help us understand the present, and to enable us to bear the future. We are one another's lifeline to God. We are here to hold one another up, and to help one another see the presence of God".

I leave you with this question to think about: Are we courageous enough – generous enough, selfless enough, sacrificial enough — to not only **keep** that commandment, but to actually **live it**?

With my love for you all.

Deacon John

Fr Rory Writes:

Greetings from the Island of Alderney where I have been filling in for a friend of mine. It has a Franciscan Convent of four Sisters and a hermit, so it has been a very good spiritual experience. I am truly grateful when I hear all the events in the parish are continuing so well. "A body made up of many parts", working together is key to the future of any parish with the number of Priests in such decline.

Looking forward to meeting you all, and ever so grateful for all the concern and support.

Canon Michael has now returned and it is a real tonic, we are having a good time catching up on so many years of friendship.

Fr Rory

Advance Notice for St George's and St Wilfrid's Church:

Week beginning 17th June, there will be a Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Wednesday 19th at St Wilfrid's for Richard Carter RIP and on Friday 21st June at 10 am at St George's. There will be no 10am Mass on the 19th at St Wilfrid's nor on the Thursday 20th at St George's.

Deacon John Writes Again:

I came across this little story recently and liked it, so I share it with you this weekend: There was a man who was always looking for a special sign from God to tell him what he should do. He ended up working in the missions in South America. A friend asked him why he chose South America. He replied that when he was trying to decide what God wanted him to do, and where God wanted him to go, he was eating a chocolate bar with Brazil nuts in it. So he thought - Brazil is in South America, God must want me to go there. His friend said "Thank God you weren't eating a Mars bar!"

With my love and prayers.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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 30th June United Nations Lunch, St Wilfrid's Church, 12noon
Sun 29th Sept Country Walk & Picnic, Route TBC, 11am-3pm

United Nations Lunch - Change of Date: Please note the United Nations Lunch will now take place on Sunday 30th June, 12noon at St Wilfrid's Church.

There will be a **Cross Link United Service** on Sunday 9th June at 6.30pm in the Methodist Church. All are welcome.

St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion Breakfast: was such a happy occasion, so many of our community attending. The table was a "picture" to behold, dominated by the huge cake with all the emblems for our children, including their names in icing. Thank you to Annette, Sophie and Teresa for preparing the wonderful banquet and decorating the table and the hall. Fr Chris joined us all at the communion table which was enjoyed by us all. Photos of the First Holy Communion are now on the website so do take a look.

The **Knights of Saint Columba** will be meeting on Monday 10th June at 6pm at the Parish Centre of St Wilfrid's Church, South Road, Hailsham. All Catholic men are invited to come and see what the Knights do. Further details from Bob on 847014.

Please continue to join the KSC and SPUC and pray the Rosary, for the unborn. The intention for the month of June is for parents of children lost to abortion.

COLLECTIONS: (1st/2nd May)

St George's	£215.01
Catholic Communications	£41.55
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£230.29
Catholic Communications	£57.91
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 188 St G's 81	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 1st June

No: 42
Chris Jones

Wed 29th May

No:
No Winner