

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

ST GEORGE

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	26th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Friday, Feast of All Saints (no abstinence) (Special Collection Retired Priests Fund next Sunday)
Sun	27th	9.00am	St George's - Tom McCann RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	28th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	29th	10.00am	St George's - No Service
Wed	30th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Priest's Intention
Thur	31st	10.00am	St George's - Brenda Trigwell RIP
Fri	1st	10.00am	St George's - Holy Day of Obligation
Fri	1st	11.30am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Day of Obligation
Sat	2nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Brown & Quinlan Family RIP Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Special Collection for Retired Priests Fund Today)
Sun	3rd	9.00am	St George's - Brenda Trigwell RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

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-Wyatt 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, Lilian Summers, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Angela & Michael Archer, Chris Browne, Chris Neyenhuizen, 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:

If you are a cat lover some of this will, I hope, resonate with you. If you are not a real cat lover I hope this will, at least, interest you, and, possibly give you some food for thought this week. It is loosely based on a little book with the title "Gospel for cat lovers" by Susan Sayers.

Have you ever thought that praying is like a cat climbing on to the warm lap of the one it trusts and settling there without them getting up whenever the phone rings? Again have you ever thought about what it might be like for a cat waiting to come into the house after being out in a cold night? To a cat it is part of God's loving kindness when the light comes on in the kitchen when its owner comes down in the morning! Does the cat think of heaven when all the homes in its street think you belong to them and welcome you with food and warm places to sleep? I wonder if the cat thinks of God's love when it is curls up on the duvet in that warm dent beside a sleeping person. God's love is like the cat being pleased to see us when we turn the key in the lock and purrs when it is stroked. God knows our sadness and comforts us. This is rather like cats often sensing when someone needs a warm furry friend to snuggle up to.

A final thought: God's love is warm, comforting and practical, like fur, wear it constantly, as part of your skin. Like fur, our relationship with God needs regular maintenance. He is the one we can trust because he knows us and understands all our ways.

Deacon John

Knights of St Columba: The knights are holding their first ever Poinsettia Sale as a fundraiser to ensure that they can carry on with assisting in charitable events including a donation to Children with cancer. Plants will be for sale at St George's and St Wilfrid's after Mass on Sunday 15th December. However, to avoid disappointment you can pre-order using the order form available at the back of the church. Your kind participation is greatly appreciated.

Friday Nov 1st is All Saints Day and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass at St George's at 10am and St Wilfrid's at 11.30am. Fr Rory will bless the graves at Hailsham after the 11.30 mass. Deacon John will bless the graves in the memorial garden at St George's after the 9am Mass on Sunday Nov 3rd and at Willingdon cemetery at 11.30am.

Bishop Richard's Visit to St. George's was a great success. The Bishop celebrated Mass with Fr Rory and thanked us all for the support we are giving to Father during his recuperation. Bishop Richard commented that Father looked "ten years younger!" The Mass was followed by a delicious Continental breakfast in the Hall. The church and hall were bedecked with beautiful flowers, there was food in abundance and everyone enjoyed talking to Bishop Richard as he spent time with us.

Warmest thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the festive atmosphere – without such a supportive and willing team of helpers these occasions would not happen. Thank you also to parishioners from both our churches who gave their time to celebrate with us.

St George's Love in A Box: for the month of October the sale table in the hall will be for donations of items to Bolster Your Box! None of the items are for sale. If you're not able to make up a whole box but would like to give things like sweets, small toys or toiletries they can be used to supplement the contents of other boxes. You may wish to sponsor a box. Each one now costs £4 to transport. Last day for completed boxes is Sunday 17th Nov.

Children's Liturgy "All Saints Celebration" The Children's Liturgy families of St George's will celebrate "All Saints" on Friday 1st November at Wilderness Woods (<http://wildernesswood.org>). We will meet at the Wilderness Café at 12 pm; we will have a lovely walk and a campfire, where we will roast chestnuts, sweet potatoes and marshmallows. All welcome!

The new Eastbourne Catenian website is now on-line at www.eastbournecatenians.com News of Catenian social, charitable and religious work in Eastbourne and worldwide including India, Zimbabwe and Myanmar as well as Filipinos in the UK and the canonisation of John Henry Newman.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 27th Oct St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival, St Wilfrid's Church

Sun 1st Dec Las Posadas Party, St George's Hall, 3pm

Sun 15th Dec Poinsettia Sale, St George's & St Wilfrid's, after Mass

St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival: Sunday 27th October . There is a box in the porch to receive your gifts of tins & packets to go to the Hailsham Food Bank please. The perishable fruits & veg on display under the altar will be taken after Mass and sold to all of us by the children. Please be generous as we would like to select a gift for the Third World Countries through CAFOD World Aid. Thank you. We are also very fortunate to have a "Bee Keeper" in our midst - Peter, who has kindly offered to give us some thoughts as to why the humble bee is so important to our world. As you enter the Hall you will be given a Free Raffle Ticket. After the talk, if your number comes up you can choose from a variety of prizes to do with the Bee Theme, Good Luck!

St Wilfrid's Sales Table: In the hall after Masses. The takings for the whole of October will be given towards our Third World Project. Teas/coffees, cakes and biscuits are also available every week in the hall after Sunday and Wednesday Masses.

St Wilfrid's Love in A Box: This year we will be running the Love in a box scheme run by the Mustard Seed Relief Mission in Eastbourne. You will find leaflets in the porch from this weekend and this gives full details of what is needed to put into a shoe box for a child and is such a worthwhile cause. The boxes go to Moldova and are taken to orphanages and children's hospitals. A box will be left in the church porch to leave your shoe boxes in. The last day for receiving the boxes at church will be Sunday 17th November.

COLLECTIONS: (19th/20th Oct)

St George's	£159.30
Misso Collection	£46.00
CAFOD	£25.00
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£393.35
Misso Collection	£65.40
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 188 St G's 50	

Thank you for your continued generosity

If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:

Sat 19th Oct

No: 13

Maeve O'Rourke

Wed 16th Oct

No: 57

No Winner