

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	14th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Peter Patrick Povey RIP Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent
Sun	15th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - James Leslie Westcar RIP (12th Anniversary)
Mon	16th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	17th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	18th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Kitty Baker's Anniversary RIP
Thur	19th	10.00am	St George's - Deceased Members of Lodrick Family RIP
Fri	20th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - No Service
Sat	21st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - J.B.S. Intentions Fourth Sunday of Advent, 'O Rex Gentium'
Sun	22nd	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - In Thanksgiving to Our Lady & St Anthony

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, Letty & Douglas Booth and Michael Copper.

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:

It is Gaudete Sunday. Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice. When our focus settles upon Our Lord Jesus then it is possible, but very difficult to keep this focus upon Jesus. The difficulties and tragedies of life that take place affect our confidence and our trust.

It is very important to place our trust in God first and foremost, and then to discern God's goodness in spite of the circumstances of life. Since last year when I was writing this, it certainly has been a challenge to me; and remains one. Among the challenges has been not having any drivers licence and all this entails. I could say it has helped in my carbon footprint, and helped me to use my time more constructively. Also, to have a grateful heart for all those who have offered to help me. So please God, it will be productive.

I am grateful for this trip to Ireland, and when I return I am hopeful of starting the process that will restore my license. Please keep me and our parish in your prayers during this Holy time with Christmas approaching so quickly.

Fr Rory

JOY: Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Crib Offering 2019: This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

Knights of St Columba Poinsettia Sale: If you have not yet ordered your poinsettia, plants will be for sale after Mass (in the hall if the weather is bad). Every sale will help the Knights to carry on their charitable work. We count on you to assist us to carry on this valuable work.

St Wilfrid's Nativity Mime Rehearsal: Monday 23rd December, 10am -12noon. Meet in Church Hall.

St Wilfrid's Children's Christmas Party: Saturday 28th December, 10.30am - 1pm. All welcome. Church Hall.

St Wilfrid's 1st Communion Lesson: Monday 16th December, 6pm - 7pm. Church Hall.

St George's Children - First Holy Communion:

We are looking out for all seven year old children, wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year 2020 at the Mass of Corpus Christi in June. Lessons will start at the end of January for twelve weeks. (There are no lessons during school holidays). Please see me after Mass or ring Cathy 01323 487688, or see Fr Rory or ring 01323 841504. Application Forms are available at St George's Church, Polegate.

Christmas Party: Once again we are near that wonderful time of year in which we express our thanks and appreciation to all our parishioners in both communities, who have worked so hard over the last year. We would like everyone to come and join us for our Christmas Party on Sunday 22nd December, after Mass at St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share. Look forward to seeing you there.

The KSC and SPUC thank all those who have been praying the Rosary for the unborn during the past year. Please continue to pray for this intention and we ask everyone across the country to especially pray on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on 28th December, after the Angelus at 12 noon.

Christmas Holiday Shack: are looking for volunteers to assist with the Christmas Holiday Shack on Saturday 21st December from 11 till 2 at Christchurch, Ropemaker Way, Hailsham. This will be a buffet meal being provided to attendees, assistance required in setting up and clearing away.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St Patrick, 16th March 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Wealden Dementia Action Alliance - Hailsham Community Café: St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Second Thursday of the month, 2pm till 4pm. A free service and community café with entertainment and activities for local people. Free refreshments and activities. Everyone welcome. For more information please contact: communitydevelopment@wealden.gov.uk or Tel: 01323 443266.

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

Christmas Cards are on sale at the back of St George's Church.

COLLECTIONS: (7th/8th Dec)

St George's	£224.60
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£382.82
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 200 St G's 83	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 7th Dec
No: 39
Ian Van Breda

Wed 4th Dec
No: 1
Loretta Fry

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 15th Dec Poinsettia Sale, St George's & St Wilfrid's, after Mass
Mon 16th Dec 1st Comm Lesson, 6pm-7pm, St W's Hall
Sun 22nd Dec Parishioners Christmas Party, St W's Hall, after Mass
Mon 23rd Dec St W's Nativity Mime Rehearsal, 10-12noon,
Sat 28th Dec St W's Children's Xmas Party, 10.30am-1pm, St W's Hall
Thurs 9th Jan St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 10.30am

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