

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

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| Sat | 1st | 6.00pm | St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas, Feast (Collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice next Sunday) |
| Sun | 2nd | 9.00am | St George's - Peter Alan Carter RIP |
| | | 10.30am | St Wilfrid's - Felix Herbert Chetwynd RIP |
| Mon | 3rd | 2.30pm | St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays |
| Tue | 4th | 10.00am | St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion |
| Wed | 5th | 10.00am | St Wilfrid's - Donor's Intention |
| Thur | 6th | 10.00am | St George's - Donor's Intention |
| Fri | 7th | 9.30am | St George's - Service of Benediction and Reconciliation |
| Fri | 7th | 10.00am | St George's - Margaret, Harry and Fr Eric Wright RIP |
| Fri | 7th | 10.00am | St Wilfrid's - No Service |
| Sat | 8th | 6.00pm | St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice) (Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund next Sunday) |
| Sun | 9th | 9.00am | St George's - Brian King RIP |
| | | 10.30am | St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' (MM) |

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:

With the new year well on its way; we are very aware of our members of what I call the "A Team", or "Ace Team", which I inherited, that we have lost through bereavement. We were blessed by them, and eternal rest and reward grant unto them, O'Lord.

Thanks be to God, we are finding new people to help. The Parish Finance Committee had its first meeting, and it was a great help to me. Please God, there is light at the end of the tunnel, with the hope that my driving license will return and this will be a great help also. It will take some more time, so I remain very grateful for all the offers of transport.

Of great importance are our Children's Liturgies and I am very grateful to those who give their time and effort. The Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Group at St Wilfrid's has got off to a very good start. There is a large group this year; and with the lead that we have received by St George's with their many different activities through the year, hopefully developing a stronger sense of community.

All ready attention has to be given to the great seasons of Lent, Easter and Pentecost, particularly to have music in place for these events. We have had a request here at St Wilfrid's to host the special ecumenical service which is a very important new initiative. Recently ecumenical events had declined, which is a pity. Also, this coming Friday we have our Special Devotions Mass and Healing Service at St George's Church.

Fr Rory

Lourdes Pilgrimage 24th to 30th July 2020

The pilgrimage helps contribute towards the cost of any sick or disabled pilgrim, and those helpers who care for them, who lack the necessary funds to go to Lourdes. A small amount of the funds donated are also used to nurture our young leaders, so that they develop and are able to take on more responsibility.

Your donations not only helps those who go on the pilgrimage but also helps the carers, parents and family who have a rest at home whilst their family member enjoys the week in Lourdes. For some, this is the only break they get throughout the year, so your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

We give you our heartfelt thanks in advance, on behalf of those we help financially, for responding to this appeal. If you would like to go on the Lourdes Pilgrimage as a helper, please see our website www.ablourdes.org

Thank you again for your generosity and support., and please be assured of our prayers at the Grotto for you and your family this July.

St George's Church: St George's hall kitchen is being totally refurbished from 13th February. The hall will not be available for use or be accessible from this date until at least 20th February. Apologies for inconvenience but the end result will be worth it, enhancing our lovely hall.

You are invited to a **Murder Mystery at Our Lady Of Ransom Parish Centre**, Eastbourne on 15th February at 6.45 for 7.15 pm. Dinner will be served during the reading of Lady Maud's Will. Should a murder take place, you will be needed to help trace the murderer! Tickets cost £10, and the event is in support of the Lourdes Redshirts, Youth Volunteers' Charity. Tickets and details from Maura 430532: Berni 723222, or the Parish Centre.

St George's Film club - Change of Dates:

9th Feb (2010) Japanese animation about a family of tiny creatures.

23rd Feb (2009) A famous pop star finds a new meaning of life in a rural setting. All films start at 3 pm.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 9th Feb St George's Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm

Thurs 13th Feb St George's Parish Council Mtg, St G's Hall, 10.30am

Sun 23rd Feb St George's Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm

Ash Wednesday (26th February): According to tradition, the ashes should come from the burning of palm branches or palm crosses used on the previous Palm Sunday. If you still have yours from last year please bring them to St Wilfrid's during the next two weeks, and leave them on the table in the church please. Thank you.

The Knights of St Columba are pleased to announce that a £200 donation has been made to Children with Cancer Fund, Polegate, following our Christmas Poinsettia Sale. This would not have been possible without your participation, and we are very grateful for that. Thank you very much.

Would you be interested in becoming a CAFOD Parish

Volunteer in your church? The main activity would be promoting the two CAFOD Fast Days collections (Lent and Harvest), emergency appeals and World Gifts. Additionally you would ensure CAFOD's work is held in prayer through Bidding Prayers plus Lent and Advent liturgies. Occasionally you would organise the signing of campaign cards and placing notices in your parish Newsletter Contact Jenny Finlayson for an informal discussion CAFOD Arundel & Brighton Community Participation Coordinator Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk Tel No: 01483-898866 St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Surrey GU5 0QX

COLLECTIONS: (25th/26th Jan)

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| St George's | £246.40 |
| Weekly aver./Monthly D/D | £146.33 |
| St Wilfrid's | £244.35 |
| Weekly aver. of DD | £204.60 |
| Attendances: St W's 205 St G's TBC | |
| Thank you for your continued generosity | |
| If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes. | |

Bonus Ball:

Sat 25th Jan
No: 21
Anne Bowe