

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

ST GEORGE

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ST WILFRID

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	15th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund)
Sun	16th	9.00am	St George's - Paddy & Rose Falkner RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Johanna Lorraine & Family RIP
Mon	17th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	18th	10.00am	St George's - Matthew Lanton RIP
Wed	19th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Frank Coll RIP
Thur	20th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Fri	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - No Service
Sat	22nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, Fasting & Abstinence)
Sun	23rd	9.00am	St George's - Mercedes Lafuente RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Donor's 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 Stephen Murray
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

Deacon John Writes:

"You are my sunshine": a story of salt and sunshine.

Like all good parents, when Karen and her husband found that another baby was on the way, they did what they could to help their three-year old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. When they found the baby was going to be a girl, they would gather Michael in their arms and he would sing to his sister in Mummy's tummy the only song he knows, "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine." The pregnancy progresses normally, then the labour pains, but complications arise during delivery. Finally, Michael's sister is born but she is in a serious condition. The days inch by but the little girl gets worse. The paediatric specialist tells the parents, "There is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst." Michael keeps begging to see his sister. "I want to sing to her," he pleads. But children are not allowed in the ICU. Finally, Karen decides she will take Michael to the hospital whether they like it or not, figuring that if he doesn't see his sister now, he may never see her alive. She dresses him and marched him to the ICU, but the head nurse bellows, "Get that kid out of here now!" Karen glares into the nurse's face, her lips a firm line, "He is not leaving until he sings to his sister!" Michael gazed at the tiny infant losing the battle to live, and begins to sing in the pure-hearted voice of a three-year-old: "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy, when skies are grey..." Instantly, the baby responds. Her pulse rate becomes calm and steady. Keep on singing Michael! "You never know dear how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away." The baby's ragged, strained breathing becomes as smooth as a kitten's purr. Michael's little sister relaxes at rest, healing rest seems to sweep over her. Keep on singing Michael! Tears conquer the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glows. Funeral plans are scrapped. The next day -the very next day- the little girl is well enough to go home! – Karen called it a miracle of God's love. The medical staff simply called it a miracle. We call it the Lazarus story all over again. Love is stronger than death.

Deacon John

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Fr Rory has decided that as a precaution there will be no handshake or communion from the chalice until further notice.

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.

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th - 18th March 2020 at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead** and at **Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool**. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Revised Film Club Notice: St George's Film club next films will be: Sunday 1st March (2011) Documentary about the master sushi chef Jior Ono. 15th March (2010) Japanese animation about a family of tiny creatures. 29th March (2009) A famous pop star finds a new meaning of life in a rural setting. All films start at 3 pm.

St Patrick Day cards are on sale at the back of St George Church

Bonus Ball: Due to the lack of subscribers to the Wednesday and Saturday Bonus Ball, we have decided to condense them into just Saturday. We have one number still available, if anyone is interested, please contact the office. Thank you.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thurs 27th Feb Afternoon Tea, St Wilfrid's Hall, 2-4pm
Sun 1st March St George's Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sun 15th March St George's Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sun 29th March St George's Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm

St Wilfrid's - Lulu's 70th Birthday: This was well and truly celebrated in our community. Sunday after Mass the party went with a bang, literally as the balloons went pop. Lunch at the Treacle Mine last Tuesday, 19 of us enjoyed a very happy meal. Many of us agreed that we should get together soon, thinking of St Patrick's Day? Tuesday 17th March. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Joan on 849732.

Lulu, in her own words, was simply overwhelmed. She said she has never experienced such a wonderful Birthday, and wishes to truly thank everyone who celebrated with her and David.

St Wilfrid's - Afternoon Tea Over 50's Club: Our next date is Thursday 27th February in our Hall, 2-4pm. We would love you to join us and get to know our fellow parishioners. Not only women, but men too are invited, get together on your own table if you wish.

COLLECTIONS: (8th/9th Feb)

St George's	£TBC
Racial Justice	£TBC
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£337.95
Racial Justice	£97.13
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	142
St G's	TBC

Bonus Ball:

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