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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	21st	St Wilfrid's - Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent	
Sun	22nd	St George's - St Wilfrid's -	All Public Masses Cancelled until further notice. We look forward to the time when we can all return to our normal services. In the meantime pray constantly and don't lose hope. This will pass even though it may be a bit prolonged, certainly more than we would like it to be.
Mon	23rd	St George's -	
Tue	24th	St George's -	
Wed	25th	St Wilfrid's -	
Thur	26th	St George's -	
Fri	27th	St Wilfrid's -	
Sat	28th	St Wilfrid's - Fifth Sunday of Lent	
Sun	29th	St George's - St Wilfrid's - St George's -	

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) 487212
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 Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Angela & Michael Archer, 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

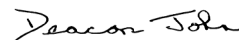
Deacon John Writes:

During Lent we will hear Jesus say these words: "If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Fr. Kenneth E Grabner wrote the following about these words: "When two people deeply love each other, they never want their love to end. I think that's one of the best experiences we can ever have. It's open to every one of us! It is a sign of a vibrant love, one that reaches out to heaven. It's also a sign of the way God loves us. God desires to be with us in an intimate relationship that will grow and never end. Our resurrection is the way God brings this about. There is a sign which reads: "This life is good, but the best is yet to come." Never forget those words. God offers us a resurrected future full of incredible beauty and joy. But then, what else would you expect a loving God to do?"

He concludes with this little prayer: "Thank you, Lord, for your incredible, unending love."

With my love and prayers for each one of you.


Coronavirus Update:

The Diocese has issued revised guidelines to every parish. These include:

- (a) Asking anyone with cold or flu symptoms not to attend Mass.
- (b) Advising the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, those with long-term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease, to stay at home.
- (c) Not to pass the collection plate around.

What we will do locally is to have the collection basket in the porch and ask you to place your offering in it on the way out. If you would prefer to make your offerings by monthly bankers order or by online banking, then this would greatly help us, as our volunteer cashiers would have less money to count and bank. The bank details for St Wilfrid's are: HSBC: Sort Code: 40 05 20, Account Number: 61077023, St George's Sort Code: 40 05 20, Account Number: 51077090.

St George's Church – A big thank you to the cooks, the helpers and all who attended our two **Lenten Lunches**. Through your generosity, hard work, great cooking and friendship, you have raised £191.18. for your chosen charities. It is sad that we cannot carry on with the lunches, but let's look forward with hope to next year. With love and thanks, Margaret.

An urgent call for prayer and support for Christians in Bethlehem has come from charities which are warning that coronavirus lockdown could plunge the faithful into desperate poverty. The Palestinian Authority has declared a state of emergency and put Bethlehem in lockdown. All tourists are banned and the Church of the Nativity and other places of worship in Bethlehem remain closed. Tourism is Bethlehem's main industry and is the lifeline of the city's economy with around two million visitors last year, but now the streets are empty. Please pray for all the people of Bethlehem who have been indirectly affected, those losing their jobs, for the many families who, in an already difficult and precarious situation, are now facing even greater economic and social difficulties.

Coronavirus update: The Diocese has ordered that, due to Coronavirus threat, all catering in churches and halls must cease. Therefore, we are reluctantly cancelling the planned Lenten Lunches. Tea and coffee cannot be served after Mass for the foreseeable future.

Hailsham Foodbank: Are looking for volunteers to assist at the Easter Holiday Shack. Wed 8th April - Children's Centre, Vega Close, Town Farm, Hailsham and Wed 15th April - The Diplock's Hall, Diplock's Estate, Hailsham. In order to run these event we need to have your support in volunteering time, if you can assist between 11am-1.30pm on either or both dates we would be grateful. Contact 01323 398358 or admin@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk for more information. Thank you.

To all St. George's parishioners who use the Gift Aid weekly envelopes. The 2020/21 Green envelopes are in the back of the Church for collection Thank You

Bonus Ball: Please be advised that the Bonus Ball will be suspended from now until further notice. Thank you.

St Richard's Catholic College: Quiz Night, Friday 27th March, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tables up to 8: £3 per adult, £1 per child. Bring your own refreshments. To book a table: Tel 01424 731070 or email PTFA@strichardscc.com.

Way of the Cross up Beachy Head to pray for All Suffering in Mind or Heart. Sunday March 29th at 3pm starting from Bede's School Car Park.

Milk Bottle Tops: Please could we ask that you no longer bring in milk bottle tops until further notice. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tue 31st March St Wilfrid's Reconciliation, St Wilfrid's, 6pm
Sat 4th April Family Stations of the Cross/Lent Lunch, St G's, 11am
Sun 17th May Summer Gathering BBQ/Picnic, Abbots Wood, 12-4pm
Sun 24th May St Wilfrid's 1st Holy Com, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am

COLLECTIONS: (14th/15th March)

St George's	£150.30
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£146.33
St Wilfrid's	£185.66
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 102 St G's 60	

Thank you for your continued generosity
 If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:
Sat 14th March
 No: 14
 Fr Rory