

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	28th	St Wilfrid's - Fifth Sunday of Lent	
Sun	29th	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	30th	St George's -	
Tue	31st	St George's -	
Wed	1st	St Wilfrid's -	
Thur	2nd	St George's -	
Fri	3rd	St Wilfrid's -	
Sat	4th	St Wilfrid's - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
Sun	5th	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

Fr Rory Writes:

**The Bigger Picture
See and Read Psalm 91**

At our last Hailsham Minister Fraternal, David Bourne led our time of prayer. It was a true Godsend, at a time in an hour of need. It was a real tonic for me, a grace and a blessing. Above all a source of inspiration for us all, through the trials that are about to afflict us. He based it on Psalm 91, and I am hoping to draw inspiration from it throughout the weeks to come.

“whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.”

As David expressed it’s a really beautiful Psalm and is full of re-assurance, promises of safety and victory pour out verse after verse.

But the really big question, “To whom are these promises given?” . The obvious first answer may appear to be to everyone, but that really misses the mark by a mile.

Yes, the promises remain and are genuine. But in order to avail of the fruits, then something very different is required.

Our more normal selves can be much more resistant to these promises than we would like to think. It is easier to see other people’s faults, at this time when the church is in lockdown and many of the means that we thought were guarantees to God’s favour and most acceptable to him are not open to us.

Please God, that time of prayer and teaching was a very genuine moment for me. Why was it? and why do I remain so apprehensive, so anxious, and as I have come to recognise, so vulnerable. It may be a good time for us all to address your human situation at the moment.

Fr Rory

POPE FRANCIS SAID

Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street.

When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party.

Let’s think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other.

We think about when it will be all a memory but normality will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift.

We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious.

Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter.

We will go back to laughing together.

Strength and courage.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A priest spied a parishioner enjoying some tasty smoked sausage on Friday during Lent — a strict no-no in the Church. The priest, being a pragmatic soul, told the man for his penance he was to bring a load of lumber to the church to help repair the roof. The man grumbled but went off to do his penance. He arrived at the church on the next Friday and proceeded to dump a huge load of sawdust into the parking lot. “What’s this?” the priest wanted to know. “I told you your penance was a load of lumber, not sawdust.” The man replied cooley, “Well, if that sausage I ate was meat, then this sawdust is lumber.

Foodbanks:

If you are still able to donate non-perishable food and money to the foodbanks over the coming months. There are opportunities to donate online, or our website to make this easier for people. Immediate food needs for Hailsham Foodbank are tinned tomatoes and vegetables, this will probably change week to week. For more updates visit www.hailsham.foodbank.org.uk

St Wilfrid’s Children’s Liturgy - Unfortunately due to the

Coronavirus we are unable to meet until Masses are resumed and so we are making lessons available online through items that you can read and lesson activities you can do at home. If your children would like to show their work to the rest of the congregation who view the site from their homes, if you could email a copy to Sophie at wilfridst51@gmail.com . Please visit our Church Website at <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/>

The Rosary:

The Rosary will be said every Monday at 2.30pm. Please join us in saying the rosary from your own homes to help us all stay connected.

COLLECTIONS: (21st/22nd March)

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

Bonus Ball:

Suspended Until Further Notice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: