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ST WILFRID

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	11th	St Wilfrid's - Easter Sunday	<p>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.</p>
Sun	12th	St George's - St Wilfrid's -	
Mon	13th	St George's -	
Tue	14th	St George's -	
Wed	15th	St Wilfrid's -	
Thur	16th	St George's -	
Fri	17th	St Wilfrid's -	
Sat	18th	St Wilfrid's - Second, 'Low', Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	
Sun	19th	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:

Well, Easter has arrived. We should remember that Easter is not a one day wonder! Easter is a whole season and we are an Easter people! Alleluia. Alleluia. In these disturbing times we may well have some extra time on our hands but they need not be idle hands. We may feel the weight of the world upon us but we have Scripture to help us and there are a variety of resources on offer through radio, television and the internet. This last week, for instance, Tessa and I enjoyed watching Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat on the internet. This was put on as a special due to the virus and there are many other 'specials' there for us. I know there are daily masses on the internet from Sacred Heart Church, Hove and from St. Mary of the Angels in Worthing. Various radio stations carry Sunday Mass from Ireland. We can all remember that, no matter what the trials of this virus bring to us, Jesus secured victory for us and we must live our lives with Easter joy in our hearts and deepen our relationship with God and with one another. Alleluia! Happy Eastertide to you all.

Deacon John

The Triduum- three of the most Holy days- Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday is a glorious Feast Day on which we celebrate the Eucharist, express our gratitude for our ministries and is the day for foot washing. Of course foot washing is only the start. There are other similar examples in the scriptures: how Jesus cried on hearing of the death of his friend Lazarus, how he blessed children when tired, how he witnessed forgiveness in everyday life. In the Gospel for today Jesus said "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should do also."

Let us remember this as we manage our lives in this present time of our struggle with our daily lives and try to become a living Eucharist so as to be like him, making our lives a gift, grace and blessing.

Why do we call **Good Friday** *Good*, after all it is the day Jesus was treated as a criminal and tortured and crucified. It has been called Good Friday for centuries. Possibly it was originally called God's Friday implying that it was a very sacred day. It may have been given the name Good as the crucifixion led to the resurrection and salvation of the world. A Scripture professor said "When we look at Jesus hanging on the cross we should say not only 'Look how much he *suffered*', but, more importantly, 'Look how much he *loved*.'"

We should surely be asking ourselves every day, not just on Good Friday, how we can make this day good through my Christ-like love for others?

On **Holy Saturday** we hear that those who followed Jesus became fearful after the loss of their friend and teacher through the crucifixion. Much of that fear is surrounding us today as we think about the virus that is in our world at present. It is a negative influence on our lives as we forget that we have the risen Christ to help us endure whatever comes our way. He is "hiding in plain sight", waiting for us to look for him. He is always there. We have only to turn our heads to find him standing next to us, bringing peace to all who seek him.

The next day, **Easter Sunday**, we know that Jesus is risen and he has conquered sin and death for ever. So my message for Easter is that whatever trial may be afflicting you, be assured Jesus is risen! It is not fake news, it is the real news, **and it is Good News!**

May God give you gladness by his blessing. May he make you heirs to an eternal inheritance. May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit come down on you all and remain with you for ever.

Fr Rory and Deacon John

Thank you: to everyone who is continuing to contribute to the church, this is very much appreciated at this difficult time. All monies received will be banked when we are able to resume life.



EASTER GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.

Churches Together in Cornwall have asked that all Christians join together in praying the Lord's Prayer at 11.00 am each Sunday throughout the crisis. I think it is a lovely thing to do, and somehow enhances and deepens the clapping for the NHS every Thursday. Please do join the prayer chain if you can.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Charlie Chaplin, an English comic actor, helped to write a song called "Smile". Among the lines are these: *You'll find that life is still worthwhile if you just smile.*

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:

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

Bonus Ball:

Suspended Until Further Notice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: