

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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ST WILFRID

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	18th	St Wilfrid's -	Nathy O'Hora RIP
			Second, 'Low', Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Sun	19th	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		St Wilfrid's -	
Mon	20th	St George's -	Geoff Stone RIP
Tue	21st	St George's -	Deceased Members of Crawley Council of Knights
Wed	22nd	St Wilfrid's -	Deceased Members of Eastbourne Council of Knights
Thur	23rd	St George's -	Sheila Campbell RIP
Fri	24th	St Wilfrid's -	Patrick McKeown RIP
Sat	25th	St Wilfrid's -	Norma & Angela Wright RIP
			Third Sunday of Easter
Sun	26th	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		St Wilfrid'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:

After the passion and death of Jesus; there was a time of great apprehension, anxiety and fear. The first words concerning the Resurrection were unclear and very fragmented. This too is a time of great apprehension; what will happen next to get us out of our situation, is for the time being very unclear.

Returning to scriptures, the early account of the resurrection can be very helpful to us for the coming weeks. The word has gone from the tomb; Jesus is Risen from the dead. Peter gives an example at a time of crisis. He has returned to the day job of fishing (maybe not open to us at the moment).

In fact, they fished all night and caught nothing. Then they were truly blessed – it must be appropriate that at this time we ask a blessing that our faith be revitalised. Jesus appears to them and instructs them to go out again. They make a great catch of fish.

The church gives forty days to this truly important time when we celebrate the Ascension. Please God, these days will be valuable to us, leading us and preparing us for the most powerful and necessary event of all – The Feast of Pentecost. Up until this time the apostles and the other disciples were very much at odds with life and getting nowhere. But after Pentecost they are a new force.

Over forty years ago I had; maybe as now, a short sabbatical. At that time the charismatic movement, role of the laity, ministries, marriage encounter, Taizé etc. were promising opportunities. But unfortunately, beginning with a real desire for a new Pentecost, and being prepared to be more committed to a life of faith; was not a sufficient priority and so the opportunity was lost.

More than anything we must desire and pray for a new Pentecost. Hopefully the coronavirus will sow fresh seeds. The depth of love that is expressed for those who serve, please God, will go on in a church that serves. Let us cry out to high heavens for a new generation. For a while now we have been blessed in our parish by having a nucleus giving this their attention.

Please God, that it may grow out to be a fresh stream of life. It is only through a new Pentecost that this can happen, and now is the time for prayer, for hope and for trust, that like the early disciples we may be prepared by the Holy Spirit to begin again. Let us continue to pray for a new Pentecost, this may happen.

Fr Rory

Deacon John Writes:

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and the readings for this Sunday are about God's Divine Mercy given to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our need for trusting faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer for today's Mass addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy."

There is a short story in Reader's Digest told by Jim Williams of Montana, who wrote: "I was driving too fast late one night when I saw the flashing lights of a police car in my rear-view mirror. As I pulled over and rolled down my window of my station wagon, I tried to dream up an excuse for my haste. But when the patrolman reached the car, he said nothing. Instead, he merely shined his flashlight in my face, then on my seven-month-old in his car seat, then on our three other children, who were asleep, and lastly on the two dogs in the very back of the car. Returning the beam of light to my face, he then uttered the only words of the encounter. 'Son,' he said, 'you can't afford a ticket. Slow down.' And with that, he returned to his car and drove away." Sometimes mercy triumphs over law. So it is for sinners who call out to Jesus."

Deacon John

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.

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 will probably change week to week. For more updates visit www.hailsham.foodbank.org.uk or www.eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk. Thank you.

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.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Phyllis Diller, the American actress, said: *Cleaning your house while the kids are still growing, is like shovelling the walk before it stops snowing.*

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/>

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.