

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	25th	St Wilfrid's -	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
		Third Sunday of Easter	
Sun	26th	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		St Wilfrid's -	
Mon	27th	St George's -	Anthony Kelly's Intention
Tue	28th	St George's -	In Honour of Our Lady
Wed	29th	St Wilfrid's -	Betty O'Hara RIP
Thur	30th	St George's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Fri	1st	St Wilfrid's -	In Honour of the Agony of Jesus
Sat	2nd	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter	
Sun	3rd	St George's -	Johanna Lorraine & Family RIP
		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, Juliette 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:

Screening the Masses: Thanks be to God

Fr Michael Jackson at the Sacred Heart Church in Hove has provided many moments of grace and strength, through this screening of the Mass.

From the early days in the life of the church, beginning with St Anthony in the desert. spirituality has provided inspiration, life and hope to encourage and inspire faith through the ages. After the eucharist; the divine office has a special importance, as it evolved through the early ages of the church. The vast majority of the people were illiterate, and the monasteries and religious houses, were the centres of learning. The hymns, psalm and prayers provided a distilled focus to express in a clear way, special moments of truth at the heart of faith. For me this Hymn from Stanbrook

Abbey Hymnal is a good example:

Eternal Father, Loving God
Who made us from the dust of earth
Transform us by the Spirits Grace
Give value to our little worth

Prepare us for the day of days
When Christ from heaven will come with might
To call us out of dust again
Our bodies glorified in light

O God head, here untouched, unseen
All things created bear your trace
The seed of glory sown in man
Will flower when we see your face

The fact that there is no congregation at this time of screening, in a way is in keeping with the church, when for centuries the Mass was celebrated in Latin. There were moments of interjection with responses, but most were happy to participate in silence. When I was growing up and indeed before, the majority wanted to be at the back of the church. Indeed, some preferred to stay in the porch or just outside.

To help us in our thinking, there is always two sides to a coin. In life there is often a reflection to this, both in religion and politics. This may be termed, right wing or left wing. Pope Frances has been confronted by this, to an extreme degree, but tries to avoid responding, as he strives to progress the church through synods and dialogue.

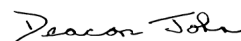
When I entered the seminary at the end of the sixties, just after the end of the 2nd Vatican Council, this was in full swing. I would have been considered part of the left wing trendies and would live with the label. In my life time, I consider the two most outstanding popes to be, John 23rd and Pope Francis - in fact outstanding persons. After a very fruitful, inspired time in the seminary, much influenced by Fr Seamus Ryan, my ordination was a special moment of grace. For my first Mass, I was very privileged, as it also involved the celebration of the marriage of my brother John and his wife Helen. From the words of the priest over from England, it had a great sense of life and youth, and please God, after this time of testing - The Lord will renew our youth and strengthen our faith . To be continued.....


Deacon John Writes:

The Scripture readings for this Sunday have one common, encouraging theme: No matter what happens in our lives, the risen Jesus is always with us. God is always near to those who seek Him and who want to live in His presence, doing His will.

Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, in his book Horns and Halos in Human Nature, tells of one of the weirdest auctions in history. It was held in the city of Washington, D.C. It was an auction of designs, actually patent models of old inventions that did not make it in the world at large. These 150,000 old inventions were declared obsolete and put up for auction. Prospective buyers and on-lookers chuckled as item after item was put up for bid, such as a bed-bug buster or an illuminated cat that was designed to scare away mice. Then there was a device to prevent snoring. It consisted of a trumpet that reached from the mouth to the ear and was designed to awaken the snorer and not the neighbours. One person designed a tube to reach from his mouth to his feet so that his breath would keep his feet warm as he slept. There was an adjustable pulpit which could be raised or lowered. You could hit a button and make the pulpit descend or ascend to illustrate a point dramatically. Obviously, at one time somebody had high hopes for each of those designs which did not make it. Some died in poverty, having spent all of their money trying to sell their dream. They represented a mountain of disappointments. One hundred fifty thousand broken dreams! Is there anything sadder? Today's Gospel describes the shattered dreams of two of Jesus' disciples at the tragic and unexpected death of their Master whom they trusted as their promised Messiah.

As Jesus met them on the road to Emmaus so he meets us on our Emmaus Road, both in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security and better family relationships. These often shatter. The story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar ways to support and strengthen us when we least expect the risen Lord. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times like the present lockdown due to the virus.


Special Moments From The World of Isolation

It would help our website greatly, if you have any special memories and other comments that can help us to share this special time, when we find ourselves isolated and cut off from our everyday life. If you have any photos that you would like to share on our website, please send them in the format of jpg or png to ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com

When you send your photos to us, please can you write a message stating that you are happy for the photos that you have provided us with, to be displayed on our Church website. Thank you.