

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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ST WILFRID

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	4th	St Wilfrid's - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sun	5th	St George's - St Wilfrid's -
Mon	6th	St George's -
Tue	7th	St George's -
Wed	8th	St Wilfrid's -
Thur	9th	St George's -
Fri	10th	St Wilfrid's -
Sat	11th	St Wilfrid's - Easter Sunday
Sun	12th	St George's - St Wilfrid's - St George'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.

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:

Psalm 91 continued..... On Our Way

He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.

Recently we hear a lot about signs and disturbances. Some churches give them a lot of attention and with lots of events, plagues of locusts in Africa, our own Corona Virus, with oceans of evidence of global warming, it is important to stay focused.

God is my safe place; God is our safe place.

Yes, it is important that we take care of our health. To this end, trips to the gym and any array of medicine and other activities can be conducive to good health. So many other activities add to the cares of our lives, that we can lose sight of what is most important. In the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 24, even with all the signs Jesus counsels us: the end is not so soon and that no one knows, only The Father in heaven, when this will come to pass. **It is for us to remain focused upon Jesus. The more we come to rely upon Him this will influence our response to this crisis.**

Isolation will bring a lot of suffering, and a very special place in our prayers must be for those in very difficult situations, with mental health, and other social issues. Prayers also for families with small children, confined to very small and inadequate space for homes.

Pray constantly and never lose heart, and because I am speaking to the converted, grace and peace be with you at this time:

But the last words belong to the distressed and those greatly afflicted, Jesus be with them in their hour of need. As you were consoled in the Garden of Gethsemane, send your Holy Angels to watch over them that none may be lost and all will be saved.

Fr Rory

JOKE OF THE WEEK

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone. An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and order three more. This happens yet again.

The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers. Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?" "Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "you see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." The bartender and the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink. Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening - he orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your Brother. You know-the two beers and all....."

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well..... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

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: