



St Wilfrid's Catholic Church Burgess Hill

with

St George's Retreat - Ditchling Common and St Anne's Convent - Mill Road

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Sunday 9 December 2018

~ *Second Sunday of Advent* ~

Lectionary Cycle C - Year I - Eucharistic Prayer 2

As we continue through Advent ~ amidst the increasing hustle, bustle and excitement, let us take time to reflect on what Advent means to us, as we await Our Lord. Here are details of our Sunday afternoon Advent Services ~ come and celebrate, pray and prepare with fellow parishioners.

Sunday 9 December 3pm ~ Reconciliation Service

An opportunity to prepare for the celebrations of Christmas. Joining Fr Rick we shall have four visiting Priests, who will be available to hear individual Confessions.

'Gaudete' Sunday 16 December 4pm ~ Posada Celebration

Celebrate with us at our Mexican Posada; readings, carols and a meal.

Sunday 23 December 3pm ~ Carol Service and Children's Nativity

Our last service of Advent, come and sing joyful carols and see our parish children celebrate the Nativity.



Our Advent
Reconciliation Service
is this
Sunday 9 December
at 3pm



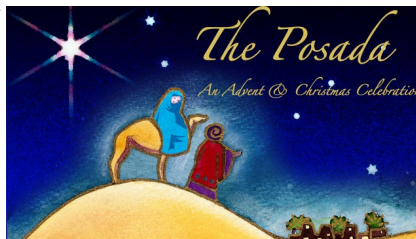
At this busy time of year the Reconciliation Service gives us the opportunity to reflect on our lives, things we do, things we don't do and through the sacrament of Reconciliation be reunited in good standing with God and joyfully prepare for the celebrations of Christmas. Joining Fr Rick we are fortunate to have four visiting Priests, who will be available to hear individual Confessions. Also please pray for our First Holy Communion candidates who will be joining us, as they make their First Reconciliation.

There is also a Reconciliation Service at St Paul's Catholic Church Haywards Heath on Monday 17 December at 7pm.

We are having a celebration Posada next Sunday 16 December.

The word **Posada** means "inn" or "shelter" in Spanish. The main elements of the Posada are:

The song that remembers Mary and Joseph's quest to find a place to stay, the people attending the party split into two groups, one half represents the innkeeper and one half represents Mary and Joseph. A little figure of



Mary & Joseph is carried. Posadas normally happen at night, when it is dark, so this song is sung while people hold candles. Once the 'innkeeper' lets 'Mary and Joseph' in - the party can begin.

The piñatas, in the shape of a star with seven points that represent the seven deadly sins that people can conquer through faith in Jesus (people used to bash the piñatas blindfolded - representing what you believe through faith, but cannot see) and when this is achieved, lots of good things (blessings) come (represented by all the sweets from the piñata).

Another element is food. As with any Mexican party there is the sharing of food - and this is where invite people to bring a dish to share. If you would like to join this lovely celebration, please sign the list at the back of the Church and indicate what food you are able to bring, so we can plan the meal.

The **second collection** this weekend is for CAFOD's relief work in Yemen where the impact of civil war is devastating. Humanitarian aid is urgent as 14 million vulnerable people face famine. Please give what you can and, if possible, consider Gift-Aiding your donation (increasing it by 25% at no cost to you) by completing a CAFOD Gift-Aid form available at the back of the church. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more info pls see www.cafod.org.uk

~ **RIP** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of ~

Alvaro Braganza who died on 16 November 2018. Funeral Mass 12.30pm Friday 14 December at St Wilfrid's

Alice Tweddle who died on 4 December 2018. Funeral Mass 11.30am Wednesday 19 December at St Wilfrid's

Joe Marchant who died on 3 December 2018. Funeral Mass 1.00pm Thursday 20 December at St Wilfrid's

John Whelan who died on 5 December 2018. Funeral Mass 11.00am Friday 28 December at St Wilfrid's

We offer our sympathy and prayers to their families and friends.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



Prayers for the sick

Please remember in your prayers those from our community who are unable to join us:

Bobbie Brodie, Christopher Browne, Carol Budgen, Beatriz Fuensanta Lopez de Lacey, Joan de Lacey, Carmel Holmes, Elmira Irasga, Ros Kennedy, Lubasi Malumo, Kathleen McKendry, John Mooney, Val Parris, Peter Ramage, Mariette Richardson, Jerry Ring, Eveline Schjerve, Damian Sewell, Mark Swallow, Sister Pat (Convent of the Poor Clare's, Crossbush), Mary Stapleton, Doris Thorne, Father George Vincent, Vicky, Mary Wallace and Brenda Walsh.

Please inform the office of any changes so that the Prayer List is kept up to date.



First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Prayer

Father in Heaven, our children are preparing for their First Holy Communion next May.

We ask you to be with them so that they may grow in their understanding of the Scriptures, of the Sacraments and especially of the gift of your Son in The Eucharist.

Please inspire parents, grandparents and the children's catechists

to be supportive, thorough in teaching and personal examples of Christian living, to inspire all those preparing for First Holy Communion.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Mass Intentions/Service Times ~ from Saturday 8 December

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| Sat 8 | 6.00 pm | Second Sunday of Advent St Wilfrid's Philip Swyny RIP |
| Sun 9 | 9.30 am 11.00 am | Second Sunday of Advent St Wilfrid's People of the Parish St George's Stephen Pukstys RIP |
| Mon 10 | 9.15 am 10.00 am 3.45 pm 7.00 pm | Monday of the Second Week of Advent St Wilfrid's Intentions of Agnes Smith <i>in gratitude for her many years as a parishioner</i> St George's Intentions and well-being of Cardinal Vincent Nichols St George's Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Anne's Prayer Group |
| Tues 11 | 9.15 am 11.30 am 4.00 pm | Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent St Wilfrid's Intentions and well-being of Barry and Hilda Sexton St Anne's Win Denyer RIP <i>Mass with anointing</i> St Anne's Adoration |
| Wed 12 | 9.15 am 10.00 am 4.00 pm | Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent St Wilfrid's Well-being of Jasper Hale <i>on the occasion of his 3rd birthday</i> St George's Deceased Benefactors St Anne's Adoration |
| Thurs 13 | 9.15 am 10.00 am 4.00 pm | Memorial ~ St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr St Wilfrid's William Flowers RIP St George's Brian 'Joe' Marchant RIP St Anne's Adoration |
| Fri 14 | 9.15 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 3.45 pm 4.00 pm | Memorial ~ St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor <i>Day of abstinence</i> St Wilfrid's Margaret Bell RIP St George's Tadgh O'Mahony RIP St Wilfrid's Funeral Mass for Alvaro Braganza St George's Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Anne's Adoration |
| Sat 15 | 6.00 pm | Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent St Wilfrid's Mary Richards RIP |
| Sun 16 | 9.30 am 11.00 am | Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent St Wilfrid's John McKendry RIP St George's People of the Parish |

Christmas Preparations? Still three Sundays of Advent to go... not too late to come to St Anne's Convent on Mondays at 7pm and take some quiet time for prayer. It's not all talk, we do sit quietly together for a quarter of an hour and believe in the healing and joyful presence of Jesus who has assured us...



...for where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

St Wilfrids Forum Meeting : this Thursday 13 December 7.45pm in the Hall Upper Meeting Room

At the November Forum, we discussed communal Parish activity. We would like to make more of the opportunities we have here at St Wilfrid's such as the Tuesday Coffee after 9.15 am Mass - and involve existing and new parishioners with the various groups, many informal groups exist - that are possibly not known about. Sunday coffee after 9.30 am Mass is working well and attracting parishioners and we shall continue to invite more to join us. We plan to gather a list of current and possible 'Parish Active Groups' along with a contact name for someone in that group and hold an event, possibly in February, after a Saturday / Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall, with refreshments and a display of posters giving details of groups and activities for people to browse and discuss and hopefully, if interested, join. The aim would be to inform the parish and increase communal activity. Question for next time: Apart from the above, what topics, where change is happening / likely - need considering at future meetings? Do come along and join the Forum on Tuesday.

| Flowers | |
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| 8 Dec | No flowers during Advent |
| Children's Liturgy | |
| 9 Dec | Michelle Claire Demi Heather Margarida |
| Church Cleaning | |
| 10 Dec | Jemma Taggart |

| Ministries at St Wilfrid's - 8 / 9 December 2018 | | |
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| | Sat 6.00 pm | Sunday 9.30 am |
| Readers | Pat Parrette Carol Nevett | George Lepine Maria Eastell |
| Ministers | Frances Novis Paul Wehrle | Mel Baird Martha Boyle Estelle Carpenter Julia Murray Logue Abi Stribbling |
| Welcomers | Pat Tucknott | Alec and Rosemary Fulton Tom Boyle |