

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Cf. Ps 87:3

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty and merciful God,  
graciously keep from us all adversity,  
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,  
we may pursue in freedom of heart  
the things that are yours.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the second book of Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****PSALM**

Ps. 16:1.5-6.8.15. R.v15

**R) I shall be filled, when I awake,  
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.**

Lord, hear a cause that is just,  
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:  
no deceit is on my lips. **(R)**

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;  
there was no faltering in my steps.  
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.  
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R)**

Guard me as the apple of your eye.  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.  
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face  
and be filled, when I awake,  
with the sight of your glory. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16-3.5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may

spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lk 21:36

**Stay awake, praying at all times  
for the strength to stand with confidence before  
the Son of Man.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 20:27-38

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.***For shorter form (20:27.34-38) read between [ ]*

[Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him.] 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

[Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.']

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,  
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,  
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,  
we may honour it with loving devotion.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Lk 24:35

**The disciples recognized the  
Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.**

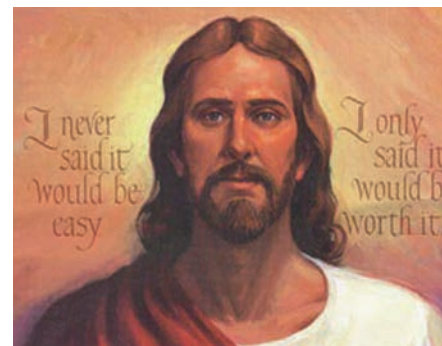
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,  
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,  
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,  
the grace of integrity may endure  
in those your heavenly power has entered.  
Through Christ our Lord.



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



What a wonderful confirmation and affirmation of the final resurrection of our bodies! In today's Gospel we are reminded that those bodies – those

resurrected bodies – will have a very new mode of life and purpose, other than that they have now. In this present life, marriage gives us a share in God's own loving creation of human persons. It should amaze us! And through Our Lord's saving work, through his Passion and Death, through Baptism and the other Sacraments, we also share in Christ's saving work. These are the works of this world, the work in and of time, the work of

creation and redemption. In the world to come, so Jesus tells us, we shall have achieved our earthly purpose. At first in soul only but finally in a body reunited with our glorified soul, we will join the angels in *their* purpose and manner of life: the time-less enjoyment of God himself and of those we love who have arrived before us, as well as the joyful waiting in hope and prayer for those who will follow us.



### The Sacrament of the Present Moment

God's will is the heavenly bread that nourishes the angels. It is the sacrament of the present moment – life's NOW.

And where can we find this treasure?

It is there for us everywhere and always because the present moment is always with us.

In whatever our life consists the will of God is present, coming to us moment by moment.

Holiness is not something strange, difficult to find or far away.

Holiness is in the here and now of our own life.

No one needs directors, methods, rules if they follow this path.

Some people take pleasure in exercising control over others, while these others are always seeking advice. All this is unnecessary.

If we look at the Old Testament the will of God was evident in all that happened in the lives of the Patriarchs and Prophets. There were no spiritual directors then. God was the only director through the events of a person's life. It is the same for us. Holiness is simple, not complicated. Holiness is right here. Holiness is in life's NOW.

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### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



#### *No to the inequality which spawns violence*

59 (cont'd) Just as goodness tends to spread, the toleration of evil, which is injustice, tends to expand its baneful influence and quietly to undermine any political and social system, no matter how solid it may appear. If every action has its consequences, an evil embedded in the structures of a society has a constant potential for disintegration and death. It is evil crystallized in unjust social structures, which cannot be the basis of hope for a better future. We are far from the so-called "end of history", since the conditions for a sustainable and peaceful development have not yet been adequately articulated and realized.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for The Retired Priests Fund)			
Sat	5th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Brown & Quinlan Deceased Family Members
Sun	6th	<b>9.00am</b>	St George's - Muriel McHugo RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
		3.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Bereavement Mass Support Group
Mon	7th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	8th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - William Ellis RIP
Wed	9th	10.00am	St George's - In Thanksgiving Bridie & Edmund Ginn Intention
Wed	9th	6.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Devotions
Thur	10th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Francis & Charlotte Gaynor RIP
Fri	11th	10.00am	St George's - Paul & John Bree RIP
Sat	12th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of our Blessed Lady
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection next Sunday for The Cathedral Maintenance Fund)			
Sun	13th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Peter & Shelagh Burns RIP
		1st Friday of the month: 9.30am	St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

**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 Infant School:** Tel 01323 726004 **St. Thomas a Becket Junior 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) 847014  
 St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 870990  
 St George's & St. Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Brian Winter  
 Chairperson of the Finance Committee Peter Dromgoole  
**ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE**  
 Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753  
 Prayer Line .....Jean Barham Tel: (01323) 842824

**CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM**  
 Contact: Ann Fielder 01323 843361

**POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER**  
 Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** those who are unwell: Lily May, Maureen Barnard, Jennifer Duder-Rumsey, Edna Andrews, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, Elizabeth Osbourne, Irene Boulstridge, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford, Dorothy Hanlon and Brian Winter.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES**

**Newsletter items:** Please send to Jackie at [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

**Fr Rory Writes:**

There is a constant appeal, a call upon your generosity and I know it does lend itself to a sense of fatigue. "Do they want anything else but our money?" In the times that we live in, there is no escape because there are so many needs made clear to us. In a way it is a compliment to our approach to life, that we are concerned, that we can be called upon. Please God, as best we can, and with as much wisdom and generosity we should continue to respond.

Last year the Leaven Group and Finance Committee from St George's community came up with a suggestion to donate to charities. I thought it was a good one, because of God's providence, and considering the income from the hall and presbytery, we were then in a financial position to respond. There are so many worthwhile needs and they made a generous decision. We are a parish made up of two communities and another generous response has recently been made to the appeal for "Love In A Box" - 46 Boxes have been filled! I think a contribution of £150 should be made from the parish funds towards the costs entailed in transporting the boxes to their destination in Eastern Europe.

*Jr Rory*

**A BIG thank you** to all who have packed shoe boxes or given contributions to put in the boxes for Love in a Box this year. We have been delighted with the response to our appeal and I am sure the children who receive them in Moldova will be so happy with your generosity. Many of the children in schools, orphanages and hospitals will be so happy that people in England care enough to give so generously. So many thanks to all who contributed to the boxes. The number of shoe boxes we have received from the two parishes is 46. This is a magnificent number and the Mustard Seed organisation will be very delighted to have them.

**St Anne's Day Centre for the Homeless:** During November we collect items for St Anne's Centre in Brighton for the homeless and there is a box at the rear of the church for contributions (until the end of the month). This year they particularly require men's underpants (medium size) and tee shirts. Also requested are toiletries (those samples from holidays are welcome) toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, shower gel, soap, flannels, deodorant. They also need coffee, tea, washing up liquid and are happy to have stores' own brands of these or refill packs. The ONLY clothing they require are hats, scarves, gloves and socks. They are unable to accept any other outdoor clothing as they have lost storage space in the premises they use.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Book of Remembrance under the altar is for anyone to use. Please add the name(s) of anyone who has died, at any time, whom you wish to be remembered during the month of November.

**Important Notice for St George's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** If you have borrowed a pyx from the safe, please return this as soon as you can. There is presently a shortage of pyxes for those asked without warning to take Communion to the sick or housebound. Many thanks.

**Mahatma Gandhi 1869-1948:**

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness.... It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Tue 8th Nov** St Wilfrid's Leaven Group Mtg, Parish Centre, 7.30pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** St George's Leaven Group Meeting, St G's Hall, 6.15pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 18th Nov** Beetle Drive/Bingo Social Evening, St W's Hall, 7.30pm  
**Wed 16th Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 23rd Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm

**A big thank you** to those who participated in St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival. The church looked amazing, as well as the singing and dancing that the children's liturgy did for the psalm. Thanks to all the congregation who joined us after mass for our monthly social gathering, where everyone tried delicious vegetarian food and the children made fruit and vegetable people, spooky biscuits etc.. We managed to raise approximately £60 from the after mass fruit and vegetable sale, in addition with the donations from the vegetarian food.

**St Wilfrid's Family Mass:** Our next family Mass at St Wilfrid's will be hosted by St Richard's school on Sunday 27th November. Afterwards we will have pizza and advent arts and crafts. Everyone is welcome.

**St Wilfrid's Leaven Group Meeting:** to be held in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm on Tuesday 8th November.

**Thank You:** A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the IASIS appeal following the presentation by Collin Tourle. An impressive sum of £610 including gift aid contributions was made and this money will pay for approximately 25 cataract operations during the next visit to Ethiopia. A huge thank you. Collin Tourle.

The **Knights of St Columba** meet on Monday 14th November at 4pm at Christ the King Parish Rooms. All Catholic men are welcome to come. Further details from David 423323 or Bob 847014.

**St Wilfrid's Beetle Drive/Bingo Social Evening:** To be held in the main hall on Friday 18th November at 7:30pm. This is primarily a social occasion, not so much emphasis on fund raising, although there is a small charge for tickets and there will be a raffle! Tickets will be on sale at next weekend's masses at £3 for adults, children free. Light refreshments will be available but bring your own food/drink if anything more substantial (or alcoholic) required.

**COLLECTIONS: (29th/30th Oct)**

<b>St George's</b>	£198.31
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£288.22
Missio Collection	£24.00
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 133 St G's 89	

**Thank you for your continued generosity**  
 If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

**Bonus Ball:**

**Sat 29th October**  
 No: 42  
 Chris Jones

**Wed 26th October**  
 No: 13  
 Peter Dromgoole