

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Ps 118: 137, 124

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

**THE COLLECT**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 prophet Ezekiel

33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

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

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v8

**R) O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn 17:17

**Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:15-20

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

"I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.****COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The Church, from the outset, was meant to be a community of people who try to love one another. In the

early Christian communities, which were relatively small, people knew one another well and lived like members of the same family. So, any problems or difficulties between them had to be resolved by and within the community. Jesus placed so much trust in the Church as community that he gave them the power to make binding decisions and promised them that whatever they asked for, as a body, would be granted them. Jesus promised this because he assured them that if they met in his name he himself would

be present spiritually in their midst. And with this presence they could be sure of discerning what decisions to make which paths to take. Pope St John Paul II spoke of the urgent need to return to a model of the Church which is 'communion', in which the concerns, needs and inspirations of all are put in common. Pope Francis is trying with all his strength to bring this about. He talks about 'inverting the pyramid', so that the hierarchy is at the bottom, as it were, and at the service of the people of God.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY  
PASTORAL WORKERS****Yes to the new relationships  
brought by Christ**

91. One important challenge is to show that the solution will never be found in fleeing from a personal and committed relationship with God which at the same time commits us to serving others. This happens frequently nowadays, as believers seek to hide or keep apart from others, or quietly flit from one place to another or from one task to another, without creating deep and stable bonds. "Imaginatio locorum et mutatio multos fefellit".<sup>68</sup> This is a false remedy which cripples the heart and at times the body as well. We need to help others to realize that the only way is to learn how to encounter others with the right attitude, which is to accept and esteem them as companions along the way, without interior resistance.

<sup>68</sup> Thomas À Kempis, De Imitatione Christi, Lib. I, IX, 5: "Dreaming of different places, and moving from one to another, has misled many".



## Holiness for Everyone\*



### On Consolation and Desolation

Creation has been ordained by God to be in a continual state of flux: times and seasons alternate just as our moods and feelings do. No matter what we may feel we must learn to keep our eyes fixed on God and our hearts steadfast in doing God's will. Devotion isn't about feeling good or enjoying prayer. It's about doing what God wants. Some people can feel great tenderness when they consider the Lord's sufferings, yet when their actions are put to the test they fail miserably.

A child will weep to see its mother sick, yet if the same mother asks to be given a sweet or chocolate the child likes she is refused! That's how we are with God. We want to hold on to our faults and sins even while we weep for the sufferings of Jesus on the cross.

At other times God does give us true feelings that stimulate us to do good and make other pleasures seem trifling. But we should never count ourselves to be better because of them. Above all we should want to do God's will.

When times are hard and prayer is difficult hold on to the resolutions made in happier times. Prayer will sometimes be hard going. All the more reason then to persevere in order to show God that you want God and not God's gifts.

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	9th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - John & Helen Kelly's Family Intention <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Special Collection Today for The Catholic Education Service) (Special Collection next Sunday for Home Mission Sunday)
Sun	10th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Brian Winter RIP
Mon	11th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	12th	10.00am	St George's - Joan Lodrick RIP
Wed	13th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Norah Foley RIP
Thur	14th	10.00am	St George's - Bill Sawford RIP
Fri	15th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Marie Kelly RIP
Sat	16th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady <b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Special Collection Today for Home Mission Sunday)
Sun	17th	9.00am	St George's - Delia McCann's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

*1st Thursday 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 Primary School:** Tel 01323 726004 **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) 870990  
St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver  
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, Edna Andrews, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Jenny Price, Ann Winter and Empress.

**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:**

Gone before us marked with the sign of faith. This Sunday the Catenians host at St Wilfrid's a Mass offered for the soul of Brian Winter. We first give thanks that we were so blessed to have such a treasure; memories galore of the work he did, the kindness he showed and a warm presence. As time moves on we will miss him more.

The funeral mass for Cardinal Cormac will be at 12noon on Wednesday 13th September at Westminster Cathedral. Cardinal Vincent will preside and Archbishop Stack will be the preacher. Because of numbers, admission is by ticket. There will be a memorial mass at Arundel on Sunday 1st October at 3pm. It is hoped that this will be a special occasion to give thanks for his time and his ministry as Bishop of our Diocese from 1977 until February 2000, when he was appointed tenth Archbishop of Westminster, in succession to Cardinal Basil Hume. The 'RENEW' programme was one of the features from his time as Bishop in the Diocese, he had a deep sense of kindness, a talented musician and renowned for his hospitality. Many would say it was a very difficult time to be a church leader.

On Monday morning at 11am we will have a Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Antonia Osborne "Elsa". It was one of the first sadness's, my first re-collection of her was from the 6pm Saturday evening Mass, she dressed rather elegantly. Unfortunately Alzheimer's had established itself and it progressed drastically. My prayers go out to her husband and daughters.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O'Lord, may they rest in peace, has been our prayer through the generations.

*Fr Rory*

**Churches Together, Polegate, Songs of Praise**, this year will be held on **Sunday 17th September**, at St. Wilfrid's Church, Broad Road, Willingdon, at 4.00 pm. Kelly Richards has chosen the hymn for St. George's. Do go along to support this annual event, enjoy the singing and the refreshments afterwards.

**Eastbourne Foodbank** thanks you for all your contributions to those in need in Eastbourne. Please remember that some of the people who need our help may not have cookers, maybe just a kettle is available for heating food or drink. Because of this, the addition of dried food, such as soup or Pot Noodles, would be welcome alongside the canned goods already generously provided by you. Autumn is approaching with cooler days, please keep giving. Very many thanks.

**Bingo:** The next Bingo session is in St George's Hall on Friday 6th October. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. All welcome.

**Rediscover Your Marriage:** The Retrouvaille programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Countless couples have successfully saved their marriage by attending the Course and using the tools provided. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, a sensitivity group, a seminar nor a social gathering. For confidential information or to register for the next programme - commencing with a residential weekend 15th/17th September in Welwyn Garden City - email: [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) <<mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk>>; call or text 07887 296 983 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) <<http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk>>.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Sun 10th Sept** Memorial Mass for Brian Winter, St Wilfrid's, 10.30am  
**Tue 12th Sept** St Wilfrid's Leaven Group Mtg, Parish Centre, 7.30pm  
**Sun 17th Sept** Children's Liturgy Returns, St Wilfrid's Church  
**Sun 24th Sept** Harvest Festival Family Mass, St W's Church, 10.30am  
**Tue 3rd Oct** Meeting Re:1st Holy Communion, St Wilfrid's Hall, 5.30pm  
**Fri 6th Oct** St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm  
**Fri 6th Oct** Bingo, St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start

**St Wilfrid's Children's Liturgy** returning on the 17th September. Also any candidates wishing to take their first communion, there will be a meeting on Tuesday 3rd October at 5:30pm in the hall.

**Memorial Mass:** There will be a Memorial Mass for Brian Winter at St Wilfrid's Church on Sunday 10th September at 10.30am by the Catenians.

**Harvest Festival at St Wilfrid's:**

There will be a family mass on the 24th September to celebrate harvest. We are aiming to help CAFOD and Hailsham Foodbank, so please contribute generously by donating items on the list in the porch, a big box will be under the table from this week. When you walk into a grocery store or supermarket you see an abundance of colour, there are so many vegetables and fruit to choose from. There are yellow bananas, red tomatoes, green peppers....A whole rainbow of colours, and so our theme for this years Harvest will be "Brighten Up", we will show a range of fruit and veg brightening up the church and putting a smile on the faces of the parishioners.

**CAFOD Meeting:** Please come and join us on Saturday 23rd September from 10 to 11:30am, at Christ the King Church Eastbourne, BN23 6HT. This year's Harvest Fast day is focussing on El Salvador and the challenges facing farmers there, which is quite fitting as it is 100 years since the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Martin [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) or call 01483 898866.

**Friends of EDGH:** Please remember to save all your stamps. These can be left in both the church porches for collection. Thank you.

**COLLECTIONS: (2nd/3rd Sept)**

<b>St George's</b>	£242.39
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£319.55
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 98 St G's 82	

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

**Bonus Ball:**

**Sat 2nd September**  
No:  
No Winner

**Wed 30th August**  
No: 38  
Hannah Hoad