

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Sir 36: 18

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.**

**THE COLLECT**

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
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 book of Exodus

32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

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

**PSALM**

Ps 50:3-4.12-13.17.19. R. Lk 15:18

**R) I will leave this place and go to my father.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R)**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R)**

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;  
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody

should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Cf. Eph 1:17.18  
**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 15:1-32

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.'

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,  
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,  
that what each has offered to the honour of your name  
may serve the salvation of all.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 35: 8

**How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the  
shadow of your wings.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,  
take possession of our minds and bodies,  
so that its effects, and not our own desires,  
may always prevail in us.  
Through Christ our Lord.



Holy  
Year  
of  
Mercy

# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The shepherd of today's Gospel parable misses one out of a hundred sheep; God deals in uncountable numbers with "sinners" and the "virtuous", as we

might deal leaves on the trees, or – to use God's own words to Abraham, "sand on the seashore". Why, or indeed how, should he miss one or two? The consoling and amazing truth is: that God does not see us as a crowd, but each one individually! "Why, every hair on your head is counted!" exclaims Jesus. Compared with a mother's love of her children, who, however many they are, loves each one "by name", God's knowledge and love of each one of his human children

is far more profound, far-reaching and personal. The saints have understood this well. Holy Job says to God, "In your love you gave me life and in your care watched over my every breath." The psalmist sings, "...you know when I sit, when I rise, you understand my thoughts from afar." St. Catherine of Siena wrote, "Thou didst love me before I existed, and that love for me is ineffable, as if thou wast mad with love for thy creature!"



### Christ, Our Way

We will never fully understand the value of living in the present moment. Let it suffice to say that this is the attitude that experienced spiritual teachers recommend to people who are dying.

If I live in the present, God is with me in his will, present to me with his grace. Otherwise, he is far from me and I from him. We often strive to find ways that will lead us to him. We want to become better, even become saints. But why look for ways if he is the way (cf. Jn 14:6)? He is ever present and waiting to work together with us in each moment of our life. In the time given us, he wants to enable us to accomplish things worthy of God's children.

Sometimes we want to change this quiet and dull way of life. We want to go against the current of the world and return to the pure heights of the divine. And we feel that trials, heavy blows, sufferings, mortifications, and agonies might help us attain this.

What we can be sure of is that God reveals himself in the present – in the painful and inevitable circumstances of life as well as in our conscious self-denials to which Christ calls us in many ways: 'Deny yourself and take up your cross' (Mt. 16:24).

Life can be so simple if we don't complicate it! It is enough to be rooted in the present with all its joys, surprises, efforts, and commitments. Everything will run smoothly as though we were carried by a powerful force toward the beatitude of eternity.

*Here and Now: Meditations on Living in the Present* by Chiara Lubich and published by New City

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



#### No to an economy of exclusion

54. In this context, some people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice and inclusiveness in the world. This opinion, which has never been confirmed by the facts, expresses a crude and naïve trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power and in the sacralized workings of the prevailing economic system. Meanwhile, the excluded are still waiting. To sustain a lifestyle which excludes others, or to sustain enthusiasm for that selfish ideal, a globalization of indifference has developed. Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own. The culture of prosperity deadens us; we are thrilled if the market offers us something new to purchase. In the meantime all those lives stunted for lack of opportunity seem a mere spectacle; they fail to move us.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	10th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Private Intention <b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Special Collection Today for The Catholic Education Service) (Special Collection Next Sunday for Home Mission Sunday)
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Caroline Hunt RIP
Mon	12th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	13th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Richard & Mary Magdalene Fernando
Wed	14th	10.00am	St George's - Anna Mae Smith RIP
Thur	15th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Johanna Lorraine & Family RIP
Fri	16th	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	17th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Flora De Sousa RIP <b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Special Collection Today for Home Mission Sunday)
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's - Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

*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:**

Once more it is back on the road again. Enquiries for Sacrament preparation are in need of urgent attention. For parents involved, it is important that you respond now. With Deacon John's Homily and the sprinkling with Holy water at last Sunday's Masses, we renew our commitment to the responsibilities of our baptism. As in the natural order of things, how we nourish our bodies is essential to its well being. This is equally true of the life of faith, or of the spirit. If we asked honest questions, there is no doubt which we try to look after best.

So really really important. We are about to begin an evening devotion. We do not have any evening Mass during the week, but starting from this Wednesday - 15th September at St Wilfrid's Church, commencing about 6.30pm, then from 6.45pm until 7.15pm a time of intense prayer. In-keeping with all the aspects of Deacon John's Homily, we can work together to strengthen all our ministries and make real effort together to build up the body of Christ to which we are privileged to belong.

*Jr Rory*

**Songs of Praise, St. George's Church, 4.00 pm on 18th September.** Churches Together are celebrating the annual Songs of Praise in our church. After raising our voices in praise of the Lord we will be serving tea and cakes in the Hall. Do come and join us in this lovely event of prayer and song.

**The Marriage Anniversaries Mass:**

Richard, our Bishop, warmly invites all couples to a Mass celebrating a landmark or significant Anniversary in 2016. At 11am on Saturday 8th October, 2016 at the Church of Our Lady of Ransom. Booking is essential. To apply for places, or for more information, please contact Rosie Read, Pastoral Team Secretary phone: 01293 651161 or email: [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org)

**St George's Children's Liturgy** will resume on Sunday 11th September at 9am in the church hall. We look forward to welcoming back both regular attendees and any new children after the summer holidays.

**St George's Vintage Tea Party:** Sunday 25th September at 3.00 pm. Tickets available as from 4th September at £5.00 per person. Entry strictly by ticket only. Please buy in good time as tickets are limited.

**Harvest Festival** at St George's is on Sunday 25th September. Please bring non-perishable produce any time leading up to Harvest Festival. These will be displayed on the altar at the Harvest Mass.

**ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE:** if your child is approaching the period of transfer from primary to secondary schooling, very serious consideration must be given to decisions involved in the process of transitions. Parents are cordially invited by Miss Doreen Cronin, Principal of St Richard's, to attend, with their child, an evening at St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School on Tuesday September 27th at 6.30pm when she, together with members of her staff will be delighted to talk to you concerning St Richard's Catholic College.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Sun 11th Sept** St George's Children's Liturgy, St George's Hall, 9am  
**Mon 12th Sept** St Wilfrid's Fundraising Mtg, Parish Room, 7.30pm  
**Wed 14th Sept** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Wed 14th Sept** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Sat 17th Sept** St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am  
**Sun 18th Sept** Songs of Praise, St George's Church, 4pm  
**Wed 21st Sept** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 23rd Sept** St Wilfrid's Race Night, St W's Parish Hall, 7.30pm  
**Sun 25th Sept** Harvest Festival, St George's Church  
**Sun 25th Sept** St George's Vintage Tea Party, St G's Hall, 3pm

**St Wilfrid's Rosary:** Come and join us for the Rosary at St Wilfrid's on Tuesdays and Thursdays before Mass. There are leaflets "How to Pray the Rosary" in the church porch - and help yourself to a Rosary.

**St Wilfrid's Race Night:** Programmes are on sale this weekend for the Race Night on 23rd September - £1 each.

**St Wilfrid's Fundraising Meeting:** There is a Fundraising Meeting on Monday 12th September at 7:30pm in the Parish Room, to finalise the Race Night and discuss any future events, all are welcome.

**Urgently Wanted:** A few weeks ago, I asked for details for a person who could do alterations to dresses for my wife who is housebound. A kind lady at St George's gave me contact details of a lady who could do it. Unfortunately I lost the details and would be very grateful if the parishioner could give them to me again. My contact number is 07976356192. Thank you.

Bring the Bible to life

In collective worship – Church and School in Partnership  
 Open the Book is joining with Chichester Diocese to offer free training for clergy, children and family workers, and members of the congregation. Whether you have some training or none this will give you a good foundation for starting a team and getting active in your local school...

**Time:** Doors open for registration at 9.30am for a 10.00am start and the day ends at 3 pm

**Refreshments:** Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch

**How to book your place:** Please email [enquiries@openthebook.net](mailto:enquiries@openthebook.net) and include the event date, and your name or call 01793 418355

We have several venues to choose from:

13th Sept - The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Hellingly

**COLLECTIONS: (3rd/4th Sept)**

<b>St George's (20th/21st Aug)</b>	£TBC
<b>St George's (27th/28th Aug)</b>	£185.15
<b>St George's (3rd/4th Sept)</b>	£226.33
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's (20th/21st Aug)</b>	£234.47
<b>St Wilfrid's (27th/28th Aug)</b>	£356.67
<b>St Wilfrid's (3rd/4th Sept)</b>	£450.24
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 176 St G's 81	

**Bonus Ball:**

**Sat 20th August**  
 No: No Winner  
**Sat 27th August**  
 No: 8, Bob Waters  
**Sat 3rd Sept**  
 No: 37, Gareth Jones  
**Wed 17th August**  
 No: 55, John Perry  
**Wed 24th August**  
 No: 1, Loretta Fry  
**Wed 31st August**  
 No: 50, Davina Piper

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