

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

THE COLLECT

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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 Ecclesiasticus

15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34. R.v1

R) They are happy who follow God's law!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R)**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **(R)**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **(R)**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity:
not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of
our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of
God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God
predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a
wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known,
or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach
what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear
has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has
prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through
the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even
the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-37

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.*For shorter form read between []*

[Jesus said to his disciples:] 'Do not imagine that I have come
to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish
them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and
earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear
from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man
who infringes even one of the least of these commandments
and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least
in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and
teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For [I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the
scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of
heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must
not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the
court. But I say this to you; anyone who is angry with his brother
will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother
"Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man
calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if
you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember
that your brother has something against you, leave your offering
there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother
first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to
terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the
way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge
and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison.
I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last
penny.

'[You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit
adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully,
he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.] If your
right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away;
for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have
your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should
cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you
less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body
go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give
her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who
divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her
an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman
commits adultery.

'[Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You
must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.
But I say this to you: do not swear at all,] either by heaven, since
that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool;
or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not
swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single
hair white or black. [All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes,
"No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the
evil one.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do your will
the source of eternal reward.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

**They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
so that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Our Lord tells us, in today's Gospel
passage, that "not one dot, not one
little stroke" will disappear from the

Law "until its purpose is achieved".
So what is the purpose of the Law?
Elsewhere, Our Lord tells us that he
has come in order that we "may
have life and have it to the full";
and to the lawyer who asks he replies
that love of God and of neighbour
are the fulfilment of the Law. "God is
love", insists 'the beloved disciple'.
We can be sure, then, that the
purpose of the many reminders and
details of the Law that Our Lord
gives us in today's Gospel, have all
only one purpose: love of God and
love of neighbour. They certainly

set up a challenge to our
weaknesses, but they are similar to
a parent's 'challenge' to the little
child: no challenge, no
development. Or similar to the
challenge to someone desiring to
compete in the Olympics: without
challenge and the striving that
follows, no success. We are
'challenged' because only by
following the Lord's teaching and
holding fast to him in love, can we
achieve that 'fullness of life' he has
promised.

**HERE AND NOW**

Heavenly Food for Heavenly People

The Israelites of old were fed with manna during their time
in the desert; a heavenly food that came from the hand of
God day by day, and according to the needs of each one.
It is useless to stuff ourselves greedily with accounts of the
lives of the saints, tomes of spirituality, God-talk and so on,
if we neglect the present moment in which is all the
nourishment we need.

Other things can only be useful if they are according to
God's present will. They are a means to an end, not an end
in themselves.

Whatever God gives is what we must want to have.

Manna from heaven comes only a day at a time. Let us
feed upon the will of God moment by moment and we
shall not need to seek out other food of our own choosing.
Holiness is integral to belonging to God. If we want to be
holy we must accept all that God sees fit to give us without
tiring our minds with subtle reasoning.

What food can we eat if the food God gives seems
tasteless? Do we know better than God what will nourish
us? Surely not!

Revere God present in your heart NOW. You have all you
need if you only trust in God's leading and feeding.

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EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



Challenges to inculturating the faith

69. It is imperative to evangelize cultures in
order to inculturate the Gospel. In countries
of Catholic tradition, this means
encouraging, fostering and reinforcing a
richness which already exists. In countries of
other religious traditions, or profoundly
secularized countries, it will mean sparking
new processes for evangelizing culture, even
though these will demand long-term
planning. We must keep in mind, however,
that we are constantly being called to grow.
Each culture and social group needs
purification and growth. In the case of the
popular cultures of Catholic peoples, we can
see deficiencies which need to be healed by
the Gospel: machismo, alcoholism, domestic
violence, low Mass attendance, fatalistic or
superstitious notions which lead to sorcery,
and the like. Popular piety itself can be the
starting point for healing and liberation
from these deficiencies.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Special Collection Today for Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

Sat	11th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Sun	12th	9.00am	St George's - Sebastian Martin & Family Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - John Dobson 1st Anniversary RIP
Mon	13th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	14th	10.00am	St George's - Jack Gearing RIP
Wed	15th	10.15am	St Wilfrid's - Requiem Mass for Sylvia Violet Galea RIP
Thur	16th	10.00am	St George's - In Thanksgiving (Gwen's Intention)
Fri	17th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	18th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Special Intention

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun	19th	9.00am	St George's - Mrs Marjorie Beard RIP
		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 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 LineJean 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, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday**.

Fr Rory Writes:

We have received two letters of thanks:

Firstly, CAFOD - Harvest Fast Day.

"Thank you to all parishioners at St Wilfrid's & St George's for your generous support for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day this year. Your gift this Harvest is enabling our partners in Bolivia to work with families, training them in both traditional and modern farming methods. This means that families are able to build greenhouses, wormeries and use these new skills to grow nutritious food to feed their families. However, your gift does not end there, as the families who have received this training share their knowledge with other families, making a lasting difference in the community".

Secondly, The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

"I am truly grateful to you and your parishioners for your very generous contribution to SPUC's work. Your support is invaluable at a time when we are marking the 50th Anniversary of the Abortion Act.

Thank you once again for your support in working to build a pro-life culture in Britain".

A Day with Mary: Saturday 25th February 2017, Arundel Cathedral, 10am to 5.30pm. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. For more information visit the website: www adaywithmary.org or email: dwm@adaywithmary.org.

The **Knights of St Columba** invite all Catholic men to their next meeting on Monday 13th February at Christ the King Parish Rooms at 3pm.

As well as other things, we will be discussing the arrangements being made in Westminster Cathedral, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the appearance of 'Our Lady in Fatima'. The celebrations at the Cathedral will be on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February 2017.

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima (plus some relics) will be travelling to every Diocese in England & Wales. They will be at Arundel Cathedral from 1st to 2nd July. Details of this will be published nearer the time.

Further information about the KSC can be obtained from David On 423323 or Bob 847014.

East Sussex Life Quiz: Please support the East Sussex Life Quiz to be held at Christ the King. Tickets are £5 - includes sandwiches (soft drinks available/bring own alcohol). Teams of 6 or join others on the night. All proceeds to the Worthing Life House. Tickets available from John : tel. 01323 644 509.

Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard: He is once again inviting young people (11-18) to join him for Evenings of Reflection at different places around the Diocese. They will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Dates and locations are as follows: Saturday March 18th - St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea

Some important points to note: Capacity is limited, so it is absolutely essential to book. To do so, please email the Youth Adviser Jack.Regan@dabnet.org. Jack will confirm whether there is space. He assumes each group will have adult leaders present. Young people who want to come alone must contact directly with Jack.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon 13th Feb Knights of St Columba, Christ the King Parish Rms, 3pm

Tue 14th Feb St Wilfrid's Leaven Group Mtg, Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Fri 17th Feb St Wilfrid's Annual Quiz Night, St Wilfrid's Hall, 7.30pm

Sat 18th Feb Indian Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 10am

Thurs 9th March Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm

St Wilfrid's - Indian Mass - 18th February. 10.00am. All welcome.

Thank You: Fr Rory and members of the Parish Social Group wish to thank the parish and members of the wider community for their role in helping to raise in excess of £800.00 at our recent Table Top Sale.

"LIFE Quiz." Looking for an evening of fun and interest - and all in a good cause?

Support our LIFE Quiz on Saturday, 4th March, 7.00 for 7.15pm at Christ the King, parish hall. Tickets are £5 each - includes sandwiches. Soft drinks available - please bring own alcohol. Teams of six would be best - or join others on the night. All proceeds to the Worthing Life House. Tickets are available from John: Telephone 644509.

St Wilfrid's Annual Quiz Night is on Friday 17th February at 7:30pm, tickets now on sale £5 per adult, children free.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage April or May 2017:

I am organising two Medjugorje Pilgrimages for 7 nights half board with flight and airport transfers on 22nd - 29th April and 13th - 20th May from London Gatwick to Dubrovnik for €459 per person. All accommodation is within a short walk from St James Church and comes with air conditioning, free Wi-Fi and tea and coffee making facilities. All meals served in the newly renovated Irish Centre restaurant between 8am and 9pm.

If you would be interested in joining one of these pilgrimages, please contact me at jackiemulort@btinternet.com or call on 020 3239 8662.

My family first got involved in Medjugorje back in 1984 and we have been working there for the past 14 years bringing out groups and individuals.

COLLECTIONS: (4th/5th Feb)

St George's	£212.10
Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund	£87.70
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£343.44
Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund	£121.70
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 118 St G's 82	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 4th February

No: 22

Marilyn

Wed 1st February

No: 39

Sally O'Reilly