

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

THE COLLECT

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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 Samuel

12:7-10.13

Nathan said to David, 'The Lord the God of Israel says this, "I anointed you king over Israel; I delivered you from the hands of Saul; I gave your master's house to you, his wives into your arms; I gave you the House of Israel and of Judah; and if this were not enough, I would add as much again for you. Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases him? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, taken his wife for your own, and killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. So now the sword will never be far from your House, since you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife."

David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Then Nathan said to David, 'The Lord, for his part, forgives your sin; you are not to die.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 31:1-2.5.7.11.R.cf.v5

R) Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **(R)**

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin **(R)**

You are my hiding place, O Lord; you save me from distress.
You surround me with cries of deliverance. **(R)**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 2:16. 19-21

We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ. We had to become believers in Christ Jesus no less than you had, and now we hold that faith in Christ rather than fidelity to the Law is what justifies us, and that no one can be justified by keeping the Law. In other words, through the Law I am dead to the Law, so that now I can live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives

in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift: if the Law can justify us, there is no point in the death of Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn 14:5

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Shorter Form)

Luke 7:36-50

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal. When he arrived at the Pharisee's house and took his place at table, a woman came in, who had a bad name in the town. She had heard he was dining with the Pharisee and had brought with her an alabaster jar of ointment. She waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them away with her hair; then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who this woman is that is touching him and what a bad name she has.' Then Jesus took him up and said, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Speak Master' was the reply. 'There was once a creditor who had two men in his debt; one owed him five hundred denarii, the other fifty. They were unable to pay, so he pardoned them both. Which of them will love him more?' 'The one who was pardoned more, I suppose' answered Simon. Jesus said, 'You are right.'

Then he turned to the woman. 'Simon', he said 'you see this woman? I came into your house, and you poured no water over my feet, but she has poured out her tears over my feet and wiped them away with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but she has been covering my feet with kisses ever since I came in. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. For this reason I tell you that her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love. It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' Those who were with him at table began to say to themselves, 'Who is this man, that he even forgives sins?' But he said to the woman 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

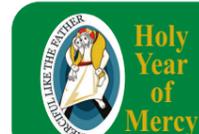
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



Holy Year of Mercy

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



This is the Year of Mercy and, just as much as the story of the Prodigal Son, today's story of the penitent woman is a story of God's mercy – and of Faith. The

woman in the story is publicly and commonly known as "a sinner" – a prostitute, perhaps. The preaching and reputation of Jesus has profoundly affected her and in spite of her way of life she is absolutely convinced of his love for her and that his love and forgiveness are God's. So sure is she, that she is prepared to brave a private party and public disapproval in order to reach Jesus. She is a wonderful inspiration to us all – on three counts: firstly, always to measure

our own way of life by Jesus, so that – secondly – we can see ourselves truly in all our weakness and failures and consequently – thirdly – throw ourselves on the love and mercy of our Saviour. As a preacher has said, the devil can use our dissatisfaction with ourselves for his own destructive ends; to throw ourselves at the feet of Jesus, to cry for help, is to hear from Jesus what he said to the woman, "Your Faith has saved you, go in peace".

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



IV. A MISSION EMBODIED WITHIN HUMAN LIMITS

45. We see then that the task of evangelization operates within the limits of language and of circumstances. It constantly seeks to communicate more effectively the truth of the Gospel in a specific context, without renouncing the truth, the goodness and the light which it can bring whenever perfection is not possible. A missionary heart is aware of these limits and makes itself "weak... everything for everyone" (1 Cor 9:22). It never closes itself off, never retreats into its own security, never opts for rigidity and defensiveness. It realizes that it has to grow in its own understanding of the Gospel and in discerning the paths of the Spirit, and so it always does what good it can, even if in the process, its shoes get soiled by the mud of the street.

GLIMPSES OF GOSPEL LIFE

These brief experiences from all over the world show how, when we try to put the words of the Gospel into practice, things happen. God is never outdone in generosity, and these personal stories show in many different ways how true that is.

The Rocking Chair

We have quite a large family and have to be very careful with our finances. The week before Mother's Day I paid some bills and checked our bank account. I explained to my husband that I had paid the car insurance with the credit card and that there was only enough money to pay the rent the next Tuesday. So he wasn't to spend a single penny until that day.

The following Sunday was Mother's Day. I had a lie in bed and the children brought me a cup of tea, some biscuits and a card, which they had made for me. My husband had really wanted to buy me a rocking chair that day, but he was happy anyway that we had shared our financial difficulties. That afternoon we went to visit the children's grandmother. She was clearing out a room to get it ready for another granddaughter who was going to live with her. Turning to me Granny said, "Would you like to take the rocking chair?" I, who on many occasions had asked my husband for one before a new baby was born, was delighted. And he, opening up his heart to tell me of his wish, told me, happily, of having seen the intervention of providence.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	11th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection next Sunday for A Day for Life)
Sun	12th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Elizabeth Shepherd RIP St Wilfrid's - Gaynor Family Intention
Mon	13th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Philip Crowe RIP
Wed	15th	10.00am	St George's - Vera Almeida RIP
Thur	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Special Intention
Fri	17th	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	18th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Mary Brown RIP TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for A Day for Life) (Special Collection Next Sunday for Peter's Pence)
Sun	19th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley 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 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, Agnes Galt, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Elizabeth Osbourne, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford 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:

As we continue to keep our focus "God is love, let us love one another". In this we have to take the rough with the smooth. Since the advent of Pope Francis, there is constant emphasis upon mercy and compassion. I have been drawing your attention to our newsletter "Our Faith on Sunday". It provides scripture for the week for Lectio Divina. Also, "Glimpses of Gospel Life", and from the doctrine of the church, Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel). This week it is IV. "A mission embodied within human limits".

Please read it carefully.

Fr Rory

The Bishops have asked that congregations recite a Prayer for the Queen at the end of Mass. The Queen turned 90 on April 21, with her official birthday on June 11.

Prayer for the Queen

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.

R. And hear us on the day we call upon you.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come before you.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with her consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Refugee Crisis – Eastbourne Network is an ecumenical organisation supporting local organisations working with refugees, encouraging and facilitating all Christians to offer their support. **A meeting is being held on the 15th June, at 6.15 at the Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1UE** to discuss ways in which each church can help. Please do attend if you can, so we can support our church and fulfil God's command "Truly, I tell you, whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me". Contact Margaret Piegrome for more details.

Catholic Children's Society: are having a coffee morning on June 17th at 10.30am after Mass in St George's Hall.

Catholic Children's Society are looking for new members with a bit of time to spare. We raised over £1,000. last year, and this year we are supporting Polegate Children with Cancer. Please get in touch with Marilyn on 442426. Thank you all for your support in the past, we have been active for nearly 40 years.

Summer Fayre: Saturday 18th June 12 – 4pm, St Thomas a Becket School is holding its annual Summer Fayre. This year's theme is "**All Around the World**", with live music, variety of world food, international dance performances, inflatable's, grand prize raffle and much more. More information to follow. Raffle prizes are currently being requested, if you or a company you are linked with can help please contact Sandra on 07791 627368.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 15th June St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm

Fri 17th June C.C.S. Coffee Morning, St George's Hall, 10.30am

Sat 18th June Summer Fayre, St Thomas a Becket School, 12-4pm

Wed 22nd June St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm

Sun 26th June United Nations Lunch, St Wilfrid's, 12pm

Wed 29th June St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm

Wed 13th July Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm

The Annual St Wilfrid's United Nations Lunch is being held on the 26th June after Mass at 12pm. Tickets are on sale after Masses for this very enjoyable event. £5 for over 9's and adults, £3 for children 8 and under.

We are also asking for bottles and unwanted gifts for the tombola. Please leave with the welcomers or duty Sacristan.

The **Knights of Saint Columba** invite all Catholic men to their meeting on Monday 13th June at 7pm in the Parish Room of Christ the King, Langney. Please note the new meeting time. Further details from David on 423323 or Bob on 847014.

Dress Maker Wanted: An experienced dress maker who would make home visits for measurements and fittings. Urgently required by lady who is housebound. Please phone 07976 356192. Thank you.

The Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Association Invites all parishioners to a Cheese & Wine Party at the Parish Room, Our Lady of Ransom at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th June 2016. Address is: 2 Grange Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU. FREE ADMISSION.

It would be helpful if you could let John Carmody know if you are coming by contacting him either on 01323 726334 or email: johnmh22@outlook.com

Pictures available to view on our website at www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk of our **Visit to Gournay en Bray** (our Twin Town in France), arranged with Hailsham Churches Together. Also, our **First Holy Communion Service** at St Wilfrid's.

Brighton Celebrate Weekend 2016: Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for all ages and takes place on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June at Cardinal Newman School, Hove, BN3 6ND. Our theme is: 'Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God' Micah 6:8

Celebrate weekends are very special. Families and single people, young and old come together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Together we experience the best Christian teaching, worship and drama. Join us for daily Mass, inspirational teaching, workshops, streams for children, teenagers and young adults, together with opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information and where you can book www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/brighton

COLLECTIONS: (4th/5th June)

St George's £167.40

Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £176.50

St Wilfrid's £200.42

Weekly aver. of DD £204.60

Attendances: St W's 220 St G's 93

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**Bonus Ball:
Sat 4th June**

No: 30

Ann Fielder

Wed 1st June

No: 6

Mrs B Kerridge