

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
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 first book of the Kings. 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R.v8

**R) Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R)**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers

of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes, in
the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heavens!
Alleluia!

Lk 19:38

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church,
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered
and by your power you transform them
into the mystery of our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Ps 147: 12, 14

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel passage is a powerful reminder that Jesus is the Son of the Creator of the universe, God himself. To look at the night sky, to recognise

our place in it as one tiny 'dot' in the Milky Way, is to be overwhelmed by its magnificence and the intimation it gives of its Maker. Yet in spite of our earth's apparent insignificance in relation to the whole, St Thomas Aquinas considered (the wise men of old knew a great deal about the solar system and the universe beyond it) that the evidence points to only one inhabited world. In the first place, the Bible, God's revelation, describes the creation of only one peopled world. Secondly, the unity of the universe suggests a unity of intention and

purpose and love on the part of the Creator, climaxing in the staggering event of the Incarnation. So we know of the Son of the Creator, that "through him all things came into being", and that having taken a human nature like his creatures, he over-rode the laws of his own universe, calming storms and walking on the water of the lake. No wonder the disciples were afraid. No wonder Peter's heart, in the midst of his huge act of faith, failed him. Yet it was faith he had to learn: confidence in Jesus as Son of the Father.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY PASTORAL WORKERS

Yes to the new relationships brought by Christ

87. Today, when the networks and means of human communication have made unprecedented advances, we sense the challenge of finding and sharing a "mystique" of living together, of mingling and encounter, of embracing and supporting one another, of stepping into this flood tide which, while chaotic, can become a genuine experience of fraternity, a caravan of solidarity, a sacred pilgrimage. Greater possibilities for communication thus turn into greater possibilities for encounter and solidarity for everyone. If we were able to take this route, it would be so good, so soothing, so liberating and hope-filled! To go out of ourselves and to join others is healthy for us. To be self-enclosed is to taste the bitter poison of immanence, and humanity will be worse for every selfish choice we make.



Holiness for Everyone*



Advice to the Married

Jesus attended the wedding of Cana. May he be present at every marriage so that the wine of consolations and blessings might never be lacking.

If you want a happy marriage consider the fact that marriage is a Sacrament of holiness and fosters a holy way of life, consisting in mutual love and self-giving.

The effect of this love is a union of hearts so strong that even the strongest glue cannot be compared with it. Another effect is inviolable mutual faithfulness, symbolised in the giving of rings.

The fruit of marriage is the blessing of children, images of God as well as of their parents.

True marital respect and intimacy fosters freedom for each partner rather than the desire to control the other, or give way to jealousy.

Many saints were married, giving one another mutual support and comfort. Real holiness is possible for the married as well as for the single and those vowed to religious life. Value your own vocation and find in it a true path to holiness.

What path you follow is not as important as what kind of heart you have and your capacity for love and forgiveness.

If widowhood comes then consider whether you are called to a life of celibacy.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	12th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Holy Day of Obligation (The Assumption) on Tuesday)
Sun	13th	9.00am	St George's - Peter Waplon & Des Burbage RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Michael & Bridget Kitts 52nd Wedding Anniversary
Mon	14th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	15th	10.00am	St George's - Feast of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation
		10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Feast of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation
Wed	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Personal to the Priest
Thur	17th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Fri	18th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Kitty Baker RIP
Sat	19th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Donor's Intention TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	20th	9.00am	St George's - Jack Gearing 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 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 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, 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, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Deacon John Writes:

More of Mother Teresa's **ABC** for this week – N to Z

Never tell lies.

Only believe you are precious to Him (God).

Put love into whatever you do.

Quite a lot of people have forgotten what love is....so begin to give the joy of loving.

Refrain from prejudice.

Smile at each other.

Take the trouble to listen.

Use your talents for the glory of God

Very often, we look but we don't see. Let us look AND see.

When humiliation comes, accept it and offer it.

Excuse rather than accuse.

You must learn to forgive.

Zeal is a second name for love. Do not lose that zeal!

Deacon John

HOLIDAY HUMOUR

My treasure is apple pie. Little Mary listened intently in Sunday school while the teacher explained the parable of the "treasure" and "pearl" and gave a detailed description of eternal bliss in Heaven. She concluded her class asking the question, "All those who are ready to go to Heaven, raise your hands." Every hand went up except one. "Why, don't you want to go to Heaven, Mary?" asked the teacher. "Well," Mary replied, "Mom was baking apple pie when I left home!"

BINGO SESSION: starts on Friday September 1st, to be held at St Georges Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Please put a note in your diaries.

Back by popular demand at St George's Church Hall, **The Anne Shelton Story** - presentation by her niece, Kelly Richards. This will take place on Sunday 20th August at 3.00pm followed by a vintage tea party. Tickets at £5.00 per person available soon.

Annual Formation Day for Grandparents: Thursday 21st September, in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey, from 10 am to 3 pm (packed lunch needed). Fr Stephen Ortiger, and Elizabeth O'Shea, Parenting Expert, will explore how Grandparents can support their Grandchildren in dealing with their perceptions of failure. No charge but donations welcome to cover costs. Please book by contacting Rosie on 01293 651161. rosie.read@dabnet.org

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 or call 01483 898866.

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers: Bishop Richard will preside at Holy Mass for all Diocesan Altar Servers on Saturday 9th September 2017 at 12 noon in Arundel Cathedral. All who have served, all who are serving and anybody who would like to come are welcome to attend. Please bring your cassock and cotta or alb. Mass is followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Centre (Please bring a packed lunch)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 20th Aug Presentation/Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm

Fri 1st Sept St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm

Fri 1st Sept Bingo Session, St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm

Sat 9th Sept Tea Party, St Wilfrid's Church Hall, 3.30pm

Sun 10th Sept Memorial Mass for Brian Winter, St Wilfrid's, 10.30am

Thank You so much for everything that was done to make Brian's funeral so special. Thank you to those who bought and arranged the flowers, greeted the guests, opened and closed the church, came to the rescue with a CD player and those who attended the funeral. I am sure he would have been chuffed to bits. You are all amazing. Thank you and God bless you all. Lots of Love from Brian's Family.

Memorial Mass: There will be a Memorial Mass for Brian Winter on Sunday 10th September at 10.30am by the Catenians.

Tea Party: St Wilfrid's will be hosting a tea party for the parish on Saturday 9th September at 3.30pm. All welcome.

First Holy Communion 2018 at St Wilfrid's: Please could any child around the age of 7 years old, wishing to do their First Holy Communion in 2018 at St Wilfrid's; please write your contact details on the piece of paper in the Sacristy, we will need child's and parent's name and phone number. The lessons will commence in October 2017.

Diocesan Dialogue and Unity Day: We are pleased to announce more details of the Dialogue and Unity Day 2017 being held on Saturday 23 September 2017, 10-4pm at DABCEC Crawley. The theme is 'Exploring how the Holy Spirit is opening new ways to work for unity.' We have two Roman Catholic Communities who have a charism for unity joining us for the day and we look forward to welcoming you too! Bring a packed lunch and a friend from another church. Book online at www.dabnet.org/Courses/DialogueandUnity or by phone 01293 651164.

COLLECTIONS: (5th/6th August)

St George's	£219.53
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£259.63
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 131 St G's 81	

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Bonus Ball:

Sat 5th August

No: 27

Harry Holt

Wed 2nd August

No: 8

Anne Sullivan