

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace  
and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**THE COLLECT**

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,  
for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy  
the author of all that is good.  
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 Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the  
arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is  
coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving  
them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the  
sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

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

**PSALM**

Ps 97:5-9. R.cf.v9

**R) The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R)**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;  
the world, and all its peoples.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and the hills ring out their joy  
at the presence of the Lord. **(R)**

For the Lord comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with fairness. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not  
idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at  
anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and  
day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of  
you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order  
to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone  
have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that  
there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work  
themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord  
Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on  
quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lk 21:36  
Stay awake, praying at all times  
for the strength to stand with confidence  
before the Son of Man.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Luke 21:5-19

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

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it  
was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus  
said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come  
when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will  
be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they  
said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be  
that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come  
using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at  
hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and  
revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must  
happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them,  
'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.  
There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here  
and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from  
heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute  
you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to  
imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors  
because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear  
witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your  
defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a  
wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or  
contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers,  
relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You  
will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair  
of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty  
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you  
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

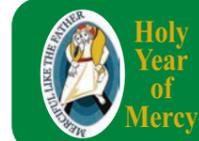
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Mk 11:23-24

**Amen, I say to you: whatever you ask in prayer,  
believe that you will receive,  
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,  
humbly imploring, O Lord,  
that what your Son commanded us to do  
in memory of him  
may bring us growth in charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



In view of the terrible revolutions,  
attacks, murders, that are being  
suffered in so many parts of the  
world at this present time, Jesus'  
words in today's Gospel are words

of comfort and reassurance. They  
are God's promise that in the end  
He is the One in control, not the  
perpetrators of death, who are in  
fact mere instruments of spiritual  
powers greater than themselves.  
St Paul writes, *"..it is not against  
human enemies that we have to  
struggle, but against the  
Sovereignities and the Powers who  
originate the darkness in this  
world; the spiritual army of evil in  
the Heavens."* God is their enemy  
on our behalf. Jesus is not saying

so here, but in retrospect we can  
understand that when Christians  
suffer for their Faith, they suffer  
with him; they share in his  
conquering of evil for us through  
his Passion and Death. When  
Joan of Arc, an uneducated  
peasant girl, was interrogated on  
her Faith, she spoke with a  
wisdom given her by God, that  
silenced the interrogators. She  
died in the fire with the name of  
Jesus on her lips.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****No to the inequality which spawns violence**

60. Today's economic mechanisms promote  
inordinate consumption, yet it is evident that  
unbridled consumerism combined with  
inequality proves doubly damaging to the  
social fabric. Inequality eventually engenders a  
violence which recourse to arms cannot and  
never will be able to resolve. It serves only to  
offer false hopes to those clamouring for  
heightened security, even though nowadays we  
know that weapons and violence, rather than  
providing solutions, create new and more  
serious conflicts. Some simply content  
themselves with blaming the poor and the  
poorer countries themselves for their troubles;  
indulging in unwarranted generalizations, they  
claim that the solution is an "education" that  
would tranquilize them, making them tame and  
harmless. All this becomes even more  
exasperating for the marginalized in the light of  
the widespread and deeply rooted corruption  
found in many countries – in their  
governments, businesses and institutions –  
whatever the political ideology of their leaders.

**God in the Soul and the Soul in God**

There are two ways of journeying belonging to two  
different times in our lives. There is a time when we  
live in God. And there is a time when God lives in us.  
When we live in God we must explore carefully every  
means that will lead to Divine union. God remains  
beside us as Guide and Friend, and we must follow the  
paths laid out for us by attentive reading, and  
evaluating our lives and ideas. But when God lives in  
us there are no longer any clear plans or marked paths.  
We become like a child who can be led anywhere and  
sees only what is pointed out. Often we are left in  
darkness, with no support other than God. No matter  
how we feel, at this point we can only wait in hope,  
calm and untroubled, until God takes over and fulfils  
all our desires. We may seem useless, but that is not  
the case. People like this are so surrendered to God  
that nothing can disturb them, least of all what others  
may think. When we live in God we can affect others  
just by being, even though we ourselves may not be  
aware of our virtues. Like Jesus, Mary and Joseph we  
wait upon God's providence with no outward signs of  
living in an extraordinary manner.

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Special Collection next Sunday for The Cathedral Maintenance Fund)

|      |      |                |                |  |
|------|------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Sat  | 12th | 6.00pm         | St Wilfrid's - | For the wellbeing of Nancy Forde                       |
| Sun  | 13th | <b>9.00am</b>  | St George's -  | Hyacinthus Neyenhizen RIP                              |
|      |      | 10.30am        | St Wilfrid's - | Parish Communities' Intention                          |
| Mon  | 14th | 2.30pm         | St George's -  | 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays |
| Tue  | 15th | 10.00am        | St Wilfrid's - | Deceased relatives & friends of Judy Davis             |
| Wed  | 16th | 10.00am        | St George's -  | Francis Tuohy RIP                                      |
| Wed  | 16th | 6.30pm         | St Wilfrid's - | Devotions  |
| Thur | 17th | <b>12.00pm</b> | St Wilfrid's - | Requiem Mass Joe Kathleen Edwards                      |
| Fri  | 18th | 10.00am        | St George's -  | Deceased relatives & friends of Wilson Family          |
| Sat  | 19th | 6.00pm         | St Wilfrid's - | John Dodson RIP  |

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(Special Collection Today for The Cathedral Maintenance Fund)

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|-----|------|---------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Sun | 20th | 9.00am                          | St George's -  | Parish Communities' Intention                          |
|     |      | 10.30am                         | St Wilfrid's - | Peter & Shelagh Burns 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 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:**

I think it is a very changed world. Certainly I did not believe we would have Donald Trump as President of the United States. But then we also have Brexit, and that did not stop the world, or bring it falling down. It is early days and the true consequences have not yet happened. Best response for me is to try to have greater confidence in God's providence. God's providence is the focus of my mind and the **council of Jesus pray constantly**. I try to place this as the most important part of my life. As we come to Remembrance Sunday I recall my visits to the Somme and the Memorial Chapel in Hampshire. I shuddered at the reality of our world 100 years ago and to think this was followed by another greater war. Then to think I have been so blessed to live nearly seventy years of life so free from cruelty and destruction "Lord continue to watch over us and keep us in your peace".

This weekend we have Bishop Richard's pastoral letter, he has also sent out to all parishes a newsletter focused on the refugee crisis. We have a limited number of these newsletters, but please, please give it your attention. If we run out of them I am sure we can get more, please read with care and attention.

*Fr Rory*

**St Anne's Day Centre for the Homeless:** Just a reminder that during November we collect items for St Anne's Centre in Brighton for the homeless and there is a box at the rear of the church for contributions (until the end of the month). This year they particularly require men's underpants (medium size) and tee shirts, unfortunately they are unable to accept other outdoor clothing as they no longer have storage space for it. Also requested are toiletries (those samples from holidays are welcome) toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, shower gel, soap, flannels, deodorant. They also need coffee, tea, sugar, washing up liquid and are happy to have stores' own brands of these or refill packs. The ONLY clothing they require are hats, scarves, gloves and socks for both men and women. Thank you.

**A Prayer Group** is coming together next Tuesday, 15th November at 33 Hailsham Road Polegate, 7.30pm. Please phone 487688 or 485974 for more information. All welcome.

**Thank you** to all the generous people at St George's who have donated to CAFOD - up to the end of October this year £915.00 has been raised to help refugees and others in third world countries.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Book of Remembrance under the altar is for anyone to use. Please add the name(s) of anyone who has died, at any time, whom you wish to be remembered during the month of November.

**Important Notice for St George's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** If you have borrowed a pyx from the safe, please return this as soon as you can. There is presently a shortage of pyxes for those asked without warning to take Communion to the sick or housebound. Many thanks.

**Inclusion Course - Learning to become an interpreter for people who are deaf:** To help communicate with deaf people in our churches and parishes. The course will start at a basic level and then progress through the levels as appropriate. If you are interested in finding out more about the course please contact: Margaret Fraher, Inclusion Adviser, 01293 651196 or email [margaret.fraher@dabnet.org](mailto:margaret.fraher@dabnet.org)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Mon 14th Nov** Knights of St Columba, Christ the King, Langney, 4pm  
**Tue 15th Nov** Prayer Group, 33 Hailsham Road, Polegate, 7.30pm  
**Wed 16th Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 18th Nov** Beetle Drive/Fun Bingo Social Eve, St W's Hall, 7.30pm  
**Wed 23rd Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 30th Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 7th Dec** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm

**St Wilfrid's Beetle Drive/Fun Bingo Social Evening:** To be held in the main hall on Friday 18th November at 7:30pm. This is primarily a social occasion, not so much emphasis on fund raising, although there is a small charge for tickets and there will be a raffle! Tickets will be on sale this weekend after masses at £3 for adults, children free. Light refreshments will be available but bring your own food/drink if anything more substantial (or alcoholic) required.

**St Wilfrid's Family Mass:** Our next family Mass at St Wilfrid's will be hosted by St Richard's school on Sunday 27th November. Afterwards we will have pizza and advent arts and crafts. Everyone is welcome.

The **Knights of St Columba** meet on Monday 14th November at 4pm at Christ the King Parish Rooms. All Catholic men are welcome to come. Further details from David 423323 or Bob 847014.

**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 January 21st - St John's Seminary, Womersley  
 Saturday January 28th - St Joseph's Church, Redhill  
 Saturday February 11th - St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill  
 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](mailto: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.

**Dalai Lama:**

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.  
 If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

**COLLECTIONS: (5th/6th Nov)**

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| <b>St George's</b>                             | £232.83 |
| Retired Priests Fund                           | £88.60  |
| Weekly aver./Monthly D/D                       | £176.50 |
| <b>St Wilfrid's</b>                            | £249.44 |
| Retired Priests Fund                           | £192.92 |
| Weekly aver. of DD                             | £204.60 |
| Attendances: St W's 104 St G's 89              |         |
| <b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b> |         |
| If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.  |         |

**Bonus Ball:****Sat 5th November**

No: 27  
 Harry Holt

**Wed 2nd November**

No: 29  
 John Forde