

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

**To you I call for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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

17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

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

**PSALM**

Ps 120. R. cf.v2

**R) Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **(R)**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **(R)**

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **(R)**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

3:14 – 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding

people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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 18:1-8

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The virtue of perseverance, so vital to the spiritual life, is nourished by a holy persistence in prayer. We are encouraged by Our Lord's words in today's Gospel to pray day and night

for our needs and those of others. He assures us that the Father will hear us and respond. One of the problems we encounter in prayer, which can cause frustration and despondency, is when we don't seem to get what we pray for, even when we are praying for something we consider to be worthwhile and good. The temptation is to give up praying for what we think we need, and to yield to that other temptation of fatalistically saying, 'if it's God's will, then it

will happen'. Though these words sound pious, they actually reveal that we have lost the virtue of perseverance, which is one of the principal lessons that God, the just Judge, has purposed for us to learn through persistence in prayer. Yes, God's will shall certainly be done, but He wills it to be done *through us His children*; and it may be His will that, in a particular case, this or that request should be granted only after much perseverance.



### A Day Without Evening

Every day passes by and evening comes quickly. Before my hour comes, Lord, accept my life, accept each moment that is still ahead of me. I don't know why, but sometimes a sense of dissatisfaction sours moments of my life. Maybe because I need to be entirely uprooted by you, to the last root which might still tie me down to who knows what, and is not completely lost in you. Maybe life is supposed to be like this: a constant journey. We rest in the illusion of an order that life occasionally promises and which we inadvertently long for. But as soon as we reach it, it already risks boring us. You always did your daily duties well. But even you, up to the age of thirty, looked beyond to the mission that was ahead of you. And when you started your public life, those three brief years were a constant running. You spent them on the road, gathering disciples, healing the sick, sowing the word, encouraging people. It was the quick moving of Wisdom, which as you grew in age built the Kingdom of God ever more quickly. And you reached Calvary almost without realizing it. You passed through it in a few hours, giving body and soul to God for us. Maybe our incapacity to hold on to the escaping moment, always reaching the evening too fast, is a drop of your life here on earth in us. Thank you, Jesus, for life. Prepare us to die well and bring us with you, to the place where the sun never sets. *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 a financial system which rules rather than serves

57 (cont'd) Ethics – a non-ideological ethics – would make it possible to bring about balance and a more humane social order. With this in mind, I encourage financial experts and political leaders to ponder the words of one of the sages of antiquity: "Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs".<sup>55</sup>

55 SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, *De Lazaro Concio*, II, 6: PG 48, 992D.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Wednesday is the Solemnity of St Philip Howard) (Special Collection Next Sunday for MISSIO)			
Sat	15th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of Knights of St Columba
Sun	16th	<b>9.00am</b>	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Patrick O'Donoghue RIP
Mon	17th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	18th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Felix & Josephine Soares RIP
Wed	19th	10.00am	St George's - In Thanksgiving Golden Wedding Anniversary - Michael & Angela Archer
Wed	19th	6.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Devotions
Thur	20th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Special Intention Eliza Bolton RIP
Fri	21st	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	22nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for MISSIO)			
Sun	23rd	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Bridie O'Donoghue RIP
<i>1st Friday of the month: 9.30am St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation</i>			

**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:**

A.B.C. About becoming Catholics. When I was in the seminary, returning priests on visits would speak about the number of converts and it was like the different divisions in a football league. The premier division would have claims of twenty or thirty converts. But equally many were falling away relatively quickly. A large factor in this was that the priest was the sole point of contact, and when he was moved on the persons he received into the church did not have sufficient support. It was realised that a greater effort was needed to have a team in each parish to meet this responsibility.

This is a very important responsibility for us as a community. The meaning and depth of expression that we bring to our celebration, especially that of the Holy Mass is important to the development of all our faith, helping us to reach out and to bring this to others. Soon we will have the month of the Holy Souls which helps us to be aware of the ultimate purpose of our lives. An understanding of pilgrimage and journey are useful instruments to deepen our awareness of life. This year I had two profound experiences on this journey. One, a visit to the Somme this summer and more recently to Sandham Memorial Chapel created by one of England's most important twentieth century artists, Sir Stanley Spencer. This memorial chapel is in remembrance of the multitudes who lost their lives in the first world war. A central point is a mural depicting the resurrection and the climax to all the suffering of nameless people that he had helped during their burial, whilst caring for many survivors. The key image is the depiction of individuals rising from the dead and presenting their crosses. They are being drawn into the life of the risen Christ. I hope we can give some expression to this when we commend the fallen of the two world wars. *Fr Rory*

**A new prayer group** coming together on the 18th October at 7.30pm in Polegate. All welcome. Phone numbers on poster at the back of the church. For more information ring 487688 or 485974.

**BINGO:** St George's Hall, Friday 4th November at 7pm for 7.30pm start. All welcome.

**Christmas Cards** will be on sale at the back of St George's church this weekend.

**Days of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Bishop Richard held the first of a series of Days of Reflection on 1st October. His talks were inspiring, uplifting and informative. All present thoroughly enjoyed the day, learning a great deal about the history of the Ministry as well as important practicalities. Another day is planned for the **11th February 2017** at Arundel, and I would highly recommend that all who wish to learn more about their role, book as soon as possible, places are limited. Six people from St George's attended and came back refreshed and reinvigorated. Please contact Ruth Gerun, on 01293 651164 or email [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org).

**LOVE IN A BOX**

Please support "Love In A Box" see the literature provided at the back of the church. You can support this by making a donation which will be used for this very worthwhile charity that provides for children in Eastern Europe, or to produce your own box (see items to be included on back of leaflet) for suggestions that will make it possible to distribute the boxes to the right children.

**St Philip Howard** is one of the two Patrons of our Diocese. This year the Bishop is celebrating a special Mass in his honour at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 16th October at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this pilgrimage and to find out more about this English Martyr.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Wed 19th Oct** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 26th Oct** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Sun 30th Oct** St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am  
**Wed 2nd Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 4th Nov** BINGO, St George's Hall, 7pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm

**St Wilfrid's Table Sale - 8th October 2016:** 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 £850. towards the costs of providing a new kitchen and toilet facilities in the Church Hall, an excellent effort, many many thanks.

**St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival:** On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, St Wilfrid's is celebrating their Harvest Festival, followed by a family get together, where we will be trying vegetarian dishes, planting seeds and making vegetable people and many other things. Everyone is welcome.

**Dr Colin Turle Appeal on behalf of IASIS:** Fr Rory has approved Dr Colin Turle making a short presentation at Sunday Mass for the 23rd October. He will be talking about his work with the Charity IASIS (pronounced I - AS - IS), it is a Greek word meaning to Cure or to Make Whole. There will be a 5 minute introduction in the homily followed by a slide show and presentation during tea & coffee. There will be an opportunity to make financial donations to contribute to the work of IASIS who bring relief and assistance in parts for the world suffering war and natural disasters. Please come and hear first hand accounts of the relief work offered by IASIS and any help would be most gratefully received.

**Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle:** Thursday 3rd November at Christ the King Parish Room (3 Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT) 7pm for 7.30pm - 9pm. Street Pastors, Why biblical? Speaker: Michael Ensor, County Councillor and member of Bexhill Street Pastors Team. All welcome. For further information please contact either, Dr Edward & Barbara Echlin 01424 219788, Alex 07957 632208, Kim 07786 926287.

**COLLECTIONS: (8th/9th Oct)**

<b>St George's</b>	£159.60
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£182.83
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£308.91
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£24.36
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 145 St G's 76	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

**Bonus Ball:****Sat 8th October**

No: 27  
Harry Holt

**Wed 5th October**

No: 39  
Sally O'Reilly