

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

THE COLLECT

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 Amos

8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 112:1-2.4-8. R.cf.vv1.7

R) Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R)**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R)**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dunghill he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son,
Alleluia!

Cf. Acts 16:14

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 16:1-13

For shorter form, (16:10-13), read between []

[Jesus said to his disciples] 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. [The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?]

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

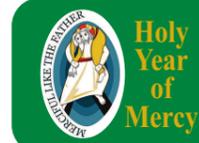
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 118: 4-5

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



"O empty glory of man's frail ambition!" exclaims Dante in his poem on purgatory. "A breath of wind, no more, is earthly fame." In today's Gospel passage, Jesus urges us

to redirect our natural desire for success, for fame, for comfort, towards the life that lasts forever, the life where true and lasting fulfilment and rest are found. Purgatory would seem to be the place where those whose hearts, even after death, are still held by their love of this life and by the guilt they feel for what they may have done in this life, must be, as it were, 'cleansed'. 'Cleansed' first, and then lifted up to embrace the riches and

joys of eternal life – in which during this life they could never quite believe. Our Lord urges those who follow him to believe and, taking a line from the "unjust steward" in today's parable, stake their 'all' on reaching those "genuine riches" promised us by God and won for us by Jesus. "Renewed with new sprung foliage through and through, pure and prepared to leap up to the stars." Dante



All In God's Hands

Often we are tormented by thoughts of what the future might hold. But, 'Each day has enough trouble of its own' (Mt. 6:34). Tomorrow is another day, and we shall then face tomorrow's troubles.

We don't need to worry; everything is in God's hands. He will allow only his will to be accomplished, and this is always for our good.

It is not when everything is fine that things are going well. It is when – sad or joyful, in good health or not – we offer everything to the Lord, trying to be another him.

Paul writes: 'I do not reckon myself as having taken hold of it; I can only say that forgetting all that lies behind me, and straining forward to what lies in front, I am racing towards the finishing-point to win the prize of God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus' (Phil. 3:13-14).

A wonderful sentence. We must grasp the depth of each word. There are people who do forget the past, but they do not push on ahead; they don't even think about the finish line. Others forget the past and keep beginning again. But to forget and then push on with enthusiasm to the finish line is typical of a saintly person like Paul.

But what can stop us from trying to do the same?

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 the new idolatry of money

55. One cause of this situation is found in our relationship with money, since we calmly accept its dominion over ourselves and our societies. The current financial crisis can make us overlook the fact that it originated in a profound human crisis: the denial of the primacy of the human person! We have created new idols. The worship of the ancient golden calf (cf. Ex 32:1-35) has returned in a new and ruthless guise in the idolatry of money and the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose. The worldwide crisis affecting finance and the economy lays bare their imbalances and, above all, their lack of real concern for human beings; man is reduced to one of his needs alone: consumption.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

HOME MISSION SUNDAY - PROCLAIM THE JOY OF LOVE			
Sat	17th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Flora De Sousa RIP
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
(Special Collection Today for Home Mission Sunday)			
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's - Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	19th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	20th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Rose McLoughlan RIP
Wed	21st	10.00am	St George's - Burial of Ashes - Marjorie Beard RIP
Wed	21st	6.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Devotions
Thur	22nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Valerie Chatfield RIP
Fri	23rd	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	24th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Sheila Maria Pickett RIP
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's - Flora De Sousa RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
<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 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.**

Deacon John Writes:

Two weeks ago I spoke about 'opportunities' for us all to offer ourselves to others. I would like to use this opportunity to remind you of some of the opportunities I mentioned then and to give a few more ideas so that your gifts may be shared with others.

First I would like to remind you of the prayer group, started last Wednesday, which meets in St Wilfrid's at 6.30pm. Would you like to offer help with the Bidding Prayers we use on Sundays. There is a rota, with help, for these, and it only comes round 4-6 times a year. If you would be willing to join this rota please contact me on 01323 486280 for further information. At present there are 9 people from St George's and 3 from St Wilfrid's who prepare these prayers. Something which is seldom mentioned is to visit the housebound. It doesn't matter if they are catholic or not. There are many who would appreciate a visit! Then there are the welcomers for Mass at both churches and if more could help then it comes round less frequently. Please talk to the existing welcomers one weekend to see what help they need. Please look around you when you are in either church and see if you think you could help in some way – there are many opportunities and all you need to do is to speak to Fr Rory or me or to somebody else as we have no way of knowing otherwise how you would like to help. It is no use complaining that you are not being used if we do not know in what way you would like to help! Everything you do, however big or small, will help you get through the 'narrow gate'!

Deacon John

Kingdom Come, an evening of worship and prayer is taking place at 7.30 pm at the New Hope Baptist Church, on Saturday, the 1st October. Address: New Hope Baptist Church, 16, Beach Road, Eastbourne.

St Wilfrid's Rosary: Come and join us for the Rosary at St Wilfrid's on Tuesdays and Thursdays before Mass. There are leaflets "How to Pray the Rosary" in the church porch - and help yourself to a Rosary.

Songs of Praise, St. George's Church, 4.00 pm on 18th September. Churches Together are celebrating the annual Songs of Praise in our church. After raising our voices in praise of the Lord we will be serving tea and cakes in the Hall. Do come and join us in this lovely event of prayer and song.

St Wilfrid's Race Night: Programmes are on sale this weekend for the Race Night on 23rd September - £1 each.

St George's Vintage Tea Party: Sunday 25th September at 3.00 pm. Tickets available as from 4th September at £5.00 per person. Entry strictly by ticket only. Please buy in good time as tickets are limited.

Ivy House - Walk for Dementia..... Along the Eastbourne Seafront. All are welcome. Sunday 16th October, start: 11am at Holywell, finish: At your leisure!

Bring friends, family, pets, scooters, mobility scooters, whatever you need to join us in our walk for dementia. Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn. Participants take part at their own risk. To find out more email or phone us on 01323 431801, care@ivyhouse-dementiacare.com

Harvest Festival at St George's is on Sunday 25th September. Please bring non-perishable produce any time leading up to Harvest Festival. These will be displayed on the altar at the Harvest Mass. All produce will be donated to the Foodbank.

ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE: if your child is approaching the period of transfer from primary to secondary schooling, very serious consideration must be given to decisions involved in the process of transitions. Parents are cordially invited by Miss Doreen Cronin, Principal of St Richard's, to attend, with their child, an evening at St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School on Tuesday September 27th at 6.30pm when she, together with members of her staff will be delighted to talk to you concerning St Richard's Catholic College.

Prayer Group starting on Tuesday 20th September in Polegate at 7.30pm. For more information ring Mary on 485974 or Cathy 487688. Everyone welcome.

Bingo: 7th October in St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start, all proceeds to Polegate Charity, Children with Cancer Fund.

Holy Communion at St George's: for any children who are seven now or next year, it is time to receive instruction for Holy Communion which will start in the new year 2017. Please get in touch with Fr Rory or myself Cathy Hollingdale.

The Mustard Seed Mission, who collect our filled shoe boxes for despatch to Eastern Europe, as LOVE IN A BOX, have changed their address and phone number since the leaflets were printed and we gave them out last weekend. The new address and phone number is: The Mustard Seed Mission, 23 Kings Drive, Eastbourne, BN21 2UJ. Telephone 01323 505787. The e-mail address is correct on the leaflets. The Mother Teresa Group will collect and take them from both churches in November.

Friends of EDGH: are still collecting milk bottle tops to help raise money for hospital equipment. Please help them by bringing in your washed red, blue and green bottle tops and place in the container provided in both church porches. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: (10th/11th Sept)**Bonus Ball:**

St George's	£197.46
Catholic Education Service	£70.50
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£229.41
Catholic Education Service	£27.05
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 132 St G's 76	

Sat 10th September

No:
Mary Van Breda

Wed 7th September

No: 11
Margaret Martin

Thank you for your continued generosity
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 18th Sept Songs of Praise, St George's Church, 4pm
Wed 21st Sept St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 23rd Sept St Wilfrid's Race Night, St W's Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Sun 25th Sept Harvest Festival, St George's Church
Sun 25th Sept St George's Vintage Tea Party, St G's Hall, 3pm
Wed 28th Sept St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 7th Oct Bingo, St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start
Wed 12th Oct Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm