

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,  
at whose festival the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration  
the merits of all the Saints,  
bestow on us, we pray,  
through the prayers of so many intercessors,  
an abundance of the reconciliation with you  
for which we earnestly long.  
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 the Apocalypse. 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

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

**PSALM**

Ps 23:1-6. R.Cf.v6

**R)** Such are the men  
who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **(R)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **(R)**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St. John

3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.  
Surely everyone who entertains this hope  
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mt 11:28

**Come to me, all you who labour  
and are overburdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints  
be pleasing to you, O Lord,  
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints  
to be already assured of immortality,  
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Mt 5:8-10

**Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for  
the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy  
and wonderful in all your Saints,  
we implore your grace,  
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the  
fullness of your love,  
we may pass from this pilgrim table  
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



In today's Gospel Christ sets  
out His manifesto regarding the

meaning of happiness, or  
beatitude (blessedness).  
Spiritual poverty, gentleness,  
compassion, justice, honesty,  
peace, martyrdom, sacrifice —  
all these form part of what Our  
Lord reveals to be beatitude,  
that genuine happiness that  
comes from and leads to God.  
Sanctity or sainthood consists  
in the willingness to accept and  
practise these virtues. We are  
called upon to live poverty, to  
live gentleness, to seek justice,  
to sacrifice ourselves and so on.  
They are not merely ideas. They

are supposed to be concrete  
expressions of what it means to  
be truly and fully human, that is  
to say, truly and fully God's  
creatures. The Saints in heaven,  
whom we celebrate today, have  
been given to us precisely to  
show us the concreteness and  
realism of Christian living. They  
are no different to us, and we  
shouldn't exalt them so far  
above us that they become out  
of reach. They are our friends,  
and they want us be with them  
and to be like them.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****I. A CHURCH WHICH GOES FORTH**

22. God's word is unpredictable in its power. The Gospel speaks of a seed which, once sown, grows by itself, even as the farmer sleeps (Mk 4:26-29). The Church has to accept this unruly freedom of the word, which accomplishes what it wills in ways that surpass our calculations and ways of thinking.

23. The Church's closeness to Jesus is part of a common journey; "communion and mission are profoundly interconnected".<sup>20</sup> In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded. That is what the angel proclaimed to the shepherds in Bethlehem: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people (Lk 2:10). The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people (Rev 14:6).

<sup>20</sup> JOHN PAUL II, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici* (30 December 1988), 32: AAS 81 (1989) 451.

**Monsignor Bruce Harbert –  
Thoughts on today's Mass**

There are many delightful stories about the Saints from every age of the Church's long history. But today is not a day for telling those stories, for when we celebrate All Saints Day we think of what the Saints are doing now, at this moment. They are praising God and praying for us, helping us to come close to God. That is the theme of today's Collect and Prayer over the Offerings. The Preface too paints a picture of the Saints praising God in the heavenly Jerusalem. Then it goes on to remind us that that is our destination too, our mother, our true home, to which we are making our pilgrim way, inspired and strengthened by the Saints. Finally, the Prayer after Communion also looks to the future, comparing our earthly altar to the table of the heavenly banquet. As we enter the Month of the Dead, the liturgy strengthens our hope



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	31st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Thanksgiving
			<b>ALL SAINTS (Special Collection Next Sunday for The Retired Priests Fund)</b>
Sun	1st	<b>9.00am</b>	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Frank Winter RIP
Mon	2nd	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention - followed by Blessing of Graves
		11.00am	St Wilfrid's - Blessing of Graves at Hailsham Cemetery
Mon	2nd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	3rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Angela & Norman Wright RIP
Wed	4th	10.00am	St George's - Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP
Thur	5th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Kenneth & James Compton RIP
Fri	6th	12.00pm	St George's - Requiem Mass for Margaret Brennan RIP
Sat	7th	5.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Sat	7th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Agnes Chelwyn RIP
			<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
			<b>(Special Collection Today for The Retired Priests Fund)</b>
Sun	8th	<b>9.00am</b>	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Norma Kelly

**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) 509047  
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, Agnes Galt, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Betty O'Hora, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Michael Bradley, Josephine Coleman, Elizabeth Osbourne, John Dodson, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer and Enza Riddiford.

**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:**

**Blessings:** The greatest blessing of all is Jesus the Son of God, who invites us to be His ambassador, even though He recognises that we are only frail earthenware vessels, often misguided. But once we say the Lord's prayer, each day IS the day that our Lord has made for us.

While I was on the site of our new church, now nearing completion, I thought of the old sayings, one being "it is coming forward in leaps and bounds". Terry, the Foreman of the job, - a lovely man, is always so good to us, responded by saying "in the long run" much more like "swings and roundabouts", again a blessing.

From the first meeting of the project, it was another blessing to have people with experience in health and safety. We were truly blessed with Brian Dowsett, who had just retired after a life spent in the industry (thirty five years). Alongside the 7.30am starts and spot-on contributions, not just foreseeing the problems, but making knowledgeable contributions. So the greatest thanks to his wife Gillian who volunteered him. Now, when I think about it, thanks are due to all the wives, not only of the men on the parish project but those in all the ministries in our parish.

Because the church influences what takes place in our lives, we join in preparation for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation, but also remain very open to sharing our faith. The church looks forward to a new generation sharing in an extended life of love through our activities.

Bringing together our religious and social activities, a Beetle Drive Fun Evening is being held at St George's, 7pm on Friday 20th November. The last one was most enjoyable. *Fr Rory*

**St Thomas a Becket School's Family Fireworks with Disco and Children's Entertainment** is next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November. Gates open 6.30pm / Firework Display at 7.30pm. Licensed Bar, BBQ & International Food, fairground rides, hot drinks plus much more. Tickets £5. Discounted Advance ticket prices £4 or £10 family of 3, £12 family of 4, £15 family of 5. Available from The School Office (during school time only) or The Vinyl Frontier in Grove Road.

**Open Days at St Thomas a Becket Catholic Schools:** 17th Nov (Junior School) and 18th & 19th Nov (Infant School). Come and see us during a normal working day. Please phone the schools for further details and an appointment. Infant School - 726004 and Junior School - 737221. Thank you.

**St Anne's Day Centre:** Once again we are collecting goods to be taken to St Anne's Day Centre for the Homeless. During November there will be collecting boxes in both churches for our usual range of goods which are distributed to the people who depend on St Anne's to assist them in their need, especially at Christmas time. We are aware of your continued generosity in providing goods for the Food Banks to which both parishes contribute regularly. However, we know many people are willing to give to those who have no home and so we ask you if you would give, via either parish, to provide goods as here listed: Good quality clean clothing for men and women, (not necessarily new). New underwear for men. Socks, gloves, hats and scarves for both men and women. Toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel, deodorants, soap, flannels. Also needed by the Centre are beakers, teaspoons, soup bowls and spoons. Much in demand are coffee, tea, sugar, packet soups and other dry goods.

**Christmas Cards** are on sale at the back of St George's church.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Wed 4th Nov** St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm  
**Wed 4th Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 11th Nov** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Wed 11th Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 18th Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 20th Nov** Beetle Drive, St George's Church Hall, 7pm  
**Sat 21st Nov** St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am  
**Wed 9th Dec** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm

**Beetle Drive Fun Evening In Aid Of St Wilfrid's New Church Building Project.**

Where: St George's Church Hall  
 When: 7pm, Friday 20th November  
 Organised by: Eastbourne Catenians  
 Cost £10. per person to include pizza and a glass of wine or soft drink. Make a note in your diary and keep this date free.

**Refugees:** If you use a PC, on the Home Page of the A&B Website you will find a podcast of an interview with Bishop Richard Moth answering questions on the plight of the Refugees coming into Britain and offering suggestions as to how all parishes can assist these very needy people. He suggests that a small team be set up find parishioners to help in three main categories:

- Those who are willing to offer accommodation, temporary or longer term.
- Those who have skills to offer – teaching English, reading, Legal Assistance, Financial assistance, etc.
- Those who have a wide knowledge of their particular area and could direct the refugees to organisations which would give help and advice, clothing, bedding, etc.

**Hailsham Foodbank:** thank you for your generous donation of £72.10. We have fed over 500 people since April this year, of which 200 were children. All support is much appreciated.

**St Wilfrid's Old Benches:** A limited number of the old church benches are available for sale. Amount of £100. per bench has been suggested, if you are interested please contact Fr Rory/ Office on Tel: 841504.

**First Holy Communion Children - St Wilfrid's:** Please could you leave the details of any children around 7 years of age with Annette. Please include parents names, child's name and contact number. Thank you.

**COLLECTIONS: (24th/25th October)**

<b>St George's</b>	£190.56
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£229.21
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 102 St G's 96	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	

**Bonus Ball:**  
**Sat 24th October**  
 No 11  
 Elizabeth Robinson  
**Wed 21st October**  
 No 39  
 Sally O'Reilly