

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

THE COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 Ezekiel

18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. V6

R) Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R)**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!**

Jn 14:23

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 Jn 3: 16

**By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Last Sunday's Gospel is a warning about judging how God chooses to reward through his mercy and forgiveness. Today's Gospel warns us about categorizing people into good and bad, acceptable or unacceptable, moral or immoral. If God does not judge them,

then how can we dare to do so? Jesus, much to the disgust of the chief priests and the elders, the Scribes and the Pharisees – the respectable members of Jewish society – frequently associates with disreputable people. And why? Because, unlike us, Jesus does not judge by outward appearances, but sees into the soul of each person. He sees in the prostitutes and the tax collectors, the lowest of the low in most people's opinion, a depth and a beauty which 'respectable' people cannot see. And because he sees their inner beauty they feel loved and not judged, and therefore they feel free to respond to his love.

It is too easy for us to make superficial judgments of others. Even the way someone dresses, or has their hair, can

lead us to judge their character. Jesus sincerely believed that everyone was a candidate for the kingdom of heaven and he treated them as potential residents of that kingdom. He made the effort to go beyond appearances and reputations to get to the heart of the person, to draw out of them the 'new person', as St Paul calls it, and bring them to a relationship with him and with the Father.

As Christians, we too must avoid making superficial judgements of others and see everyone as a candidate for the kingdom. It might mean that we too, along with Jesus, find ourselves sometimes in the company of 'disreputable' people, but we will also discover that hidden beauty in so many of God's children.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY
PASTORAL WORKERS****No to spiritual worldliness**

93. Spiritual worldliness, which hides behind the appearance of piety and even love for the Church, consists in seeking not the Lord's glory but human glory and personal well-being. It is what the Lord reprimanded the Pharisees for: "How can you believe, who receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?" (Jn 5:44). It is a subtle way of seeking one's "own interests, not those of Jesus Christ" (Phil 2:21). It takes on many forms, depending on the kinds of persons and groups into which it seeps. Since it is based on carefully cultivated appearances, it is not always linked to outward sin; from without, everything appears as it should be. But if it were to seep into the Church, "it would be infinitely more disastrous than any other worldliness which is simply moral".⁷¹

71 H. De Lubac, *Méditation sur l'Église*, Paris, 1968, 321.

Holiness for Everyone*

Annual Renewal of One's Resolution

Every year we should renew our good resolutions. So we should be careful to pray morning and evening, and anoint our hearts regularly with the oil of Confession and Communion. When you have chosen a convenient time to renew your annual self-gift to God take time to be alone and make the following considerations.

- 1) That you have dedicated yourself completely to the love and service of God, and that you are resolved to forsake all sin.
- 2) Consider that you have given God your word and so should be doubly faithful, even more so than if you had given your word to a human being.
- 3) Consider in whose presence you have made your offering: the whole court of heaven with the angels and saints in attendance. As they rejoiced at your first offering, so now make them joyful that you are renewing it with fervour.
- 4) Remember how grace invited you to live for God; and how you were led by divine sweetness and the impulses of love and charity.
- 5) Remember that it was in youth that God called you, and what happiness to give God one's life from an early age. And if you were called when older thank God that you were called before life ended.
- 6) Think what a blessing it is to belong to God. Compare what you are now to what you were before you began to walk this path, and be grateful for so many blessings.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	30th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Flora De Sousa RIP TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection next Sunday for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - Friday)
Sun	1st	9.00am	St George's - In Thanks to St Anthony for prayers answered
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	2nd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	3rd	10.00am	St George's - Michael Wilson's Intention
Wed	4th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Timmy Woods RIP
Wed	4th	1.30pm	St George's - Reception for Jennifer Duder-Rumsey
Thur	5th	10.00am	St George's - Peg O'Rourke RIP
Thur	5th	12.00pm	St George's - Requiem Mass for Jennifer Duder-Rumsey
Fri	6th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lord's Agony in the Garden
Sat	7th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day)
Sun	8th	9.00am	St George's - K M Philip RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Winifred & Daniel Doyle RIP
<i>1st Thursday 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 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, Edna Andrews, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, 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.**

Fr Rory Writes:

Feasts and Famines

I acknowledge that from time to time I hear that we do far too much appealing for money. So I do appreciate that persons must use their discretion in response, but there are very important appeals with Harvest Festival in mind. Last week we made an appeal for Foodbank, CAFOD is also a very important part of our giving, and we can never be generous enough.

Next weekend a priest will be saying all the Masses and will be appealing on behalf of the APF, like CAFOD, it remains an important responsibility for us to support such important causes.

APF - Mill Hill Mission Thank You & Appeal

At all Masses next weekend we welcome Fr Frank Downs who will speak on behalf of APF - Mill Hill and their Missionary work. This thank you and appeal is not for money but for parishioners to become members and take a Red Mission Box. "The Red Box is a focus of Prayer and direct giving for all Catholics in over 200,000 homes across England & Wales".

Bishop Richard has requested the attendance of each parish Priest and two members of the laity to the Deanery Meeting on Monday 2nd October. At this meeting he will address us with his concerns in response to the foreseeable shortage of Priests, he has requested our prayers for all of this, a report will be provided to the parish.

Fr Rory

MISSION NEEDS YOU! APF - Mill Hill Local Secretary required for this parish. Our Local Secretaries are the 'engine room' of APF - Mill Hill's work. Each parish benefits from having a dedicated lay volunteer to take care of the Red Boxes. Local Secretaries look after the Red Box members in their parish, ensuring that boxes are emptied and organising the distribution of the free quarterly magazine Mission Today. The Red Box can be found in 200,000 homes across England and Wales and plays a vital role in the universal mission of the Church. Remember you are not alone! Our volunteers have the full support of the Missio team who will support you at every stage and answer all queries. Please make yourself known to Fr Rory who will contact Missio to get started. Thank you.

St George's Leaven Group Agenda for the meeting on 6th October is at the back of the church. If you have any issues you would like to raise, please write them on the agenda and attend the next meeting.

St George's Church will not be able to accept the old £1 coins after the end of September. The Post Office, where we bank our collections, will not take them. **Only new £1 coins after this week please.**

St George's Readers and Extraordinary Ministers – the Rotas are at the back of the church.

St George's - 1st Holy Communion: Any parents who have a child of seven years and would like them to have instruction for 1st Holy Communion, please make themselves known to Father Rory or Cathy Hollingdale or a member of the Children's Liturgy Group. Instruction starts in the new year.

Bingo: The next Bingo session is in St George's Hall on Friday 6th October. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. All welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tue 3rd Oct Meeting Re:1st Holy Communion, St Wilfrid's Hall, 5.30pm
Fri 6th Oct St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm
Fri 6th Oct Bingo, St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start
Thur 26th Oct Beetle Drive, St Wilfrid's Hall, 7pm to 7.30pm start

Beetle Drive: St Wilfrid's will be holding a Beetle Drive on Thursday 26th October, 7pm for 7.30pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Tickets: Adults £5, Children Free. A raffle will be held and tea, coffee and squash will be provided. Please bring your own nibbles, favourite drink and glasses. Everyone is welcome, look forward to seeing you there.



The Link Coffee Shop in Hailsham: are looking for volunteers to help with food preparation, cooking, serving at tables, clearing away and washing up. If you are looking for ways in which you can put your faith into action by serving the community, as well as maintaining a very publicly accessible Christian presence in the town, please contact Kay (mid afternoon preferred) at the Link on 01323 441142. Thank you.

St Wilfrid's Children's Liturgy: Any candidates wishing to take their first communion, there will be a meeting on Tuesday 3rd October at 5:30pm in the hall.

St Wilfrid's needs to recruit three more counters. If you can help to count the collections on a rota basis please contact Jean details below. If we can recruit an additional three it would mean counting once every five weeks, normally done on a Monday morning, but this is not set in stone. It takes approximately two hours or less depending on one collection or two. Contact Jean Barham 842824

Friends of EDGH: Please save your **red, blue & green milk bottle tops only** to help raise money for hospital equipment. Please place in the container provided in both church porches.

COLLECTIONS: (23rd/24th Sept)

St George's	£212.20
St George's (16th/17th Sept)	£220.00
Home Mission Sunday	£78.20
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£271.08
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 194 St G's 79	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 23rd September
No: 57
Jean Barham
Wed 20th September
No: 45
Ann Fielder