

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Ps 83: 10-11

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE COLLECT

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 Isaiah

56:1. 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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PSALM

Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8. R.v4

**R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Mt 4:23

**Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive our oblation, O Lord,
by which is brought about a glorious exchange,
that, by offering what you have given,
we may merit to receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 129: 7

**With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



This story of a Canaanite woman is reassuring and delightful. It is such clear

evidence of Jesus' omniscience: the loving, personal, omniscience of God. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus said to Nathanael, "I saw you under the fig tree", which so impressed Nathanael that he at once believed: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel!" In today's story, Jesus is in the far north of Palestine, a pagan area, the "region of Tyre and Sidon". A woman, one of a people hated by the Jews, comes shouting, full of Faith, and asking for help. Jesus sees individuals not peoples; he knows this woman through and through and he

loves her tenacity and her faith. He tests her. He almost teases her: We don't give dogs the children's food. But she rises to the bait; she responds in kind: But crumbs are for the dogs! Jesus is proud of her and rewards her. "Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted." These two people, Nathanael and the Canaanite, represent a host of other examples of Jesus' 'inside knowledge' of all those with whom he comes in contact (Matthew, the woman at the well): examples of the loving omniscience of our Creator.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY PASTORAL WORKERS

Yes to the new relationships brought by Christ

88. The Christian ideal will always be a summons to overcome suspicion, habitual mistrust, fear of losing our privacy, all the defensive attitudes which today's world imposes on us. Many try to escape from others and take refuge in the comfort of their privacy or in a small circle of close friends, renouncing the realism of the social aspect of the Gospel. For just as some people want a purely spiritual Christ, without flesh and without the cross, they also want their interpersonal relationships provided by sophisticated equipment, by screens and systems which can be turned on and off on command. Meanwhile, the Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others, with their physical presence which challenges us, with their pain and their pleas, with their joy which infects us in our close and continuous interaction. True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others. The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness.



Holiness for Everyone*



The Dangers of Human Respect

When people see you beginning to live a serious Christian life they will no doubt object and think you have gone crazy. But they do not consider such things as spending whole days in games and empty amusements as crazy at all - pastimes that seem pretty dull to me. Spending thirty consecutive nights partying is considered fine by some. Spending a night in prayer or getting up early to go to Mass is thought of as meriting a visit to the doctor's surgery! Everything depends on the angle we are coming from. So don't live your life by what other people think. Do what you believe to be right and take no notice of the judgements of others. We can never please everyone.

Have courage and patience. Bright light dazzles the eyes if you have lived a long time in darkness. You may have to take time to accustom yourself to life with Christ.

At first it may seem hard to continue in God's way, but gradually you will be filled with sweetness and joy if you persevere. Ultimately it gives us more happiness if we serve God rather than follow the standards of the world.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	19th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Donor's Intention TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	20th	9.00am	St George's - Jack Gearing RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	21st	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	22nd	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Wed	23rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Agnes Chetwynd RIP
Thur	24th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Fri	25th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Norma & Angela Wright RIP
Sat	26th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Flora De Sousa RIP TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	27th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Paddy O'Rourke RIP

1st Thursday 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 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, Maureen Barnard, Jennifer Duder-Rumsey, Edna Andrews, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, Elizabeth Osbourne, 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.**

Deacon John Writes:

For the last two weeks I have given you Mother Teresa's **ABC** thoughts. Perhaps this week you might like to compose your own **ABC**. If you do, and are prepared to do so, please send them to me by email. My email address is humphry35@sky.com. Please encourage your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren to compose their own ABC. There is a small prize for Fr Rory's choice of the best "ABC thoughts for the holidays".

Deacon John

HOLIDAY HUMOUR

Ministers walking on water! There is the story about three clergymen: a Jewish Rabbi, a Protestant minister and a Catholic priest. They were fishing together. They rowed to the middle of a small lake and cast their lines. Soon they ran out of bait. The rabbi volunteered to go for more. Calmly he stepped off the boat and walked across the water to the shore. When he returned in the same manner, it was discovered that the trio's canteens were empty. Immediately the minister collected them and, like the rabbi, walked across the water to the shore and filled them up and returned. Later, when the men grew hungry, they realized they had forgotten a lunch basket, whereupon the priest quickly rose, stepped off the boat and immediately plunged to the bottom of the lake. When he had surfaced, he heard the rabbi say to the minister, "I suppose we really should have told him where the stones are".

Why is it always the Catholic Priest who doesn't know where the stepping stones are?

St George's Leaven Group: The agenda will be posted up at the back of the church from the **20th August** (this Sunday) until after Mass on the **27th August**, to give everyone the chance to include an item they wish to raise. Remember, if you add an item, you must attend the meeting on **1st September**.

BINGO SESSION: starts on Friday September 1st, to be held at St Georges Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Please put a note in your diaries.

BBC Songs of Praise was filmed at Eastbourne bandstand last Saturday. It will be televised from the 17th September onwards. Several members of both our communities attended with the South Downs Singers, so look out for some familiar faces!

Eastbourne Catenians Sponsoring Good Citizens at St Thomas a Beckett School: The annual Good Citizens award, sponsored by Eastbourne Catenians, was presented to Erin Todd from St Thomas a Beckett Junior School. Many of you will remember that Erin had her long hair cut short so that the hair could be used to make wigs for children who had lost their hair due to chemotherapy treatment. Erin donated the sponsorship money she collected to St Wilfrid's Hospice, thus benefiting two worthy charities. The award was presented to her by Mike Woods, President of the Eastbourne Catenians. She received books which she selected, a framed certificate, and a silver cup inscribed with her name, which is displayed in the school. Erin is a member of St George's Children's Liturgy Group. Well done Erin.

Annual Formation Day for Grandparents: Thursday 21st September, in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey, from 10 am to 3 pm (packed lunch needed). Fr Stephen Ortiger, and Elizabeth O'Shea, Parenting Expert, will explore how Grandparents can support their Grandchildren in dealing with their perceptions of failure. No charge but donations welcome to cover costs. Please book by contacting Rosie on 01293 651161. rosie.read@dabnet.org <<mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org>>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 20th Aug Presentation/Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm
Fri 1st Sept St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm
Fri 1st Sept Bingo Session, St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm
Sat 9th Sept Tea Party, St Wilfrid's Church Hall, 3.30pm
Sun 10th Sept Memorial Mass for Brian Winter, St Wilfrid's, 10.30am

Memorial Mass: There will be a Memorial Mass for Brian Winter at St Wilfrid's Church on Sunday 10th September at 10.30am by the Catenians.

Tea Party: St Wilfrid's will be hosting a tea party for the parish on Saturday 9th September at 3.30pm. All welcome.

First Holy Communion 2018 at St Wilfrid's: Please could any child around the age of 7 years old, wishing to do their First Holy Communion in 2018 at St Wilfrid's; please write your contact details on the piece of paper in the Sacristy, we will need child's and parent's name and phone number. The lessons will commence in October 2017.

CAFOD Meeting: Please come and join us on Saturday 23rd September from 10 to 11:30am, at Christ the King Church Eastbourne, BN23 6HT. This year's Harvest Fast day is focussing on El Salvador and the challenges facing farmers there, which is quite fitting as it is 100 years since the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Martin arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk or call 01483 898866.

Have you considered becoming a School Governor? Anney Primary School in Seaford has vacancies for several Foundation Governors – practising members of the local Catholic community, appointed by Bishop Richard to support the Catholic ethos of the school. Gospel values underlie all aspects of life of Anney School, so governors have the opportunity to contribute according to their experience and interests – for example finance, or building maintenance. You might like to attend 'Taste and See – a meeting for prospective Foundation Governors' – at DABCEC, Crawley on Monday 25 September 19.00 – 20.30. Book online <http://www.abeducationsservice.org.uk/Courses/>. If you would like to know more about the role, contact Kathy Dawson (Clerk to Governors) kathytheclerk@dawson.myzen.co.uk (07876 241349).

COLLECTIONS: (12th/13th August)

St George's	£218.62
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£289.35
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 143 St G's 73	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 12th August
No: 17
Margaret Barnes

Wed 9th August
No: 44
Anne O'Rourke