

GOSPEL REFLECTION



"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God." Many things – money of course included – seem to "belong to Caesar" these days, as more and more directives guide our public life. Most of these laws are for our safety and well-being, but some of them are clearly encroaching upon God's prerogatives. As a matter of over-riding fact, everything belongs to God first and foremost; it is only by

courtesy of God that some things are permitted to "belong to Caesar". As the Book of Wisdom has it, "Lord of mercy.. by your Word (you) have made the universe and in your wisdom have fitted human beings to rule the creatures that you have made, to govern the world in holiness and justice.." We would all agree, I think, that to drive a new car or use a piece of machinery without attention to the 'maker's instructions', would be unwise; how much more so to attempt to govern or use the world without due reference to its Creator! Solomon was right to pray, "With You is wisdom Send her forth from your throne of glory to help me and to toil with me and teach me what is pleasing to you." (A very beautiful prayer found in Wisdom Ch.9)

Knowing How to Lose*

ADORATION

When we read the life of St Peter Eymard, founder of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, it seems to be a continual discovery of the infinite treasures contained in the Eucharist.

The saint appears immersed in the Eucharist, as if in the heaven of his soul, as if in the cell of his religious life. His is the famous phrase: 'Our century is sick because it does not adore'.

To adore.

At times what a thirst we feel to adore. Adoration means kneeling down, very low, your head on the earth, above all in the spiritual sense, in front of the Creator, the Lord, whom the creature in us calls out for.

To adore is to make oneself nothing before God and to say to him: 'You are everything', that is to say, 'You are what you are', and I possess the immense privilege of life in order to recognize this.

St Peter Eymard discovered certain aspects of the spiritual life which have since become the inheritance of the Church. What Pope Pius XI said about his method of prayer is wonderful. 'Peter Eymard gathered up from every age, from the most intimate sense of tradition... the thought which sees in Jesus Eucharist that totality of magnificent things where the essence and practice of worship is summarized, and becomes sublime: adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and supplication. Here is the whole of religion, all the attitudes that humanity can and must assume before the Creator.'

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OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1. 4-6
*I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue
 nations before him.*

PSALM: Ps 95:1.3-5.7-10. R.v7

R) Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
 sing to the Lord all the earth.
 Tell among the nations his glory
 and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R)**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
 to be feared above all gods;
 the gods of the heathens are naught.
 It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R)**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
 give the Lord glory and power,
 give the Lord the glory of his name.
 Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R)**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
 O earth, tremble before him.
 Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
 He will judge the people in fairness. **(R)**

SECOND READING: I Thessalonians 1:1-5
*We constantly remember your faith, your love
 and your hope.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! Phil 2:15-16
**You will shine in the world like bright stars
 because you are offering it the word of life.
 Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21
*Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar -
 and to God what belongs to God.*

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.**

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY PASTORAL WORKERS

No to spiritual worldliness

95 (Cont'd). It can also translate into a concern to be seen, into a social life full of appearances, meetings, dinners and receptions. It can also lead to a business mentality, caught up with management, statistics, plans and evaluations whose principal beneficiary is not God's people but the Church as an institution. The mark of Christ, incarnate, crucified and risen, is not present; closed and elite groups are formed, and no effort is made to go forth and seek out those who are distant or the immense multitudes who thirst for Christ. Evangelical fervour is replaced by the empty pleasure of complacency and self-indulgence.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	21st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for Missio)
Sun	22nd	9.00am	St George's - Barry Megan's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Brian Winter RIP
Mon	23rd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	24th	10.00am	St George's - Kate & Patrick Walsh
Wed	25th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Marie Kelly RIP
Thur	26th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Vera Almeida RIP
Fri	27th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	28th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Mary Brown RIP THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Holy Day of Obligation (All Saints) on Wednesday) (Special Collection Next Sunday for The Retired Priests Fund)
Sun	29th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of O'Rourke Family

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, 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:

A very good outcome - we are reaching the closing stage of the project to have a new church at St Wilfrid's, which was in response to donations given to our parish. Now we are preparing to make our final payment, knowing that we have stayed well within our budget. A great achievement that deserves well merited thanks to all who made it happen.

Now we have a much greater challenge to face and, please God, the outcome will be as good. We are at the first stage of our response to Bishop Richard's presentation to the deaneries. The presentation from Bishop Richard is to encourage us to put most of our energies into what is our prime aim as Christians - the mission of taking this great gift, God's salvation, to all. Yes, this is the good news. Even for ourselves we must realise that the light of Christ has come into our world. I think this knowledge should challenge the hierarchy in a much greater way.

I believe that the structure we have been trying to develop can, with good will, serve us well. My first experience of parish council (over forty years ago) showed how difficult it is to get a council that works. Returning to my main focus, that the parish is a body made up of many parts and those parts working together through God's grace can achieve great things. A final development would be each parish community meeting in council three times a year. In tandem with the process, that over time achieved a very good outcome for our new church to complete the development of our parish structures, we need to bring the parts together in a coherent way. As we have heard from our representatives, the presentation made by our Bishop Richard, we will hear through the "Missing Link", a clearer outline of the structures that we have been endeavouring to build through the years. The Feast of Christ the King, the climax of our churches year, would be a very good time. So please God, this report from the Missing Link will be in place by then.

Fr Rory

Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Mission, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. **Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world.** Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

BINGO: All proceeds to Polegate Children with Cancer Fund, to be held at St George's Hall on Friday the 10th November all welcome. Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, raffle and refreshments on the night.

St George's Remembrance Garden. To bring us in line with Diocesan Health and Safety procedures some changes need to be made to the Garden. I am holding 2 meetings to inform all parishioners of these changes. **On the 2nd November, All Souls Day**, there will be a meeting in the Hall after Mass. On the **4th November (Saturday)** we will meet in the Hall at 11am, when refreshments will be served during our talk. Please do your best to attend one of the meetings as the Garden of Remembrance is a special place of peace and solace. Fr Rory.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thur 26th Oct Beetle Drive, St Wilfrid's Hall, 7pm to 7.30pm start
Fri 27th Oct Friday Bereavement Gp, St Wilfrid's Hall, 11.15am
Fri 28th Oct St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 6.15pm
Thurs 2nd Nov St G's R/branch Garden Mtg, St G's Hall, After Mass
Sat 4th Nov St G's Remembrance Garden Mtg, St G's Hall, 11am
Fri 10th Nov Bingo, St George's Hall, 7 for 7.30pm start
Sun 12th Nov Bereavement Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 3pm
Sat 25th Nov Advent Prayer & Prep Day, Holy Cross Priory,

St Wilfrid's Bereavement Mass: will be held on Sunday 12th November 2017 in St Wilfrid's Church, at 3pm. All are welcome to attend from both parishes.

St Wilfrid's Friday Bereavement Group: will next meet on Friday 27th October at 11.15am. Look forward to seeing you there.

Save the Date:

Following the success of the Lenten Reflection, the Leaven Group at St Wilfrid's are organising an Advent Prayer and Preparation Day at Holy Cross Priory, Cross in Hand, on Saturday 25th November 2017. The cost will be £20 and includes a two course Festive Lunch and refreshments throughout the day. All are welcome but numbers are limited. More details on how to reserve your place will follow shortly.

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.



COLLECTIONS: (14th/15th Oct)

St George's	£207.81
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£268.20
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 156 St G's 81	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 14th October
No: 42
Chris Jones
Wed 11th October
No: 13
Peter Dromgoole