

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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 Ecclesiasticus

Cf. 35:12-14. 16-19

The Lord is a judge  
who is no respecter of personages.  
He shows no respect of personages to the  
detriment of a poor man,  
he listens to the plea of the injured party.  
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,  
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,  
his petitions will carry to the clouds.  
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,  
until it arrives he is inconsolable,  
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,  
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.  
And the Lord will not be slow,  
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

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

**PSALM**

Ps 33:2-3.17-19.23. R.v7

**R) This poor man called; the Lord heard him.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R)**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

4:6-8. 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time  
has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the  
end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all  
there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for  
me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that  
Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his  
Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a  
single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me  
– may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by  
me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message  
might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was  
rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all  
evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly  
kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.**  
Alleluia!

Cf. Mt 11:25

**GOSPEL**

Luke 18:9-14

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided  
themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two  
men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a  
tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to  
himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust,  
adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am  
not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on  
all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring  
even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said,  
"God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went  
home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone  
who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles  
himself will be exalted.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

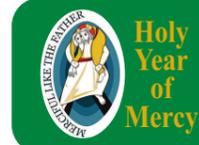
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 19: 6

**We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,  
perfect in us what lies within them,  
that what we now celebrate in signs  
we may one day possess in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Humility is as important for  
leading a genuinely Christian life  
as pride is antithetical to it.  
Humility teaches us who we are  
and what we are. It  
acknowledges God as great, as  
our Creator, our Sustainer and

our final End. Humility knows  
that only in God can the human  
person find happiness and  
fulfilment. Pride, on the other  
hand, deludes man and sets him  
up in rivalry with his Creator.  
Pride seeks man's fulfilment  
within the limits of his own  
being; it does not look outwards  
to God, but turns man in upon  
himself. Almost as wicked as  
pride is false humility, that  
tendency to overstress one's  
own unimportance so as to  
appear humble; or that need to  
be forever doing down one's

talents and gifts so as to mask  
the desire to avoid the  
reasonable demands of our  
neighbour upon our time and  
person. There is no humility in  
denying our dignity as the  
pinnacle of God's creation; nor  
in refusing to see the very image  
and likeness of God imprinted  
within us that is capable of  
receiving God's own divine  
nature. Humility simply says, 'I  
am a sinner, but Thou, O God,  
be merciful to me and heal me.'



### As If It Were My Last...

Life is an important transition: it is a test! As much of Jesus as  
I allow to be built up within me will be set for ever in the other  
life. Every moment, my every act and breath have their  
reflection in eternal life! Every minute of my life down here  
influences Life! 'Paradise is a home we build here but inhabit  
in the other life.'

Lord, help me to say every word as if it were my last. Help me  
to carry out every deed as if it were my last act. Help me to  
suffer always as if it were the last suffering I have to offer to  
you. Help me to pray always as if it were the last chance I have  
here on earth to speak to you.

Today, you really want us to live your way, Lord!  
But who in our world lives like this, in the 'today', only for  
'today'? Who abandons themselves to the future like free-  
flying birds for whom you provide food and clothes?  
Living only for 'today' simplifies but also frightens our human  
nature. We would like to build on a secure future. Yet, there  
may not be a tomorrow...

You, Lord, want us to be watchful. You announce another  
kingdom to which we will be called on a day and at an hour  
unknown to us. You are right, and you cannot contradict  
yourself.

Give us the grace, therefore, to live well for the rest of our life  
each day you give us.

*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 a financial system which rules rather than serves

58. A financial reform open to such ethical  
considerations would require a vigorous  
change of approach on the part of political  
leaders. I urge them to face this challenge  
with determination and an eye to the future,  
while not ignoring, of course, the specifics of  
each case. Money must serve, not rule! The  
Pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but  
he is obliged in the name of Christ to remind  
all that the rich must help, respect and  
promote the poor. I exhort you to generous  
solidarity and to the return of economics and  
finance to an ethical approach which favours  
human beings.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for MISSIO)			
Sat	22nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady
Sun	23rd	<b>9.00am</b>	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Bridie O'Donoghue RIP
Mon	24th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	25th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Kenneth & Jean Compton RIP
Wed	26th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of Word & Eucharist - Deacon John Anniversary of Bernard Giles RIP
Wed	26th	6.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Devotions
Thur	27th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Fri	28th	10.00am	St George's - Bernard Giles RIP
Sat	29th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Mary Brown RIP
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Holy Day of Obligation (All Saints) on Tuesday (Special Collection next Sunday for The Retired Priests Fund))			
Sun	30th	9.00am	St George's - Billy Kelly RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

**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 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, 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](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Fr Rory Writes:

### TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries, like those in Rwanda, as they share God's mercy and love with those who are suffering. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and the Gospel message of dignity for all. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. You can also make a regular donation to Missio at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or by calling 020 7821 9755. Thank you.

**St Thomas a Becket Schools' Firework Party:** Friday 4th November. Gates open at 6.30pm, fireworks at 7.30pm. Advance tickets (priced at £4 each, family of 3 £10, family of 4 £12, Family of 5 £15) from the school office or Ashprint (22 South St). £5 each on the gate (subject to availability). Featuring live music by 'South Rhythm Trio', children's entertainer, mini disco, fun fair, food and drink. Hosted by 'Friends of St Thomas a Becket', charity number 1165762.

**BINGO:** St George's Hall, Friday 4th November at 7pm for 7.30pm start. All welcome.

**St George's Choir Practice:** Saturday 29th October at 10am. All welcome.

**Days of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Bishop Richard held the first of a series of Days of Reflection on 1st October. His talks were inspiring, uplifting and informative. All present thoroughly enjoyed the day, learning a great deal about the history of the Ministry as well as important practicalities. Another day is planned for the **11th February 2017** at Arundel, and I would highly recommend that all who wish to learn more about their role, book as soon as possible, places are limited. Six people from St George's attended and came back refreshed and reinvigorated. Please contact Ruth Gerun, on 01293 651164 or email [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org).

**Important Notice for St George's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** If you have borrowed a pyx from the safe, please return this as soon as you can. There is presently a shortage of pyxes for those asked without warning to take Communion to the sick or housebound. Many thanks.

#### LOVE IN A BOX

This is the **final** week to support "Love In A Box", please bring your boxes to either church by next weekend 29th/30th October. Please see literature at the back of church, if you would still like to support this worthy charity. The Mother Teresa Group is delighted with the generous response so far from the congregation and for the contents of the boxes. The boxes will go to the Mustard Seed Organisation in Eastbourne the following week for despatch to Eastern Europe.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Mon 24th Oct** St Wilfrid's Fundraising Mtg, Parish Room, 7.30pm  
**Wed 26th Oct** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Sat 29th Oct** St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am  
**Sun 30th Oct** St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am  
**Wed 2nd Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 4th Nov** St Thomas a Becket Firework Party, 6.30pm onwards  
**Fri 4th Nov** BINGO, St George's Hall, 7pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** St George's Leaven Group Meeting, St G's Hall, 6.15pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm

**St Wilfrid's Fund Raising Meeting** will be held on Monday 24th October at 7:30pm in the Parish Room, to discuss the Beetle Drive and Bingo social evening. All are welcome.

**All Saints Day/All Souls Day:** Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is All Saints Day and is a Holy Day. Mass will be at St Wilfrid's at 10am and at St George's at 11am. Please make every effort to be at one of these special Masses. Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is All Souls Day and Mass for our communities will be at 10am at St George's. After this Mass Deacon John will bless the graves in St George's Memorial Garden and then at Willingdon Cemetery. Fr Rory will bless the graves at Hailsham Cemetery at about 11am on the same day. All are invited to support the Blessing of the Graves of those who have been members of our communities by being present at one or more of the venues.

**St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival:** On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, St Wilfrid's is celebrating their Harvest Festival, followed by a family get together, where we will be trying vegetarian dishes, planting seeds and making vegetable people and many other things. Everyone is welcome.

**Dr Colin Turle Appeal on behalf of IASIS:** Fr Rory has approved Dr Colin Turle making a short presentation at Sunday Mass for the 23rd October. He will be talking about his work with the Charity IASIS (pronounced I - AS - IS), it is a Greek word meaning to Cure or to Make Whole. There will be a 5 minute introduction in the homily followed by a slide show and presentation during tea & coffee. There will be an opportunity to make financial donations to contribute to the work of IASIS who bring relief and assistance in parts for the world suffering war and natural disasters. Please come and hear first hand accounts of the relief work offered by IASIS and any help would be most gratefully received.

**Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle:** Thursday 3rd November at Christ the King Parish Room (3 Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT) 7pm for 7.30pm - 9pm. Street Pastors, Why biblical? Speaker: Michael Ensor, County Councillor and member of Bexhill Street Pastors Team. All welcome. For further information please contact either, Dr Edward & Barbara Echlin 01424 219788, Alex 07957 632208, Kim 07786 926287.

#### COLLECTIONS: (15th/16th Oct)

<b>St George's</b>	£177.02
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£221.65
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 143 St G's 78	

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

#### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 15th October**  
No: 53  
Angela Peterson

**Wed 12th October**  
No:  
No Winner