

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.**

Cf. Ps 27: 8-9

**THE COLLECT**

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love your holy name,  
for you never deprive of your guidance  
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.  
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 Jeremiah  
Jeremiah said:

20:10-13

I hear so many disparaging me,  
"Terror from every side!"  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.

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

**PSALM**

68:8-10.14.17.33-35 R v14

**R) In your great love, answer me, O God.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R)**

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.**  
**Alleluia!**

Jn1:14.12

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Ps 144: 15

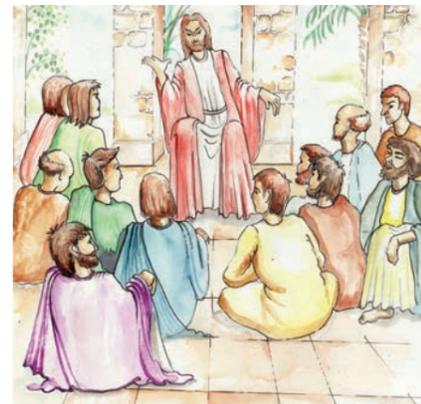
**The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Renewed and nourished  
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,  
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,  
that what we celebrate with constant devotion  
may be our sure pledge of redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Too often our lives are ruled by fear or, more often by worries. Of course it is normal when faced with difficult or painful situations that

we worry or feel afraid of what lies ahead for us, but Jesus wants to assure us that he has everything in hand. It is also natural that we want to do something to make things better or to prevent a difficult situation from becoming worse. But very often we understand that can do very little or nothing to make things better. These are often moments when our faith is seriously tested. Why does God allow this to happen? Why doesn't he intervene in this situation? In today's Gospel Jesus reassures us

that he has everything in his hands and that we should not worry, but entrust it to him. We need to develop the habit of working in 'tandem' with the Lord. In other words, I do what I can in a given situation and then entrust it to him. And every time I start to feel worried, I must offer it to him again, in the certain knowledge that he will look after that person, that family member, that friend who is suffering. God is our Father and he loves those who are dear to us infinitely more than we do.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)**

### II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY PASTORAL WORKERS *No to selfishness and spiritual sloth*

83. And so the biggest threat of all gradually takes shape: "the gray pragmatism of the daily life of the Church, in which all appears to proceed normally, while in reality faith is wearing down and degenerating into small-mindedness".<sup>63</sup>

63 J. Ratzinger, The Current Situation of Faith and Theology. Conference given at the Meeting of Presidents of Latin American Episcopal Commissions for the Doctrine of the Faith, Guadalajara, Mexico, 1996. Translation in L'Osservatore Romano, English Language Edition, 6 November 1996. Cf. Fifth General Conference of the LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN BISHOPS, Aparecida Document, 29 June 2007, 12.



## Holiness for Everyone\*

### Inner and Outer Humility

To receive the gifts God wants to give us our hearts must be emptied of all vainglory. Christ and his Mother are the greatest exemplars of humility. It is a virtue more prized by God than all the others. Some people are proud because of the number of expensive possessions they have, or because of their physical beauty or superior education. ... They tell us nothing about the worth of the person at all.

The same goes for how we look or the talents we are endowed with. It is mistake to seek after and overvalue such things. They are no indication of the goodness or otherwise of the person concerned. Material possessions are not wrong in themselves, but to think that our worth depends on them is to be gravely mistaken.

Real humility is interior. It does not mean denigrating ourselves, but thanking God for what we have been given and appreciating God's goodness and mercy towards us who so often fail - It is amusing to see people putting themselves down in conversation, then becoming furious if others agree that they are less than perfect!

Live truthfully, valuing yourself and your gifts, but not overvaluing them as if you were responsible for your own goodness. Embrace difficulties with a humble heart and they will soon taste sweeter than honey.

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	24th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Mary Brown RIP <b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(Special Collection Today for Peter's Pence)</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation (SS Peter and Paul) on Thursday</b>
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - James McGrath RIP
Mon	26th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	27th	10.00am	St George's - Bill Sawford RIP
Wed	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Hugh Reilly RIP
Thur	29th	10.00am	St George's - <b>Holy Day SS Peter and Paul</b> Rosanna Paily RIP
Fri	30th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	1st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of the Holy Spirit <b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(Special Collection next Sunday for The Apostleship of the Sea)</b>
Sun	2nd	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - David O'Grady 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 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) 832577  
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, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Brian Winter, 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](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

## Fr Rory Writes:

Most important to us:-

# A Special Event

Healing Service at 3pm at St George's Church, Polegate, Sunday 9th July.

For many years one of the most important events of the year is the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. At the heart of this is our care for the sick, disabled and housebound. Each year every parish is expected to celebrate Mass in conjunction with this special effort and we are asked to encourage the housebound to join in this occasion. Teas and refreshments also to be provided. Alongside this we have a special reason to be thankful this year, as one of our students, Benjamin, who provides music at the Saturday evening Mass, will be on this Lourdes' pilgrimage with students from St Richard's. I have asked him to say a few words at the weekend Mass at St Wilfrid's.



Please come to the **Garden Party** at no 3 Broad Road on Wednesday 5th July at 2.30pm. There will be a sales table, cakes, marmalade and jam, and a raffle. We hope you will join us, all monies will go to the Polegate Children with Cancer Fund.

**St George's Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** – please collect your rotas which are at the back of the church.

Back by popular demand at St George's Church Hall, **The Anne Shelton Story** - presentation by her niece, Kelly Richards. This will take place on Sunday 20th August at 3.00pm followed by a vintage tea party. Tickets at £5.00 per person available soon.

### ENCOUNTER EVENING (FOR 15-30s), ST MARY MAGDALENE'S, BEXHILL, FRIDAY 30th JUNE, 7PM

Come and find out why so many young adults from all over the Diocese are getting involved in the ENCOUNTER programme! A chance for young Catholics to enjoy their faith and make some friends in a friendly, relaxed environment. The evening starts at 7 and includes food, music, adoration, and an inspiring talk. This will be the second event in East Sussex. The guest speaker this time is Jane Ireland. Jane is from Bognor Regis, has worked with the Wellspring Community in Brighton, and is currently working in university chaplaincy in Canterbury. If you haven't been to ENCOUNTER before, or if you don't have anyone to go with, don't worry. Our welcome team will look after you! For more information search 'Catholic ENCOUNTER' on Facebook. Friday 30th, 7-9pm at St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill.

### Our Lady of Fatima Centenary celebrations at Arundel Cathedral. Saturday 1st July.

As part of the celebrations to mark the 100 years since the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta Marto and Francisco Marto (recently canonized by Pope Francis), are travelling around the country. They visit Arundel Cathedral on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The entrance Procession is starting at 10.30am with Mass at 11am on 1<sup>st</sup> July. All welcome.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sat 1st July** Summer Fayre, St Thomas a Becket, 11.45am

**Wed 5th July** Garden Party, 3 Broad Road, 2.30pm

**Fri 7th July** St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 6.15pm

**Thurs 13th July** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm

**Sun 20th Aug** Presentation/Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE** for Circus Pazaz Shows at **St Thomas a Becket School** Summer Fayre **Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July**. The one-hour shows will be at 12.15pm, 2pm or 3.45pm, tickets cost £5, under 3s free and available at school office. Gate entry free for those not attending a circus performance. Visitors will enjoy Roaming Circus Performers, dance acts, Fancy Dress Comp, Bar, BBQ, Filipino, Indian & Italian Food, Inflatables/Zorb Football, Raffle, Bottle Tombola (donations welcomed), Face Painting and much more... a fun-filled day for all!

**Power to Be:** Every child has the power to achieve great things. But one in six people live without electricity. This holds children back from reaching their full potential. Join CAFOD's Campaign and speak up for local renewable energy to help families around the world lift themselves out of poverty. Go to [Cafod.org.uk/powertoBe](http://Cafod.org.uk/powertoBe) for more information.

### Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard 2018:

Thursday January 18th - St John's Church, Horsham, Thursday February 8th - St Joseph's Church, Epsom, Thursday February 22nd - St Michael's Church, Worthing, Saturday March 3rd - St John's Seminary, Womersley, Saturday March 10th - St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill. All evenings run from 7pm to 9pm. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** Contact [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org)

### 'Dear Church, can you hear me...?' - Saturday 16 September

A chance for Deaf, and hard of hearing and hearing people to work better together. A conference at Victoria Baptist Church 10am to 2.15pm approx. For anyone who is concerned about making the church welcoming and fully accessible to people who are Deaf or experience hearing loss, whether they are Deaf BSL users or lip readers, hard of hearing or hearing. It would be wonderful to welcome at least one representative from every church. For more information look on the website [www.hellochurch.co.uk/](http://www.hellochurch.co.uk/) or email Daphne Brett on [dmbrett@btinternet.com](mailto:dmbrett@btinternet.com).

### COLLECTIONS: (17th/18th June)

**St George's** £194.89

A Day for Life £65.82

Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £176.50

**St Wilfrid's** £327.51

A Day for Life £TBC

Weekly aver. of DD £204.60

Attendances: St W's 225 St G's 89

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### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 17th June**

No: 42

Chris Jones

**Wed 14th June**

No: 45

Ann Fielder