

GOSPEL REFLECTION



There are some Christians who are very strongly opposed to dialogue with people of other faiths. Why? They say, and it's true, that Jesus says that the only way to the Father (i.e. heaven) is through me. So, they argue, unless people recognise Jesus as Lord, they will not be saved. Today's

Gospel gives the answer to this question. In it Jesus talks about clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, visiting those in prison, etc. There are very many non-Christian people who offer all of these services to their less fortunate fellow humans, and Jesus says that they will be welcomed into the Kingdom. They will be puzzled and will ask: "When did we see you...?" And Jesus will reply: "In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." In other words, they are going to the Father through Jesus, even though were not aware of it. There will be others who think they are going to the Father through Jesus, but whom Jesus will not recognise. Jesus reminds us time and time again that the way to his Kingdom is first and foremost through our love for our brothers and sisters, and not just those belonging to our church, but to everyone we meet.

Knowing How to Lose*

A WITNESS FOR EVERY AGE

In the twelfth century St Bernard said in a famous sermon, 'Today all my high philosophy consists in knowing that Jesus is and that he was crucified.'

And when Bernard set out with his first companions to follow the road God had shown him, choosing God alone through the way of the cross, 'his life with the brethren', as William of St Thierry says, 'was charity ... and those who saw how they loved one another, recognized that God was in them.'

A stream of people hurried to see... whom? God, who in some way was manifesting himself through the mutual love of the monks.

This is the eternal witness which the world today is also waiting for, perhaps more than at any other time. And God provides this witness. For despite what the usual critics of religion say, there is a springtime about to explode in the heart of the Church; in the midst of the Catholic world that is lukewarm and vacillating, in the midst of the Christian world that is still divided, in the world of Islam, and even in the world which is mainly atheist.

And this time the flowering of charity is not among monks, but among people from all walks of life, both young and old, and of every nationality. They love one another as Christ taught them, and flocks of people attracted by God - who lives among these authentic Christians - are again a phenomenon in our century.

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OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

Christ the King (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rv 5:12; 1:6

**How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.**

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

*As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep
and sheep.*

PSALM: Ps. 22:1-3.5-6. R. v1

**R) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **(R)**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **(R)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

I Corinthians 15:20-26.28

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father,
so that God may be all in all.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Mk 11:10
**Blessings on him who comes in the name
of the Lord!**
**Blessings on the coming kingdom of our
father David!**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46
*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and
he will separate men one from another.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 28:10-11
**The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY PASTORAL WORKERS

No to warring among ourselves

100. Those wounded by historical divisions find it difficult to accept our invitation to forgiveness and reconciliation, since they think that we are ignoring their pain or are asking them to give up their memory and ideals. But if they see the witness of authentically fraternal and reconciled communities, they will find that witness luminous and attractive. It always pains me greatly to discover how some Christian communities, and even consecrated persons, can tolerate different forms of enmity, division, calumny, defamation, vendetta, jealousy and the desire to impose certain ideas at all costs, even to persecutions which appear as veritable witch hunts. Whom are we going to evangelize if this is the way we act?

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	25th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Sun	26th	9.00am	St George's - Paddy & Rose Falkner RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Jan Zylewicz RIP
Mon	27th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	28th	10.00am	St George's - Paul & John Bree RIP
Wed	29th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Family & Friends of Judy Davis
Thur	30th	10.00am	St George's - Parents of Nicholas Cooray RIP
Fri	1st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Francis & Charlotte Gaynor RIP
Sat	2nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Our Lady's Intention FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sun	3rd	9.00am	St George's - Mr & Mrs Philip Matthew & Family RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

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 Thomas a Becket Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977 **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 Chairperson of the Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver
Peter Dromgoole

ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753

Hailsham Hall Hire Tel: (01323) 841504 - Mon, Wed, Fri Morning or email at above address

Prayer LineJean Barham Tel: (01323) 842824

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

Contact: Ann Fielder 01323 843361

Contact Care: 07900 823138

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 and Ann Winter.

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:

Once again the Feast of Christ the King. When I came as a priest to Arundel & Brighton, Youth Gather was beginning and was a major event for our Diocese. In my first parishes there was a strong attempt, but not always successful to support this event. After a time I noticed most of the effort and arrangements happened through our schools. This may be understandable in a way of being effective. In recent years I have lost touch because there is not a response through the parishes, so it is difficult to give it a high priority.

This Sunday parish celebrations will reflect the great importance of this Feast of Christ the King. We are hoping to have a very good celebration beginning in the church at St Wilfrid's, becoming much more conscious of a time 2030, when priests will be in short supply. So our emphasis will be how to celebrate our lives of faith, as we wait with hope to celebrate with joy when Jesus will return in great glory. This will be followed by refreshments in our church hall. Please give this the best support you can, so that it will develop and grow through the years.

A priest friend of mine brought to my attention that "www" was a great gift given by Jesus to us 2000 years ago - water, word and worship. So our first focus will be on the water and the graces of our baptismal promises. The Word of God brings to us the truth given to us by God, and the Worship - the power of God alive in us, overcoming the Kingdom of Evil and preparing us for Christ coming again in great glory.



St George's Film Club will make its debut on Sunday 10th Dec at 3 pm at the Church's Hall. We will be showing the film "Miracle at 34th Street" (1947 version) and we'll debate the film afterwards. The Club aims to be a regular fortnightly feature in our parish with the aim of enjoying quality family films and reflecting upon the issues depicted in those films. There will be refreshments offered for sale and all, especially children, are welcome.

Christmas Flowers: There will be a collection on 2nd/ 3rd December for the flowers at St Wilfrid's at Christmas.

Children's Liturgy: Sunday 26th November at 2pm. Alongside our Healing Service the children will have a special event in St Wilfrid's Hall. This event is free and will be very enjoyable. Hope to see you there.

BINGO: The last session this year will be held in St George's Hall on 1st December, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Raffle & refreshments available.

Christmas Party: 3rd December, 3-6pm in St Wilfrid's Hall. Come along and enjoy Father Christmas, Games, Secret Santa, bring and share food. This event is free to all parishioners in both parishes.

Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist is being held on the **2nd December** in St George's Hall. Deacon Eugene Adams from Christ the King is leading the day, which commences at 11.00 am with an anticipated closure at 3.00 pm. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and light snacks will be available. The day has been planned for ministers from both communities.

Love In A Box - St Wilfrid's: The Mustard Seed Relief Mission in Eastbourne is collecting shoe boxes for a child. Details of what to put in the boxes can be found on leaflets left in the church porch. Filled boxes should be placed in the marked box in the porch by Sunday 26th November at the latest. This is such a worthwhile cause, so please support it if you can. Thank you.

Children and their parents who attend **St George's Children's Liturgy** are warmly invited to a Las Posadas Celebration on Friday 15 December at 4pm at the home of Anne and Paul Sullivan. Invitations will be distributed at Children's Liturgy over the coming weeks. Please reply to Anne and Paul.

Lights of Love is being held on **28th November** in St George's Church at 7.00pm. Mulled wine and mince pies follow an evening of celebration led by St Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne. Please do come and support this delightful Pre Christmas event.

St Anne's Trust Collections: The time has come around again for collections to help the homeless. Suggested items: men's & women's new vest/pants, t/shirts, gloves, hats, scarves, socks and toiletries. If you have anything to give, please leave in the porch at both churches, or ring Keith on 507201 or Lucy 506704 for collection. Collecting between 18th Nov - 9th Dec.

First Confession: On Tuesday the 12th December at 7pm at St Wilfrid's, the First Holy Communion candidates will be having their First Confession. Everyone is welcome.

Rehearsal for the St Wilfrid's Nativity Mime is on Friday 22nd December from 10-11:30am, all children wanting to participate in the mime on Christmas Eve please come along to the rehearsal.

The South Downs Singers' Christmas Concert: will be in aid of Children with Cancer in Polegate. Sat 9th December, 3.30pm at St Saviour's Church, South Street, Eastbourne. Tickets £10. each from Clodagh at St Wilfrid's & Shirley at St Georges.

The Christmas Family Mass at St Wilfrid's is at 5:30pm on 24th December, where children will take part in our Nativity Mime.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tue 28th Nov Lights of Love, St George's Church, 7pm
Fri 1st Dec St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm
Fri 1st Dec BINGO, St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start
Sat 2nd Dec Day of Reflection, St George's Hall, 11am-3pm
Sun 3rd Dec Christmas Party, St Wilfrid's Hall, 3pm-6pm
Sun 10th Dec Film Club, St George's Hall, 3pm
Tue 12th Dec 1st Confession, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 15th Dec Posadas Celebration, Anne/Paul Sullivan's Home, 4pm
Fri 22nd Dec Nativity Rehearsal, St Wilfrid's, 10-11.30am

COLLECTIONS: (18th/19th Nov)

St George's	£253.07
Cathedral Maintenance Fund	£58.92
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£272.17
Cathedral Maintenance Fund	£88.46
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 151 St G's 108	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 18th November
No: 11

Cecelia Hyland

Wed 15th November
No: 7

Cecelia Hyland

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