

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3: 31, 29, 20, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

THE COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 Numbers

11: 25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 18: 8, 10, 12-14. R.v9

R) The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R)

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. (R)

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

5: 1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as

your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Cf. Jn 17:17

GOSPEL

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

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

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 Jn 3:16

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



These are strong words of Our Lord that we read in today's Gospel passage, his advice on how to deal with temptation. As we know, it is not advice to be taken literally

– and yet, in a sense it is to be taken literally! Jesus is speaking *literally* of just how important it is, how essential, to stay faithful to him, to be part of his project, to desire his reward. It is essential, he is saying, to stay facing Godwards and, as St Paul urges, to avoid sin "*which clings so closely*". Today there is a tendency either to deny the existence of Hell altogether, or to be sure that because of God's mercy, no-one could possibly go there. Yet Our

Lord, referring to those who might prefer sin to sacrifice or penance, speaks of "*their worm*" and "*their fire*". So the worm and the fire that accompany a person to Hell are the result of their own disordered desires, the person they have made of themselves, self-centred and not Christ-centred. Yet only a "*cup of water*" is asked on Christ's behalf – only the confession of the 'good thief'!

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

III. THE NEW EVANGELIZATION FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF THE FAITH

15 (*cont'd*). John Paul II asked us to recognize that "there must be no lessening of the impetus to preach the Gospel" to those who are far from Christ, "because this is the first task of the Church".¹⁴ Indeed, "today missionary activity still represents the greatest challenge for the Church"¹⁵ and "the missionary task must remain foremost".¹⁶ What would happen if we were to take these words seriously? We would realize that missionary outreach is *paradigmatic for all the Church's activity*. Along these lines the Latin American bishops stated that we "cannot passively and calmly wait in our church buildings";¹⁷ we need to move "from a pastoral ministry of mere conservation to a decidedly missionary pastoral ministry".¹⁸ This task continues to be a source of immense joy for the Church: "Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance" (Lk 15:7).

¹⁴ Encyclical Letter, *Redemptoris Missio* (7 December 1990), 34: AAS 83 (1991), 280.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, 40: AAS 83 (1991), 287.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, 86: AAS 83 (1991), 333.

¹⁷ FIFTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN BISHOPS, *Aparecida Document*, 29 June 2007, 548.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, 370.

Monsignor Bruce Harbert –
Thoughts on today's Mass

Today's Prayer after Communion speaks of the very close relationship that a Christian has with Jesus Christ: whenever we proclaim his death (as we do at Mass) we are united to his suffering. The thought of Jesus hanging in agony on his Cross cannot leave us untouched. This union is a foretaste of the time when we shall be united with him in glory. What delight that hope inspires in us! But between those two times a process must take place: we must be healed, 'restored in mind and body'. Our faults must be purged away until we are ready to share Our Lord's life of glory. This is brought about by 'this heavenly mystery', the Mass, which the liturgy sometimes speaks of as our medicine, administered to us by Our Lord, who is our physician. A poet once spoke of Jesus as 'the wounded surgeon'.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	26th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs V Almeida Intention
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
(Special Collection next Sunday for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (Friday))			
Sun	27th	9.00am	St George's - Dr Chris Intention
(Special Collection for Home Mission)			
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	28th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	29th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Mrs J M McDermott RIP
Wed	30th	10.00am	St George's - Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP
Thur	1st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Gordon Lawley RIP
Fri	2nd	9.30am	St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Fri	2nd	10.00am	St George's - Michael & Philomena O'Regan Intention In Thanksgiving
Sat	3rd	5.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Sat	3rd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
(Special Collection Today for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day)			
Sun	4th	9.00am	St George's - Donor's Intention
		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) 509047
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, Agnes Galt, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Betty O'Hora, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Michael Bradley, Josephine Coleman, Elizabeth Osbourne, John Dodson, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer and Enza Riddiford.

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:

Continued from last week..... "The heart of it all, God is love, let us love one another". Yes, life is hard and I am constantly truly grateful for the gift of wisdom that my Mum gave to me "no cross, no crown". As I listen to people and reflect on my own life experience, these words leave me with the greatest hope. Last Sunday after Mass I had a quiet visit from Jesus in the form of a homeless person. I failed dismally, alongside my niece, now grievously ill, I can be of no comfort to her or her family. We have to persevere despite our failures sustaining our hope through God's promises "those who sow in tears will reap with joy".

As we celebrate the final three Luminous Mysteries, the focus of our lives is not that we are free citizens, but that we are citizens of God's Kingdom and coheirs with Christ to the Kingdom of Heaven. The third Mystery "The Kingdom of God is near", with its fruits in the beatitudes - joy, love, peace - and with the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The fourth Mystery "The Transfiguration". The Gospel of our Lord Jesus reveals the power and majesty of God in overcoming the power of death, sin and evil, and we are called in spite of our own frailties to continue to announce the good news - God's salvation.

The fifth Mystery "The Last Supper - do this in memory of me". The importance of the Last Supper is for it to be seen as food, to be eaten, to give nourishment. As this mystery is being prayed we are surrounded by food as we also celebrate the harvest, showing that we love food and know how important it is to consume it. Yes, the tradition of adoration does belong to our Devine Lord, but we must not lose sight of food being nourishment. So we are blessed at this time by the ministry and ministers of the Eucharist and after Benediction they will exercise their ministry.

Fr Rory

Churches Together, Polegate "Word, Worship and Ministry in the Power of the Holy Spirit" On Saturday, 3rd October, the international evangelist, Graham Jones is visiting Downs Valley Church, Oldfield Road, Willingdon. 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. Tea and coffee is provided, but please bring your lunch. For more information please contact Pastor David Cooke, 486988 or Ken and Lynda Kirkby 489693.

St George's Social Committee would like to thank all those who supported the Vintage Tea Party. It was a sell out which was great, but hard work for the organisers! Thank you to all those who attended, baked cakes and prepared sandwiches. A special thank you to the committee for their hard work. Over £300 was made from the event after expenses and this will be put towards a DVD/Projector and Screen for the hall.

BINGO will take place in St George's Hall on Friday 2nd October in aid of Children with Cancer Fund. Doors open at 7 pm and play commences at 7.30pm. We hope you will join us.

CAFOD have announced that part of the funds collected at the Harvest Fast Day on 4th October will be diverted to help with the more urgent refugee problem. CAFOD is already working in the camps in Lebanon. At present you are invited to take anything from the small table in St George's hall and leave a donation for CAFOD which will be sent off later. Thanks for your generosity so far.

St George's Harvest Festival Mass will take place on Sunday 4th October at 9am.

Tuesday October 6th: 6pm to 8.30pm **St Richard's Catholic College Open Evening.** A welcoming address will be followed by opportunities to talk to staff and see the college.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 30th Sept St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 2nd Oct BINGO for Children with Cancer, St George's Hall, 7pm
Wed 7th Oct St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 14th Oct Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 14th Oct St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm
Wed 14th Oct St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 24th Oct St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am

SOS...The chairs in the Sanctuary need to be recovered to tone with the sanctuary carpet in the new church. We have the chairs (8 of them) and we have the material, but we need an upholsterer to complete the task!! If this is your talent please contact Jean Barham or Ann Fielder. Many thanks.

Prayer: On Sunday Gary, a traveller, came into St Wilfrid's to greet his Lord Jesus Christ. He would be most grateful for our prayers. Let us remember him and all homeless people who have nowhere to go to call home.

St Wilfrid's Hospice: Thanksgiving Service, Sunday 11th October at 3pm. Join us as we reflect on and give thanks for the work of St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Special Party - 27th Sept: Fr Rory has requested that a special Party be organised for 27th Sept. in the Civic Centre, Hailsham, to celebrate the completion of the construction of St Wilfrid's new church. The event is as follows: Children's Event - 2.30-4pm for fun, games and prizes. Welcome drinks and buffet from 3.45pm, from 4pm - Irish Dancing, song and dancing to music by Dom & Flash Company, Presentation - details of our new church, tombola and roll-a-pound. This event is open to all the Parish and friends. Tickets - £10. but families please see Fr Rory. We hope to welcome you there. There will also be a special Service in St Wilfrid's Church, based on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, from 2-3.30pm.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversaries Mass: 12noon on Saturday 17th October at Arundel Cathedral. Booking essential, contact Tel: 01293 651152 or e-mail katherine.bergin:@dabnet.org

COLLECTIONS: (19th/20th September)

St George's
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D £207.12
£176.50

St Wilfrid's
Home Mission Collection £318.25
£129.50
Weekly aver. of DD £204.60
Attendances: St W's 186 St G's 91

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If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:

Sat 19th September
No 22
Margaret Sinnott

Wed 16th September
No 36
Norman South