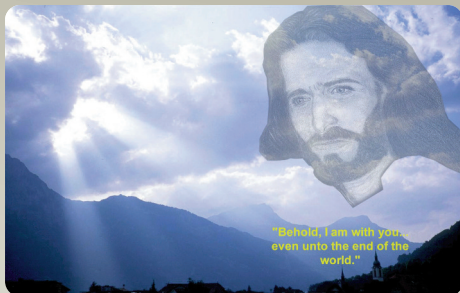


# GOSPEL REFLECTION



The commandments, above all the two referred to by Our Lord in today's Gospel passage, are the 'Maker's instructions' for the right running, the flourishing of his creation. Most people love the work of their own hands; even more so the fruit of their own bodies, their children; and God is the Lover *par excellence*. On God's part, creation was wholly unnecessary; it contributed nothing to God's being or

his beatitude: he always was, he is and he always will be. His happiness or bliss is perfect and always fresh. Creation was a work of pure love for us, a work of generosity: that we might enjoy existence and share finally in his eternal bliss. God loves what he has created. As someone has said recently, he loves "passionately" and his commandments are his love in action, his guidance for our happiness as a 'chosen people'; his instructions in how to love as he loves. But two other facts must be kept in mind: sin and the crucifixion. Sin, the fruit of our weakness of character, making it difficult to keep the commandments; and the crucifixion, the price paid by God's own Son to overcome sin and make our flourishing in accord with God's commandments possible in union with him.

## Knowing How to Lose\*

### IT IS 'HOW' THAT COUNTS

There are days when, humanly speaking, things go better, and days when they go less well. And once again you repeat the happy experience that, in the present life that you are given, it does not matter whether things go well or less well. What matters is how you live, because in that how is charity and this alone gives value to everything.

Those who love God keep his word.

During the day we should constantly remember that we will not take joys or sorrows into Paradise. Even giving our bodies to be burnt, if done without charity, is nothing.

It is the same with works of the apostolate. Even knowing the language of angels, without charity, is worthless.

Also works of mercy. Even giving everything to the poor, without charity, is worthless.

We shall take into Paradise how we have lived all these things; if it has been according to God's word, which enables us to express our charity.

So let us get up happy each day, rain or shine; and let us remember that what will have value in our day is the amount of God's word we have 'assimilated' during it. In this way, Christ will have lived in us during the day and will have given value to the deeds we accomplish, either by our direct participation or by our prayer and suffering. And, at the end, these works will follow us.

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# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## Liturgy

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 104: 3-4  
**Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
 turn to the Lord and his strength;  
 constantly seek his face.**

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 22:20-26  
*If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my  
 anger will flare against you.*

**PSALM:** Ps 17:2-4.47.51. R.v2

**R) I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
 my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
 My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
 my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
 The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
 when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
 Praised be the God who saves me,  
 He has given great victories to his king  
 and shown his love for his anointed. **(R)**

**SECOND READING:** I Thessalonians 1:5-10  
*You broke with idolatry and became servants of  
 God; you are now waiting for his Son.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!** Cf. Acts 16:14  
**Open our hearts, O Lord,  
 to accept the words of your Son.  
 Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:34-40  
*You must love the Lord your God and your  
 neighbour as yourself.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 19: 6  
**We will ring out our joy at your saving  
 help  
 and exult in the name of our God.**

## EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



### II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY PASTORAL WORKERS

#### *No to spiritual worldliness*

96. This way of thinking also feeds the vainglory of those who are content to have a modicum of power and would rather be the general of a defeated army than a mere private in a unit which continues to fight. How often we dream up vast apostolic projects, meticulously planned, just like defeated generals! But this is to deny our history as a Church, which is glorious precisely because it is a history of sacrifice, of hopes and daily struggles, of lives spent in service and fidelity to work, tiring as it may be, for all work is "the sweat of our brow". Instead, we waste time talking about "what needs to be done" – in Spanish we call this the sin of "habriaqueísmo" – like spiritual masters and pastoral experts who give instructions from on high. We indulge in endless fantasies and we lose contact with the real lives and difficulties of our people.

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	28th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Mary Brown RIP <b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(Holy Day of Obligation (All Saints) on Wednesday)</b> <b>(Special Collection Next Sunday for The Retired Priests Fund)</b>
Sun	29th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of O'Rourke Family
Mon	30th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	31st	10.00am	St George's - Joan Lodrick RIP
Tue	31st	11.30am	St Wilfrid's - Requiem Mass for Michael John O'Connell
Wed	1st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - <b>All Saints</b> , Dr Ismay Crotty RIP
Wed	1st	12.00pm	St George's - <b>All Saints</b> , Moira Kelly RIP
Thur	2nd	10.00am	St George's - Special Intention
Fri	3rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Gordon & Sylvia Lawley RIP
Sat	4th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Conleigh Cully RIP <b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(Special Collection Today for The Retired Priests Fund)</b>
Sun	5th	9.00am	St George's - Paul Bree 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 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 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, 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](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

**Fr Rory Writes:**

Special Feast Days: This week we return again to very special celebrations. On Wednesday we celebrate all the saints in heaven, and on Thursday, we commemorate all the Holy Souls. When we were children encouragement to pray for the Holy Souls was immense. Visiting the graves, shrines and churches received great encouragement. This was a time when indulgences were very much part of faith. Prayer and remembrance remain very important things to do.

Recognition of the reality of evil was very much part of this, and after death there is a judgement. This is all very scriptural and I understand why so many find difficulty with religions. One focus that must never be confused is the calling to "do good and avoid evil". That does not mean that evil will avoid you, and that is when our faith truly lived out, is the great blessing.

Last April, members of St Wilfrid's Leaven Group prepared an away day at Worth, in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Fr Raglan was very helpful in facilitating this day, but unfortunately is not available for our next day on Saturday 25th November at Holy Cross; but we do expect that we will have some priests helping us on the day. My Sisters, Mary and Freda, very much appreciated our day at Worth, and I am hoping my brother, Anthony, will be able to join us this time. As there is a limited number of places (about forty), please sign up quickly.

*Fr Rory*

To **St George's Readers – a plea.** Please remember it is your responsibility to check that the microphone is switched on before you start to read/speak and off when the last reader/speaker has finished. Check **before** Mass starts and **at the end. Every time.** The on/off switch is on the barrel of the microphone, within sight. No one else will do it for you!!

**St Thomas A Becket School Annual Fireworks** is this Friday 3rd November, doors open at 6.30pm fireworks at 7.30pm - live band, entertainment and hot food and drinks - tickets available in advance from the school £4 for an individual, £10 for a family of 3, £12 for a family of 4 and £15 for a family of 5.

**Sunday Nov 5th, 2.30-4.30pm** Eastbourne's Remembrance Concert in Words and Music at Our Lady of Ransom. Admission free with a retiring collection for the Armed Forces Charities. The Concert is presented by the Eastbourne Silver Band.

**2030:** There will be two meetings for anyone to give responses to the Bishop's article re 2030. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting primarily, but not exclusively, for anyone over 55 on Tue Nov 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting primarily, but not exclusively, for anyone under 55 on Tue Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30-9pm. The Bishop wants everyone's opinion. Both meetings will be in St George's Hall.

**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.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Thurs 2nd Nov** St G's R/brance Garden Mtg, St G's Hall, After Mass  
**Fri 3rd Nov** Fireworks, St Thomas A Becket School, 6.30pm  
**Sat 4th Nov** St G's Remembrance Garden Mtg, St G's Hall, 11am  
**Tue 7th Nov** Re: 2030, St George's Hall, After Mass  
**Fri 10th Nov** Bingo, St George's Hall, 7 for 7.30pm start  
**Sun 12th Nov** Bereavement Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 3pm  
**Tue 14th Nov** Re: 2030, St George's Hall, 7.30-9pm  
**Tue 21st Nov** 1st Holy Com. Lesson, St Wilfrid's Hall, 5-6pm  
**Sat 25th Nov** Advent Prayer & Prep Day, Holy Cross Priory,  
**Tue 12th Dec** 1st Confession, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 22nd Dec** Nativity Rehearsal, St Wilfrid's, 10-11.30am  
**Sun 24th Dec** Xmas Family Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 5.30pm

**Advent Reflection:** On 25<sup>th</sup> November St Wilfrid's Leaven Group will be leading an advent reflection entitled "I wish it could be Christmas Everyday". This will be taking place at Holy Cross Priory, Cross in Hand, from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The cost will be £20 and includes a two course Festive Lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Sign up sheets for this event are now located at the back of each church, so please let us know if you wish to attend as numbers are limited.

**Next weekend at St Wilfrid's** we are having a second Name Tag Sunday - an opportunity to get to know your fellow worshipers better. Light refreshment will be available after Mass on Sat & Sun, so please make time in your schedule to get to know others better and create new friendships by supporting this initiative.

**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.

**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.

The next **St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion Lesson** is from 5-6pm on the 21st November in the church hall

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

**Blessing of Graves:** The graves in the Memorial Garden at St. George's will be blessed immediately after Mass on Thurs Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. The graves in Willingdon Cemetery will be blessed between 10.45 and 11am on Thurs Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. The graves in Hailsham cemetery will be blessed after the 10am Mass at Hailsham on Wed Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

**COLLECTIONS: (21st/22nd Oct)**

<b>St George's</b>	£196.80
Missio Collection	£154.09
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£332.53
Missio Collection	£90.62
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 174 St G's 83	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	

**Bonus Ball:**

**Sat 21st October**  
 No: 32  
 Jo Roberts

**Wed 18th October**  
 No: 7  
 Cecilia Hyland