

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**THE COLLECT**

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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 second book of the Kings 4:8-11.14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi, his servant, answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said, 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

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

**PSALM**

88:2-3.16-19. R v2

**R) I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the  
heavens. **(R)**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R)**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their  
strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted;  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

Ps 46: 2

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4.8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Open our heart, O Lord,**  
**to accept the words of your Son.**  
**Alleluia!**

cf.Ac16:14

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,**  
**and all within me, his holy name.**

Cf. Ps 102: 1

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Some passages of the Gospel have a very harsh sound to them. The first part of today's Gospel is one such passage. Jesus, who speaks

constantly about love, seems to be castigating us for loving our own family members. What he is actually doing is telling us where our priorities should lie. Love of God is paramount and nothing else should stand in its way. If we 'idolise' other human beings, whether it be a son a daughter, a footballer or film star, then we have got it wrong. Putting other human beings on a pedestal is dangerous not only for us but for those we put there. Only God is worthy of worship. And yet, Jesus, once again

reminds us of the link between loving God and loving our neighbour: "If anyone so much as gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones..." Jesus very much wants us to love others, but in the right way. He wants us to serve them, just as he served them when he was on this earth. If we want to know whether or not we loving others in the 'right' way, we need to ask ourselves the question "Am I prepared to love everyone in the same way?"

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY  
PASTORAL WORKERS****No to selfishness and  
spiritual sloth**

83 (cont'd) A tomb psychology thus develops and slowly transforms Christians into mummies in a museum. Disillusioned with reality, with the Church and with themselves, they experience a constant temptation to cling to a faint melancholy, lacking in hope, which seizes the heart like "the most precious of the devil's potions",<sup>64</sup> Called to radiate light and communicate life, in the end they are caught up in things that generate only darkness and inner weariness, and slowly consume all zeal for the apostolate. For all this, I repeat: Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of the joy of evangelization!

64 G. Bernanos, Journal d'un curé de campagne, Paris, 1974, 135.



## Holiness for Everyone\*

### The Virtue of Gentleness

Jesus calls himself 'gentle and humble of heart' (Matt 11:29). Humility perfects our relationship with God. Gentleness perfects our relationship with our neighbour. It is like the chrism used in Confirmation, which is composed of olive oil mingled with balm. As our hearts are consecrated to Jesus so we should be like him in everything, mingling humility with gentleness.

Gentleness, peace, friendship should permeate all we do. Even if we have to correct someone we should never do so in an angry or violent manner. Anger is never justified. It can so easily turn into revenge or hatred of the other.

We should be gentle too with ourselves, eschewing all harsh judgement of our sins and failings. Much better to be calm and peaceful. Any correction administered with gentleness is far more effective than one administered with passion or anger. We know that with respect to others. Let us apply the same yardstick to ourselves.

Worry is the bane of so many lives. ... Hold fast to God's hand as you work. You know the maxim 'More haste, less speed.' Do one thing at a time and you will do well.

\**Holiness for Everyone* by Elizabeth Ruth Obbard. Published by New City.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon	3rd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	4th	10.00am	St George's - Marie Kelly RIP
Wed	5th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Anna Maria Signorelli
Thur	6th	10.00am	St George's - Wyn Phillips RIP
Fri	7th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Jack Gearing RIP
Sat	8th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention <b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(Special Collection Today for The Apostleship of the Sea)</b>
Sun	9th	9.00am	St George's - Chris Fenn RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Leon Fielder RIP

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 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: (Part 1 of 2)

They came back to give thanks:

At St George's church last Sunday, as a very important part of receiving First Holy Communion, the children returned to give thanks. In the Gospels, Jesus has made it very clear "This is working for God, Belief". Believing in "The one whom God has sent". As part of our churches response, through the many ages it has continued to express this. From the beginning the focus of response is for adult catechesis, but through the ages because of infant baptism and annual preparations for First Holy Communion is provided. Last Sunday, this was expressed very clearly for each recipient in the prayer that they made. I promised to put them in this window, so that in a quiet moment, each of us may make these prayers during a special moment. The first prayer was from Grace Fitzpatrick:

Act of Faith

Oh Jesus I believe that I have received your flesh to eat and your blood to drink, because you have said it, and your word is true. All that I have, all that I am are your gift, and now you have given me yourself.

Act of Love

Jesus I love you with all my heart. You know that I love you, and wish to love you daily more and more.

Act of Thanksgiving

My Jesus, I thank you with all my heart. How good, how kind you are to me. Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

From St Wilfrid's, a great collective thank you to Teresa Bradley for incredible effort, a large amount of time, but most important, determination, and with the help of a great team a wonderful occasion was shared by many. I had to leave to visit a friend who is grievously ill, please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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.

**St George's Hall tea and coffee makers** - an incident occurred on Thursday morning where a lady was locked in the hall after going to use the toilet. Please could those who kindly do the teas and coffee after Mass ensure that the hall is empty before locking up. Thank you.

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.

### 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, Wonersh, 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)<mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**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  
**Thurs 10th Aug** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Sun 20th Aug** Presentation/Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm

**A Big Thank You:** to all who helped and supported the United Nations Lunch. We raised a grand total of £1152.00. Thank you from the Social Committee and from our Parish Community. Also, a great thank you to the Social Committee who continue to provide a great service, so very, very helpful to our parish.

BE THE FIRST TO LOVE Chiara Lubich  
'Founder of the Focolare Movement'

As with the passing of time her fame for holiness continues to increase....." So said, presiding Bishop Martinelli, introducing the call for Chiara's beatification and canonisation last year. Pope Francis sent a message in which he urged "to make known to the people of God the life and works of one who.....has lit a new light for the church on the path to Unity".

The young teacher Chiara, looking around at the devastation of her native city of Trent during the 2nd World War, took the line from the scriptures "May they all be one....." to guide her life's work which unfolded in an unimaginable way. Never has her injunction.....Be the first to love....been more needed. Come and hear her story in Our Lady of Ransom Church hall in a DVD called "Stream of Light" after morning Mass on Sat. July 8th. For more info. Contact Hanora Desmond 01323 490721 or [Hanora.desmond@talk21.com](mailto:Hanora.desmond@talk21.com)

### COLLECTIONS: (24th/25th June)

<b>St George's</b>	£179.03
Peter's Pence	£52.75
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£241.15
Peter's Pence	£138.67
A Day for Life	£133.83
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 125 St G's 84	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	

### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 24th June**  
No: 24  
Margaret Forde

**Wed 21st June**  
No: 48  
Margaret Forde