

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Est 4: 17

**Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.**

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

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

**PSALM**

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R.v9

**R) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! 1Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 17:5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Lam 3: 25

**The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



In seeking to gain a fuller understanding of the mercy of God in this jubilee year, and in trying to present the Faith to the world in a way that speaks

ever more eloquently of that same mercy, the words of St Paul in today's epistle ring in our ears with urgent rhythm and persistent harmony: "Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord...Bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News...Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me...You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us." In today's Gospel the Lord teaches

us that even faith is a gift of God's mercy. The Collect describes how God's mercy exceeds all our merits and prayers, just as last week's Collect reassured us that God's almighty power is most clearly manifested when He shows mercy and pardons. What consolation to know and experience the unfailing mercy of God, who spared not His only-begotten Son, in order to share His life with us.

**HERE AND NOW****The Train Of Time**

At the beginning of our community, the Focolare, we were in constant danger of losing our lives, because we were not adequately sheltered during the air raids. So when the question arose as to when we had to do God's will in order to love him, we immediately understood that the answer was: now – right now. For we did not know if we would still be alive later.

The only time in our possession was the present moment. The past was already gone, and we did not know if the future would ever come. We used to say: the past no longer exists; let's entrust it to God's mercy. The future is not yet here. By living the present, we will also live the future well when it becomes present.

We realized how foolish it was to live in the past, which will never return, or in the future, which may never come and which, in any case, is unpredictable.

We took the example of riding on a train. Just as a traveller remains seated and would not think of walking up and down the aisle in order to get to the destination sooner, so we had to remain in the present. The train of time moves ahead on its own.

Living the present, one moment after another, we will one day reach that decisive moment upon which our eternity depends.

*Here and Now: Meditations on Living in the Present* by Chiara Lubich and published by New City

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****No to the new idolatry of money**

56 (*cont'd*) Debt and the accumulation of interest also make it difficult for countries to realize the potential of their own economies and keep citizens from enjoying their real purchasing power. To all this we can add widespread corruption and self-serving tax evasion, which have taken on worldwide dimensions. The thirst for power and possessions knows no limits. In this system, which tends to devour everything which stands in the way of increased profits, whatever is fragile, like the environment, is defenseless before the interests of a deified market, which become the only rule.



# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	1st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention <b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(Special Collection next Sunday for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (Friday))</b>
Sun	2nd	<b>9.00am</b>	St George's - Special Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP
Mon	3rd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	4th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Christopher Karavioty RIP
Wed	5th	10.00am	St George's - Olivia & Anthony Gaynor RIP
Wed	5th	6.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Devotions
Thur	6th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Grace Verrall RIP
Fri	7th	9.30am	St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Fri	7th	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	8th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Winifred & Daniel Doyle RIP <b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(Special Collection Today for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (Friday))</b>
Sun	9th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Norma & Angela Wright RIP
<i>1st Friday 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) 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) 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, Irene Boulstridge, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford, Dorothy Hanlon and Brian Winter.

**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:**

Back on the horizon. Last week I brought to your attention the two special months to come. October with devotions to the Holy Rosary; November - the month of the Holy Souls. Following this the Great Feast of Christ the King, which has been recently introduced. I have always said that one day it will be by far the greatest feast of all, indeed the climax of our lives, when Christ will come in glory. Devotions on Wednesday this week had its focus upon the refrain from hymn 169 "Fear not, rejoice and be glad, the Lord hath done a great thing; hath poured out his Spirit on humankind, on those who confess his name".

Yet in contrast with this, after forty years of being a priest I have to confess to being very sad and disappointed. We hear reference in the scriptures "to reading the signs of the times", then we are faced with the closure of all the seminaries in Ireland and indeed the religious orders, and convents, the lack of convents, an acknowledgement that many have their children baptized to get into the catholic schools. It is a sad state when our lives could be such a living witness to what people claim. Equally honest, I am extremely grateful to those who do such sterling work for our parish communities. A special thank you for the family barbeque at St Wilfrid's and the Vintage Tea at St George's. Like our devotions, we can only continue to offer the opportunities, please God, that they maybe blessed and prosper.

*Fr Rory*

**Christmas Cards** will be on sale at the back of St George's church this weekend.

**St Wilfrid's Thanksgiving Service at the Hospice**, Sunday 9th October 3 pm.

**Big Charity Concert, Royal Hippodrome**, Friday 7th October 7.30 pm.

**Milk bottle tops:** Another shopping trolley full of tops was taken to the EDGH today and received with profuse thanks. Please keep them coming.

**Newman Association AGM** to be held at Our Lady of Ransom Parish, starting with mass and after a brief AGM there will be lunch and drinks. All welcome. Monday 10th October 2016.

**Bingo:** 7th October in St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start, all proceeds to Polegate Charity, Children with Cancer Fund.

**Holy Communion at St George's:** for any children who are seven now or next year, it is time to receive instruction for Holy Communion which will start in the new year 2017. Please get in touch with Fr Rory or myself Cathy Hollingdale.

**Saturday October 15th:** 6.45pm for 7.15pm. Redshirt Annual Quiz in the Parish Centre. Tickets £6 each on sale after Mass next Sunday or from the Parish Office, or please ring Berni 647661 or Maura 430532. Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

**DABCEC - 15th October, 2016:** 10am-3.30pm, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley. £5 registration. Bring your own lunch. A day of reflection on the Scriptures, sharing in prayer, of meeting others and learning about Lectio Divina. For more info/register contact 07979 180859 or email LCSBbookings@gmail.com

**Mahatma Gandhi 1869-1948:**  
"Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening".

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Wed 5th Oct** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 7th Oct** Bingo, St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start  
**Wed 12th Oct** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Wed 12th Oct** St George's Leaven Grp Mtg, St George's Hall, 6.15pm  
**Wed 12th Oct** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 19th Oct** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm

**St Wilfrid's Car Park:** Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October, St Wilfrid's car park will be closed due to the tree surgeons carrying out their contract to remove the tree. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

**Monster Table Sale:**

St Wilfrid's Church, Saturday 8th October, 9am to 3pm. Bargains galore, reasonable prices. Light refreshments available

A great opportunity to visit our new church.

**Grandparents Day:** St Richard's - 6th October 2016. On Thursday 6th Oct we invite all Grandparents into St Richard's to celebrate Grandparents week in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. The day will begin at 9.30am and consist of Mass followed by refreshments and then our pupils will then take you on tour of the school concluding at 12.45pm. If you would like to attend please ask your grandchild to collect a letter from Jo in the Chaplain's Office or contact Jo directly on 07424 713170 Ext 126 or missdoylej@strichardscc.com

**St Wilfrid's Rosary:** Come and join us for the Rosary at St Wilfrid's on Tuesdays and Thursdays before Mass. There are leaflets "How to Pray the Rosary" in the church porch - and help yourself to a Rosary.

**In Their Shoes - A teenage retreat for the Year of Mercy: October 28th -30th.** If you are in school years 10-13, you are invited to the come away for a weekend to Worth Abbey! The weekend will be made up of inspirational talks around the theme of mercy, small group discussions, games, yummy food, friendship and the opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside around Worth Abbey. For more information contact [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net)

**COLLECTIONS: (24th/25th Sept)**

**St George's** £TBC  
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £176.50

**St Wilfrid's** £263.68  
Weekly aver. of DD £204.60

Attendances: St W's 171 St G's TBC  
**Thank you for your continued generosity**  
 If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

**Bonus Ball:**

**Sat 24th September**  
No: 42  
Chris Jones

**Wed 21st September**  
No: 43  
Mary Harrington