

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

Cf. Ps 37: 22-23

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
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 Wisdom

11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain  
of dust that tips the scales,  
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.  
Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things  
and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.  
Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of  
what you have made in abhorrence,  
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.  
And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,  
how be conserved if not called forth by you?  
You spare all things because all things are yours,  
Lord, lover of life,  
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.  
Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,  
you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,  
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

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

**PSALM**

Ps 144:1-2.8-11.13-14. R.cf. v1

**R) I will bless your name for ever,  
O God my King.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. **(R)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. **(R)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the  
Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call,  
and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete  
all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way  
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you  
in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get  
excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any  
letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord  
has already arrived.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Lk 19:38  
**Blessings on the King who comes  
in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest heavens!  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 19:1-10

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

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a  
man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he  
was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was  
anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too  
short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and  
climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was  
to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up  
and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I  
must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and  
welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what  
was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they  
said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord,  
'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if  
I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the  
amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to  
this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the  
Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,  
become for you a pure oblation,  
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 15: 11

**You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the working of your power, O Lord,  
increase in us, we pray,  
so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,  
we may be prepared by your gift  
for receiving what they promise.  
Through Christ our Lord.



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Conversion is both a moment and  
a lifetime. It is a definitive instance,  
as well as a lifelong commitment,  
in which a person turns away from  
sin towards God. In the end, it  
makes little difference whether

Zacchaeus has already decided,  
prior to Jesus' appearance, or has  
decided only now in actually  
meeting Jesus, to give generously  
to the poor and repay those he  
has defrauded. Either way the  
salvific element comes from  
acceptance of Christ Jesus the  
Lord. The changes of behaviour  
Zacchaeus undertakes may indeed  
mean he is no longer a sinner by  
the standards of his  
contemporaries, but it is his  
generosity and open-heartedness  
towards the Lord, his  
responsiveness to Christ's

invitation, that saves him from his  
attachment to material possessions  
and enables him to sit at table  
with the Lord. Notice the  
invitation comes first from Christ,  
who extends supernatural  
hospitality to Zacchaeus. Then,  
Zacchaeus, through his acceptance  
of Christ and change of life,  
welcomes salvation to his entire  
household. A rich man, a tax  
collector, Zacchaeus is radically  
changed and saved by Christ, who  
is always willing to cross  
boundaries in order to reach out  
to those in need of His mercy.

**Stay Awake**

There are times in our life in which we treasure every moment.  
For example, we might anxiously follow every move and glance,  
every word and longing, of a loved one close to eternal life. We  
value this final passage of life, because we are before death.  
Eternity, in fact, gives true meaning to time.

Maybe we should treasure every moment of our life in this  
way. We should seize the present moment, live it in love for  
God, and thus make it eternal.

*'Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the  
hour.'* (Mt. 25:13)

Sometimes God urges us to live in a constant 'supernatural'  
attitude. When we live in absolute uncertainty as regards  
plans, journeys, our health and our future, we return to the  
only thing that is truly real: living the present moment before  
God, knowing and willing only what God would have us know  
and will. This is why we need to be watchful, as Jesus has  
commanded us, since we know neither the day nor the hour  
of his coming – of his every coming, we might add.

He always comes, in each moment, in his will, which may  
appear either sad or beautiful to our eyes, but in which we  
always encounter God himself, his love.

Being watchful means that we have our feet on the ground,  
the 'ground' of the heavenly kingdom, which we can and  
should experience already in this life. On this ground, there is  
no danger of falling into sin, illusions, delusions or anxiety.

*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 inequality which spawns violence**

59. Today in many places we hear a call for  
greater security. But until exclusion and  
inequality in society and between peoples are  
reversed, it will be impossible to eliminate  
violence. The poor and the poorer peoples are  
accused of violence, yet without equal  
opportunities the different forms of aggression  
and conflict will find a fertile terrain for growth  
and eventually explode. When a society –  
whether local, national or global – is willing to  
leave a part of itself on the fringes, no political  
programmes or resources spent on law  
enforcement or surveillance systems can  
indefinitely guarantee tranquility. This is not the  
case simply because inequality provokes a  
violent reaction from those excluded from the  
system, but because the socioeconomic system  
is unjust at its root.



# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Holy Day of Obligation (All Saints) on Tuesday) (Special Collection next Sunday for The Retired Priests Fund)

Sat	29th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Mary Brown RIP
Sun	30th	9.00am	St George's - Billy Kelly RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	31st	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	1st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - <b>All Saints</b> - Michael Bradley RIP
Tue	1st	11.00am	St George's - <b>All Saints</b> - Peter & Enid Andrews RIP, Blessing of Graves
Wed	2nd	10.00am	St George's - <b>All Souls</b> - Geoff and Audrey Redford RIP
		11.00am	St Wilfrid's - <b>All Souls</b> - Blessing of Graves at Hailsham Cemetery
Wed	2nd	6.30pm	St Wilfrid's - <b>All Souls</b> - Devotions
Thur	3rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Mr F B Winter RIP
Fri	4th	10.00am	St George's - Flora De Sousa RIP
Sat	5th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Brown & Quinlan Deceased Family Members

#### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for The Retired Priests Fund)

Sun	6th	9.00am	St George's - Muriel McHugo RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
		3.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Bereavement Mass Support Group

**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.**

**Deacon John Writes:**

Next weekend will see the beginning of November, the month which is perhaps associated in our minds with bonfires and Guy Fawkes. On a more sombre and personal note, it is also the month in which we remember those who have died. We start with All Saints on November 1<sup>st</sup> and then with All Souls on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mass will be at St George's at 10am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be followed by blessing of the graves in the Memorial Garden at St George's and then at Willingdon Cemetery at about 11am by Deacon John. Fr Rory will bless the graves at Hailsham Cemetery at about 11am. Our prayers for those who have died, especially our own loved ones, serve to console ourselves and enable us to connect with them and to share a continuing warm comforting presence with them. May they all rest in peace.

*Deacon John*

### Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests

At present, we have 32 retired priests cared for by the Diocese. They have each given many decades of service to the people in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Although a priest "retires" from parish duties he is still in ministry and may, if he wishes, assist parishes with his services.

We want to help our retired priests to live independent lives for as long as possible. So the Diocese provides accommodation and pastoral care. As time goes on a retired priest, like any other aging person, may require more and more assistance to continue living at home. The Diocese ensures he receives all necessary personal and pastoral care. Eventually he may need to move to a residential or nursing home. The Diocese helps locate suitable accommodation.

Caring for the elderly, we all know, is costly but is something we do not want to skimp on. In 2014, the Diocese spent £253,000 on our retired priests. So please help by giving generously to the Retired Priests collection. Your donation can also be Gift Aided and the tax rebate benefits your parish.

### THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your contributions to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel and help heal the broken-hearted. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples.

**St Thomas a Becket Schools' Firework Party:** Friday 4th November. Gates open at 6.30pm, fireworks at 7.30pm. Advance tickets (priced at £4 each, family of 3 £10, family of 4 £12, Family of 5 £15) from the school office or Ashprint (22 South St). £5 each on the gate (subject to availability). Featuring live music by 'South Rhythm Trio', children's entertainer, mini disco, fun fair, food and drink. Hosted by 'Friends of St Thomas a Becket', charity number 1165762.

**BINGO:** St George's Hall, Friday 4th November at 7pm for 7.30pm start. All welcome.

**Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle:** Thursday 3rd November at Christ the King Parish Room (3 Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT) 7pm for 7.30pm - 9pm. Street Pastors, Why biblical? Speaker: Michael Ensor, County Councillor and member of Bexhill Street Pastors Team. All welcome. For further information please contact either, Dr Edward & Barbara Echlin 01424 219788, Alex 07957 632208, Kim 07786 926287.

**Important Notice for St George's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** If you have borrowed a pyx from the safe, please return this as soon as you can. There is presently a shortage of pyxes for those asked without warning to take Communion to the sick or housebound. Many thanks.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sun 30th Oct** St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am  
**Wed 2nd Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 4th Nov** St Thomas a Becket Firework Party, 6.30pm onwards  
**Fri 4th Nov** BINGO, St George's Hall, 7pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** St George's Leaven Group Meeting, St G's Hall, 6.15pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Fri 18th Nov** Beetle Drive/Bingo Social Evening, St W's Hall, 7.30pm

**All Saints Day/All Souls Day:** Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is All Saints Day and is a Holy Day. Mass will be at St Wilfrid's at 10am and at St George's at 11am. Please make every effort to be at one of these special Masses. Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is All Souls Day and Mass for our communities will be at 10am at St George's. After this Mass Deacon John will bless the graves in St George's Memorial Garden and then at Willingdon Cemetery. Fr Rory will bless the graves at Hailsham Cemetery at about 11am on the same day. All are invited to support the Blessing of the Graves of those who have been members of our communities by being present at one or more of the venues.

**St Wilfrid's Beetle Drive/Bingo Social Evening:** To be held in the main hall on Friday 18th November at 7:30pm. This is primarily a social occasion, not so much emphasis on fund raising, although there is a small charge for tickets and there will be a raffle! Tickets will be on sale at next weekend's masses at £3 for adults, children free. Light refreshments will be available but bring your own food/drink if anything more substantial (or alcoholic) required.

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

#### COLLECTIONS: (22nd/23rd Oct)

<b>St George's</b>	£224.19
Missio Collection	£98.05
CAFOD	£70.00
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£328.45
Missio Collection	£286.01
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 141 St G's 90	
<i>Thank you for your continued generosity</i>	

#### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 22nd October**

No: 23  
Karl Jung

**Wed 19th October**

No: 12  
Susan Oates