

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Ps 105:47

THE COLLECT

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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 Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19
In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you —
it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM**R) My lips will tell of your help.**

Ps. 70:1-6.15.17.R.v15

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. **(R)**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R)**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **(R)**

My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R)**

SECOND READING (Shorter form)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13:4-13

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready

to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge — for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.]

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 14:5
**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

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

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these; he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, we bring to your altar
these offerings of our service:
be pleased to receive them, we pray,
and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

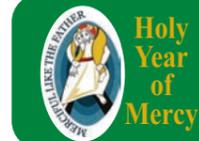
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

**Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Of all the gifts of God the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love are the highest; and of these love is at the summit. These virtues are the life of God within the

human soul, man's participation in the divine nature. "They have the One and Triune God for their origin, motive and object." (CCC para 1812) This unfathomable gift of God's love for man is spiritual in nature. There is nothing of the material or earthbound in them. The old entitlements to God's favour - race, class, place of birth - have passed away. Only grace remains, that is, God's free gift of Himself offered to man upon the

cross of Calvary. In today's Gospel, Our Lord draws a comparison between Himself and the prophets Elijah and Elisha, who had to go out from among the Jews to bring God's loving mercy to us. Likewise, Jesus is not sent to the Jews alone, but to all who are willing to accept Him, precisely because what He offers is not of this world (land, prosperity, an earthly kingdom), but is something that never comes to an end — love, His love.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)**II. PASTORAL ACTIVITY AND CONVERSION**

An ecclesial renewal which cannot be deferred

32 (cont'd) The Second Vatican Council stated that, like the ancient patriarchal Churches, episcopal conferences are in a position "to contribute in many and fruitful ways to the concrete realization of the collegial spirit".³⁶ Yet this desire has not been fully realized, since a juridical status of episcopal conferences which would see them as subjects of specific attributions, including genuine doctrinal authority, has not yet been sufficiently elaborated.³⁷ Excessive centralization, rather than proving helpful, complicates the Church's life and her missionary outreach.

³⁶ SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*, 23. 30

³⁷ JOHN PAUL II, Motu Proprio *Apostolos Suos* (21 May 1998): AAS 90 (1998), 641-658.

Monsignor Bruce Harbert – Thoughts on today's Mass

Today we pray after Communion that through our reception of the Sacrament 'true faith may ever increase'. We speak of faith in two ways - the content of what we believe, expressed in the Creed, and our inner, trusting adherence to God. So which kind of faith did the author of this prayer have in mind? I think the prayer is using 'faith' in both senses at once. It asks God to increase the number of those who accept the truth of Christian teaching, which will only happen if Christians live out their missionary vocation to spread the truth of the Gospel. It also asks that believers may have an ever deeper and more sincere attachment to God. Thus, receiving Holy Communion fosters both the missionary and the contemplative vocation of every Christian, enabling us to grow in holiness, and becoming more and more our 'help to eternal salvation', as the prayer says.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	30th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Francis & Charlotte Gaynor RIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
(Special Collection Next Sunday for The Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund)			
Sun	31st	9.00am	St George's - Joseph & Rose Falkner RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	1st	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	2nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Catenian Intention
Wed	3rd	10.00am	St George's - Marie Anne Simpson RIP
Thur	4th	11.30am	St Wilfrid's - Requiem Mass for Eileen Crisford RIP
Fri	5th	9.30am	St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Fri	5th	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	6th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
(Special Collection Today for The Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund)			
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence. Lenten Alms			
Sun	7th	9.00am	St George's - Special Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
		<i>1st Friday of the month: 9.30am</i>	<i>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 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, Elizabeth Osbourne, John Dodson, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford and Vera Almeida.

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:

As I am away on my post Christmas break, Jackie will bring to your attention two appeals on the horizon that deserve our attention. One is for CAFOD, which is always an important part of our giving. The other, as part of the family that is our Diocese the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage. They are both worthy of our support.

Fr Rory

CAFOD

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 10th February and from that date until Ascension Sunday 8th May, all money raised for CAFOD in our communities will be matched by the government £1 for £1. It is the third time this has happened and of course the government donation has already been paid in taxation.

The funds this year will help ensure safe water and good hygiene practice in some of the poorest villages in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zimbabwe as well as other countries around the world. This should enable girls to go to school instead of collecting water, and in turn encourage young men to remain in their own countries rather than make hazardous journeys to Europe. The Lent Fast Day will be Fri 19th Feb, so whatever we give then will be doubled. Also, if you wish to collect coins in any container and hand to Pip at St Wilfrid's and Ellen at St George's, that would be most welcome. Thank you all in advance for your generosity.

Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Pilgrimage Trust was created to help contribute towards the cost of any sick or disabled pilgrim, and those helpers who care for them, who lack the necessary funds to go to Lourdes. A small amount of funds donated in future will also be used to nurture our young leaders, so that they develop and are able to take on more responsibility. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Lenten Devotions To enable us to prepare hearts and minds for Easter, **St. George's Church** will be holding Liturgical Services during Lent on **Friday evenings at 7.00 p.m.**, commencing on the 12th February. The Services will comprise readings, psalms and prayers with Holy Communion. They provide the ideal opportunity to reflect on the events leading up to Holy Week and our celebration of the Risen Christ. Both communities are warmly welcome.

Lenten Lunches – St George's Church hopes to provide a light lunch of soup and bread on Fridays during Lent, at 12.00. Numbers have declined in the last few years, but the lunches provide a valuable opportunity to raise money for CAFOD and Children's Charities whilst meeting with your friends. Home-made soup will be on offer, with good bread and butter. Menus will be posted each week. To ensure success, (and sufficient supplies!) please put your name on the list in the porch, or phone Margaret 01323 870990.

George Barham RIP: George's funeral will be held at Eastbourne Crematorium at 3.15pm on Tuesday 9th February. Jean and the family would like those who are able to attend the service to join them following the service to celebrate George's life at "The Farm" on Friday Street, Langney.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Children's First Confession will be held at St Wilfrid's Church on 1st March at 7pm.

1st Communion Mass at St Wilfrid's will be at the 10:30am Mass on 22nd March.

St Wilfrid's Quiz Night is being held in The Hall on Friday 12th February - 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are on sale after Mass £5 adults, children under 16 free.

Kara's Cleaning Service - Domestic Housework: If you need help with your housework my daughter, Kara FitzGerald, has started up her own business in the Polegate and Willingdon area. Kara provides a friendly and reliable service offering very competitive rates. Please contact Kara on 07476 664660. Thank you, Mark FitzGerald (Altar Server).

Wednesday Bonus Ball: Please check the list in St Wilfrid's Church porch for bonus ball renewal's. Thank you.

Date change for St George's Vintage Tea Party: Apologies, but we have realised that this was scheduled during Lent, so we are re-arranging for sometime in April when it will be a celebration of HM the Queen's 90th birthday. More details nearer the time.

Bonus Ball: There are lots of numbers available for both the Saturday and Wednesday Bonus Ball. Anyone interested in one please see Bill or Mick. Thank you.

BI Mother Teresa Group Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th February, St George's Hall at 2.30pm.

Stations of the Cross: Starting on Sun 14th February, Stations of the Cross will be held at 3pm at St George's each Sunday during Lent, with the exception of Sun 6th March, Mothering Sunday. Stations of the Cross can be a very meaningful preparation leading up to the services of Holy Week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 3rd Feb St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 10th Feb BI Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 10th Feb St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Hall, 6.15pm
Wed 10th Feb St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 12th Feb St Wilfrid's Quiz Night, St Wilfrid's Hall, 7.15pm
Tue 1st March Sacrament of Reconciliation/1st Confession, St W's

COLLECTIONS: (23rd/24th Jan)

St George's	£289.40
Radical Justice Collection	£52.22
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£271.06
Radical Justice Collection	£82.27
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 180 St G's 102	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 23rd January
 No: 24
 Margaret Forde

Wed 20th January
 No: 14
 Fr Rory