

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

Ps 69: 2, 6

THE COLLECT

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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 Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities.
All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and
successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has
not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for
what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has
undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his
cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 89:3-6.12-14.17.R.v1

**R) O Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.**

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R)**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R)**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you
must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is,
sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly
things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have
died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But
when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be
revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to
earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and
especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false
god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your
old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self
which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is
renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is
no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the
circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and
Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is
everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Jn 17:17
**Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

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

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give
me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who
appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then
he said to them, 'Watch and be on your guard against avarice of
any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns,
even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who,
having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself,
'What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.'
Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns
and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in
them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good
things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat,
drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This very
night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of
yours, whose will it be then?' So it is when a man stores up
treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight
of God.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Wis 16: 20

**You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Avarice is dangerous. It is also
known as greed, and
sometimes covetousness,
although the latter crosses
over into the territory of envy,

another one of the seven
deadly sins. It is opposed to
generosity. We all hanker after
security, which is a natural, and
therefore good, instinct. But
Our Lord says that 'a man's life
is not made secure by what he
owns'. The things of this world
are but passing and cannot
offer us lasting security. True
security is gained by the
contemplation of heavenly
things, such as true knowledge
and obedience to the will of
God. The riches of that life

which is in Christ are hidden,
even as He is hidden. The
more we strip ourselves of
weighty, earthbound cares and
desires, the more freely the
soul is able to rise up to the
open embrace of her Creator.
Nothing should distract us
from our vocation to make
Christ all in all. Our old life is
in the tomb. We have risen in
newness of life from the fontal
waters with one sole object:
life in God.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



CHAPTER TWO AMID THE CRISIS OF COMMUNAL COMMITMENT

50. Before taking up some basic questions
related to the work of evangelization, it may
be helpful to mention briefly the context in
which we all have to live and work. Today, we
frequently hear of a "diagnostic overload"
which is not always accompanied by improved
and actually applicable methods of treatment.
Nor would we be well served by a purely
sociological analysis which would aim to
embrace all of reality by employing an
allegedly neutral and clinical method. What I
would like to propose is something much more
in the line of an evangelical discernment. It is
the approach of a missionary disciple, an
approach "nourished by the light and strength
of the Holy Spirit".⁵³

53 JOHN PAUL II, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation
Pastores Dabo Vobis (25 March 1992), 10: AAS 84 (1992),
673.

GLIMPSES OF GOSPEL LIFE

These brief experiences from all over the world show how, when we try to put the words
of the Gospel into practice, things happen. God is never outdone in generosity, and
these personal stories show in many different ways how true that is.

The Hundredfold

At the office where I work I had put in an application to
receive financial help for the planning costs of a house I
was building as part of a co-operative. It was the sort of
thing where you apply and then hope for the best. In the
meantime Christmas was approaching and that year, as
building costs had absorbed most of our savings, unlike
other years, we didn't go to stay with relatives who live
some distance away.

At the same time we received a telephone call from a dear
friend who proposed that we club together to send some
money for a project to help the needy in Biafra. The
situation there was deteriorating, especially for children. In
the family we were thinking about next Christmas, with its
expenses, presents, food... and since we already shared our
surplus in various ways with our community we were a bit
perplexed; but certain of God's providence we did not
hesitate for a second and sent all that we could give, fifty
pounds.

A few days went by and I received a telephone call from
the office. Someone informed me that I had been awarded
the sum of five hundred pounds as a non-refundable
payment for the planning costs. I worked out the figures.
We had given away fifty pounds to Biafra and a hundred
times that amount had arrived. "Impressive," I exclaimed,
"how mathematically exact the Gospel is!"



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	30th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Grace Fenn RIP
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sun	31st	9.00am	St George's - Elizabeth Shepherd 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 - Chris Fenn RIP
Wed	3rd	10.00am	St George's - Flora DeSousa RIP
Thur	4th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Dobson Family Intention
Fri	5th	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	6th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Pat Hollobone RIP
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
(Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)			
Sun	7th	9.00am	St George's - Tim Piegrome Anniversary
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

1st Friday 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) 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, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Elizabeth Osbourne, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford 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, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday**.

Fr Rory Writes:

While on holiday in Guernsey, I attended their Sunday morning Mass. Going to this Mass highlighted to me that this is the body of Christians, the community of the faithful who for generations have made this response. It has traditional roles for different members, altar servers, incense, some Latin chants served by choir and organist, but also children's liturgy, readers, ministers of the Eucharist and indeed a Bishop's pastoral letter.

Listening to the word of God, with an emphasis on Lectio Divina, the reading coming from the book of Deuteronomy 30.10-14, Moses saying to the people "Obey the voice of the Lord our God. For this law I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or out of your reach.... No need to wonder who will go up to heaven for it so that we can hear it and see it, nor is it beyond the seas".

Yes we are the Body of Christ with its many parts working together, we can do better. I can hear an honest person saying to me "you should certainly do better". This is so, and with God's help it will be so. With our year coming to a close I am sure there are some good reasons to say "Thanks be to God, for what has been done", and so please God, after our holidays in August we will be prepared for a fresh start in September. I believe a structure with a good focus is beginning to take shape, and a programme they have in Portsmouth Diocese with its theme "called and gifted" can lend inspiration and direction.

Fr Rory



Can you help? CAFOD in A&B are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in your parish and local schools. We also need support with our campaigns against injustice, and help with media/social media. If you would like to put your faith into action in this way and make a difference in today's world then please contact Martin or Jo on 01483 898866 or email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Day of Reflection.

The very popular October event is now over subscribed, but a waiting list is in operation. Please inform David Hoad (St Wilfrid) Margaret Piegrome (St George) if you wish to go on the waiting list. Another event is planned for February 2017.

Young People's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, October 2017 –

The Sacred Heart Parish, Hove, are running a Holy Land Pilgrimage for 18-35s during October half term 2017. It is open to young people from across the Diocese and will be a comprehensive Pilgrimage, taking in areas including Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, the River Jordan, Mount Tabor, Capernaum, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Jaffa and many others. A fantastic chance to make some new friends and to learn more about your faith in the land where it all started! You can download an application pack via the Facebook page at [Facebook.com/HolyLand2017](https://www.facebook.com/HolyLand2017). For more information, contact YPPHL2017@gmail.com.

Listening with the Ear and Heart: A residential retreat led by Bishop Richard Moth of Arundel and Brighton. Thursday 15th September to Friday 16th September 2016 at St Cuthman's Retreat Centre. The retreat will focus on teaching and practical experience of Lectio Divina. Cost £110.00
Please call 01403 741220 (Mon-Fri 9am - 6pm) or email: stcuthmans@dabnet.org for more information.

The Eastbourne Catenians are organising a Barn Dance on Saturday 30th July in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Ransom to raise money for the St. Gregory's Roof Fund.
7 for 7.30pm, licensed bar, adults £7.50, children £5 includes a hot dog.
Tickets available from OLR parish office or David Hiley 500181

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 3rd Aug St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 10th Aug Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 10th Aug St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Mon 15th Aug St Wilfrid's Fundraising Meeting, Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Mariapolis 2016: As this special event is on our doorstep I commend it very much. I attended one many years ago in Italy and found it to be a real tonic. It takes place on Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th August at Ashburnham Place, Battle, TN33 9NF. For further information and booking forms: <http://www.focolare.org/gb/news/2016/03/17/mariapolis-2016-looking-ahead-3>

Bring the Bible to life In collective worship – Church and School in Partnership

Open the Book is joining with Chichester Diocese to offer free training for clergy, children and family workers, and members of the congregation. Whether you have some training or none this will give you a good foundation for starting a team and getting active in your local school...

Time: Doors open for registration at 9.30am for a 10.00am start and the day ends at 3 pm

Refreshments: Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch

How to book your place: Please email enquiries@openthebook.net and include the event date, and your name or call 01793 418355

We have several venues to choose from:

- 17th Aug - St Leonard's Church of England Primary Academy
St Leonard's-on-Sea
- 18th Aug - St Michaels Church Hall, Chichester
- 13th Sept - The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Hellingly
- 14th Sept - All Saints CEP School, Horsham
- 19th Oct - Balcombe CEP School, Haywards Heath

COLLECTIONS: (23rd/24th July)

St George's	£196.10
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£267.85
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 206 St G's 84	
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Bonus Ball:

Sat 23rd July
No: 25
Anthony Kelly

Wed 20th July
No: 23
Gareth Jones