

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

THE COLLECT

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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

20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 62:2-6.8-9. R. v2

R) For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R)**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R)**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Cf. Eph 1:17-18

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

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

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



No sooner has Jesus appointed Peter to be the rock on which the Church is founded and praised him for recognizing him as "The Christ, the Son of the living God", than he castigates

Peter for being Satan, and an obstacle in his path. Peter's reaction is one that we all have when we see an innocent person about to suffer unjustly. We have an innate aversion to suffering, especially innocent, unjust suffering. But Jesus wants to take his followers on to another level. Jesus wants them to understand that suffering has immense value in the eyes of God. We may react strongly to Jesus telling us that we must take up our cross and follow him, but he is not mincing his words. What

the experience of the cross teaches us is that suffering can be turned into love. In fact, suffering born out of love, has the power to convert and redeem and to bring sinners back to God. The world does everything to avoid suffering and sees it only as something negative. It is true that, as Christians, we want to help those who suffer, but on a personal level, Jesus invites us to see in every suffering a precious pearl which can transform hearts, minds and souls. people of God.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY PASTORAL WORKERS

Yes to the new relationships brought by Christ

90. Genuine forms of popular religiosity are incarnate, since they are born of the incarnation of Christian faith in popular culture. For this reason they entail a personal relationship, not with vague spiritual energies or powers, but with God, with Christ, with Mary, with the saints. These devotions are fleshy, they have a face. They are capable of fostering relationships and not just enabling escapism. In other parts of our society, we see the growing attraction to various forms of a "spirituality of well-being" divorced from any community life, or to a "theology of prosperity" detached from responsibility for our brothers and sisters, or to depersonalized experiences which are nothing more than a form of self-centredness.



Holiness for Everyone*



On Anxiety

Being anxious is the bane of some people's lives. Anxiety is a waste of time and the cause of much sadness. Of course we do not want to be faced with evils such as poverty, illness, contempt, dryness in prayer. But being anxious about these things does us no good at all. Rather than giving in to anxiety be patient, humble, peaceful. Look for deliverance from God's goodness and providence rather than from your own hard work and worry. The more we worry the more we weaken ourselves. We just get more and more discouraged and sad and then find it even harder to act

When you want to be rid of some fault go about it gently and tranquilly. Gently does not mean that you do not use your God given energy, but it does mean going about things without over-anxiety and needless distress.

Relieve the pressure by talking to some good friend about what bothers you. That may well help to put everything in a better perspective.

Sadness may be good or evil according to what it does to us. Good effects of sadness are compassion and repentance. Bad effects are anxiety, discouragement, anger, jealousy, envy and impatience. So you see that the bad effects outnumber the good!

The devil likes to see us sad and despondent about our efforts to grow in the love of God. We become like the earth in winter - hard, paralysed, cold. When this happens warm yourself at the fire of prayer. From it you will draw strength to do good works. Sing as you work! The devil hates 'singing souls' who are happy and strong.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	2nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection next Sunday for The Catholic Education Service)
Sun	3rd	9.00am	St George's - Paul Bree RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP
Mon	4th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	5th	10.00am	St George's - Kevin O'Prey RIP
Wed	6th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Charlotte & Francis Gaynor RIP
Thur	7th	10.00am	St George's - Bill Sawford RIP
Fri	8th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Jack Ryan RIP
Sat	9th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - John & Helen Kelly's Family Intention TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for The Catholic Education Service) (Special Collection next Sunday for Home Mission Sunday)
Sun	10th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Brian Winter 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 Primary School: Tel 01323 726004 **St. Thomas a Becket Primary 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 & Monika Beaver
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Peter Dromgoole
ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
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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, Jenny Price, 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, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Fr Rory Writes:

Back on the road again, and with a sense of a new year in the life of our faith underway, it is important to refocus "God is love, let us love one another". The last thing the world needs is more religion, it calls out for more love. An important aspect of love is truth, and to recognise that there is evil, that its real, active and alive, is truly important. Our next option can be to ignore it and hope it ignores us.

We refocus our faith. We call to mind and take heart from the greatest moment when the Archangel Gabriel is sent by God to announce glad tidings. We constantly recall it in prayer. "Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee, blessed are those among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus". Then we ask for a greater awareness of God's grace to be at work in our lives.

Since I returned from holiday, some special moments on the Bank Holiday. Firstly, there was a knock on the door, when I answered it, it was not the person I expected, but a young man with a message. He said, he saw our message about the theft of our rose bushes and he said he felt a need to respond to it. He asked, had we received other offers to replace them and when I said no, he said, I will, so David take note. A second moment was at St George's church, as I was making my normal preparation for Mass, I was really, really impressed by the flower arrangements. Then I was told that there was a special effort made, but they are always so good. Again, we are very blessed.

So the whole ministry of our parish should be, that we bring hope and help to the people we live with. That there is a sense of life in our parish and important occasions. An important occasion is for our Tea Party on Saturday 9th September at St Wilfrid's Church Hall at 3.30pm. St George's Church has been hosting it on previous occasions, but this year with the new hall is a good opportunity, the intention is for as many as possible of the workers from our combined parish are thanked and appreciated for the work that they do, it's also a good opportunity to share time together. Let the work begin with our Leaven Group Meetings, Maintenance, Finance and Sacrament Preparations, many different parts of the body working together for the good of the church.

Fr Rory

A huge thank you to Kelly for giving another insightful presentation on the life of her famous aunt, Anne Shelton, at St George's on the 20th August. Her easy and witty manner made it a very enjoyable afternoon. Thank you also to Christine for the wonderful sandwiches, all those that baked delicious cakes and the helpers and organisers for their hard work before, during and after the event.

Please pray for Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor who is now grievously ill with cancer, which he has been battling for some time and has been at Guy's Hospital in London. A great friend of our Pope Francis. Needs your charitable prayers.

Rediscover Your Marriage: The Retrouvaille programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Countless couples have successfully saved their marriage by attending the Course and using the tools provided. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, a sensitivity group, a seminar nor a social gathering. For confidential information or to register for the next programme - commencing with a residential weekend 15th/17th September in Welwyn Garden City - email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk<<mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk>>; call or text 07887 296 983 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk<<http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk>>.

Annual Formation Day for Grandparents: Thursday 21st September, in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey, from 10 am to 3 pm (packed lunch needed). Fr Stephen Ortiger, and Elizabeth O'Shea, Parenting Expert, will explore how Grandparents can support their Grandchildren in dealing with their perceptions of failure. No charge but donations welcome to cover costs. Please book by contacting Rosie on 01293 651161. rosie.read@dabnet.org<<mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org>>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sat 9th Sept Tea Party, St Wilfrid's Church Hall, 3.30pm

Sun 10th Sept Memorial Mass for Brian Winter, St Wilfrid's, 10.30am

Thank You: Joan would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in her lovely surprise birthday on Sunday. Not only was it wonderful to have the family together at mass, but she was also overwhelmed by all the best wishes from everybody. A birthday she will always remember.

Memorial Mass: There will be a Memorial Mass for Brian Winter at St Wilfrid's Church on Sunday 10th September at 10.30am by the Catenians.

Tea Party: St Wilfrid's will be hosting a tea party for the parish on Saturday 9th September at 3.30pm. All welcome.

First Holy Communion 2018 at St Wilfrid's: Please could any child around the age of 7 years old, wishing to do their First Holy Communion in 2018 at St Wilfrid's; please write your contact details on the piece of paper in the Sacristy, we will need child's and parent's name and phone number. The lessons will commence in October 2017.

CAFOD Meeting: Please come and join us on Saturday 23rd September from 10 to 11:30am, at Christ the King Church Eastbourne, BN23 6HT. This year's Harvest Fast day is focussing on El Salvador and the challenges facing farmers there, which is quite fitting as it is 100 years since the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Martin arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk or call 01483 898866.

COLLECTIONS: (26th/27th August)

St George's	£199.62
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£344.38
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	130
St G's	92

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Bonus Ball:

Sat 19th August

No: 3

Teresa Bradley

Sat 26th August

No: 58

John Forde

Wed 23rd August

No: 45

Ann Fielder