

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 book of Genesis

2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 127. R.v5

R) May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into

glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

1 Jn 4:12

As long as we love one another God will live in us and this love will be complete in us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.*For shorter form, read between [...]*

[Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us,' they said, 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.']

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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

Cf. 1 Cor 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

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



God loves the simplicity of children because he loves simplicity of heart. Little children are very straightforward, it is an aspect

of truth. The disciples are people of the Bible, and – as Our Lord reminds them, - they know the teaching of the Book of Genesis, that male and female were ordained to become “one body” for the fruitfulness and increase of the human race. Jesus does not refer, though he well might have done, to the obvious importance of unity and peace for the flourishing of human life, in any aspect of community living. Knowing

our weakness, Jesus came to give us a great and sure bond of unity: love through union with himself: “Father, with me in them and you in me, may they be ..completely one..” Marriage is now a Sacrament of that consecrated life of men and women, priests and religious, by its sacrifice of the bodily union, is a strong sign of God's gift of personal and enduring love.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)**III. THE NEW EVANGELIZATION FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF THE FAITH***The scope and limits of this Exhortation*

16. I was happy to take up the request of the Fathers of the Synod to write this Exhortation.¹⁹ In so doing, I am reaping the rich fruits of the Synod's labours. In addition, I have sought advice from a number of people and I intend to express my own concerns about this particular chapter of the Church's work of evangelization. Countless issues involving evangelization today might be discussed here, but I have chosen not to explore these many questions which call for further reflection and study. Nor do I believe that the papal magisterium should be expected to offer a definitive or complete word on every question which affects the Church and the world. It is not advisable for the Pope to take the place of local Bishops in the discernment of every issue which arises in their territory. In this sense, I am conscious of the need to promote a sound “decentralization”.

¹⁹ Cf. *Propositio* 1.

Monsignor Bruce Harbert – Thoughts on today's Mass

Christian discourse is full of contrasting pairs: God and humanity, heaven and earth, sin and grace, light and darkness and so on. Some of the prayers in the Missal treat these contrasts in an almost playful way, and today's Collect is an ingenious example. On one hand it speaks of our 'merits', that is, what we deserve, especially as a result of our sins, which 'conscience dreads' so that we can hardly bear to think of them. On the other hand it speaks of our desires as things for which we dare not pray. Here is a picture of helpless humanity, tortured by the conflicts within our nature. But God is above all this, abounding in kindness and mercy, which early Christians spoke of as a soothing oil or balm. We ask him to pour this out upon us to soothe and heal us.



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WEEKLY SERVICES ALL AT ST GEORGE'S

Sat	3rd	5.30pm	St Wilfrid's -	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Sat	3rd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	In Honour of Our Lady
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day)				
Sun	4th	9.00am	St George's -	Donor's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	5th	2.30pm	St George's -	2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	6th	10.00am	St George's -	Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Wed	7th	10.00am	St George's -	Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Thur	8th	10.00am	St George's -	Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Fri	9th	10.00am	St George's -	Mrs Connie Murphy's Intention
Sat	10th	6.00pm	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Next Sunday for MISSIO)				
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's -	Frank Restivo 1st Anniversary
		10.30am	St George's -	Daniel & Winifred Mary Doyle RIP
		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) 509047
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, Josephine Coleman, Elizabeth Osbourne, John Dodson, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer and Enza Riddiford.

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:

Thanks to each and everyone who contributed to last Sunday's great occasion.

Well celebrated and greatly enjoyed by the likes of Philomena and Michael O'Regan on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, joined with many others who for their own special reasons were very happy to renew their Wedding Vows, enriching a very special liturgy based upon the Rosary and Benediction of old.

So much hard work went into the celebrations at the Community Centre,
and a very very special thank you comes from me to them.



World Mission Sunday - 18th October 2015

On Sunday 18th October, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. Thanks to your support, the Catholic Church is growing and many parishes can now take care of themselves. However, 40% of the Universal Church is still too new, young or poor to survive without our help, just like the church in Mongolia. By supporting World Mission Sunday you are directly helping missionaries in over 1,000 dioceses bring hope and new life to people who do not yet know that they are precious in the eyes and heart of God. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

Contact Care is working in the Churches Together area in Polegate and surroundings. It is a group of people, CRB checked and trained, to help in various ways those who cannot manage various tasks for themselves. Some people need shopping done on a weekly or fortnightly basis, some need lifts to the doctor, dentist or chiropodist and sometimes to the hospital. There are a number of volunteers who undertake this help on a regular or occasional basis. If you need such help or if you could offer transport Contact Care would love to hear from you. Those using the service are asked to give a donation to the scheme and drivers, if they wish, can claim money for their petrol. (They need to have the permission of their car insurance company). When on a Contact Care visit the helpers are covered by the scheme's insurance. To find out more there are leaflets in the porch at St George's church or speak to Anne or Paul Sullivan or Tessa Truman for further information. Thank you.

CAFOD have announced that part of the funds collected at the Harvest Fast Day on 4th October will be diverted to help with the more urgent refugee problem. CAFOD is already working in the camps in Lebanon. At present you are invited to take anything from the small table in St George's hall and leave a donation for CAFOD which will be sent off later. Thanks for your generosity so far.

Tuesday October 6th: 6pm to 8.30pm **St Richard's Catholic College Open Evening.** A welcoming address will be followed by opportunities to talk to staff and see the college.

Newsletter: If anyone wishes to receive our newsletter in PDF via e-mail, you are able to do this by subscribing to the newsletter on our website www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 7th Oct St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Tue 13th Oct St Wilfrid's Leaven Group Mtg, St W's Cabin, 7.30pm
Wed 14th Oct Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 14th Oct St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm
Wed 14th Oct St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 21st Oct St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 24th Oct St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am

Thank you: Our sincere thanks to the two people who responded to our SOS appeal from St Wilfrid's. The chairs will be re-upholstered shortly. Thank you also to the people who helped to unload the new chairs for the new church, and to the people who signed up to help. We will shortly need further help to unpack the chairs, and position them in the church. Thank you.

St Wilfrid's Hospice: Thanksgiving Service, Sunday 11th October at 3pm. Join us as we reflect on and give thanks for the work of St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversaries Mass: 12noon on Saturday 17th October at Arundel Cathedral. Booking essential, contact Tel: 01293 651152 or e-mail katherine.bergin:@dabnet.org

Grandparents of past and present pupils of St Richard's School are warmly invited to tea/coffee in the Library, a tour of the School and Mass on Thursday 8th October, please arrive at 9.30am. If you would like to come, please let Mrs Hollands know on 01424 731070 or by email on chollands@strichardscs.com

Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Circle: Notice of Annual General Meeting, Friday 9th October 2015, at Our Lady of Ransom, Grange Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU.

12 noon, Mass in Our Lady of Ransom Church, celebrated by Fr Neil Chatfield, Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Circle Chaplain.
1.15pm, Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Circle brief Annual General Meeting, OLR Parish Room. DVD of "Lead Kindly Light" on the life of John Henry Newman. To end about 2.30pm. **All are welcome**, not just Newman Association members. Please come and bring along a friend to see the DVD and find out more about the Newman Association.

COLLECTIONS: (26th/27th September)

St George's	£189.24
Home Mission Collection	£79.15
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£296.80
Refugees	£73.23
Foodbank (Sale of Harvest Produce)	£71.10
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's TBC	St G's 106

Thank you for your continued generosity

Bonus Ball:

Sat 26th September
No 26
Doris Jung

Wed 23rd September
No 37
Bridie Cleary