

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Mt 17:5

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**THE COLLECT**

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. 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 Daniel

7:9-10.13-14

As I watched:  
Thrones were set in place  
and one of great age took his seat.  
His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.  
A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.  
A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand  
stood before him.  
A court was held and the books were opened.  
I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations  
and languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

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

**PSALM**

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6,9. R.vv1,9

**R)The Lord is king,  
most high above all the earth.**

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. **(R)**

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. **(R)**

For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is

my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**This is my Son, the Beloved,  
he enjoys my favour;  
listen to him.**  
**Alleluia!**

Mt 17.5

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray,  
these offerings here made to celebrate  
the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son,  
and by his radiant splendour  
cleanse us from the stains of sin.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. 1 Jn 3:2

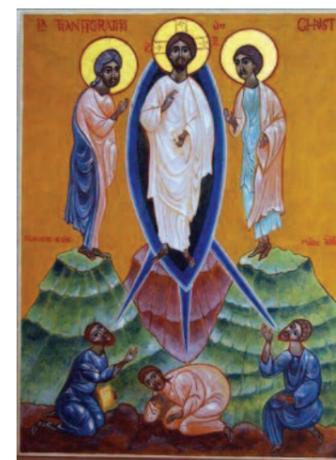
**When Christ appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the heavenly nourishment we have received,  
O Lord, we pray,  
transform us into the likeness of your Son,  
whose radiant splendour you willed to make manifest  
in his glorious Transfiguration.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The three disciples, on the occasion of the transfiguration of the Lord, were clearly very relieved to look up and "see only Jesus". They had been overwhelmed by the heavenly light, "overcome with fear". Perhaps those disciples had earlier longed to see Jesus in the visible glory of the Messiah; but as Jesus said on another occasion, – "You don't know what you are asking..." He was speaking then of sharing in his Passion, which is the condition of sharing in his glory; but the glory to come is, for mortals and sinners, as the disciples experienced, terrifying before it is

blissful. In the Book of Exodus we read that when God gave the Ten Commandments, there was "thunder pealing, lightning flashing, trumpet blasting and the mountain smoking" and "the people were all terrified". Jesus' transfiguration was a very gentle theophany, but the truth still remains, that as creatures, beings made out of nothing (though also out of Love) and still more as sinners, members of a race at odds with God, the glory and uncreated reality of God, the blazing of his Love, was too much for the disciples at this stage of their journey of Faith and would be too much for us.

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



#### II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY PASTORAL WORKERS

##### *No to a sterile pessimism*

86 (cont'd) Yet "it is starting from the experience of this desert, from this void, that we can again discover the joy of believing, its vital importance for us men and women. In the desert we rediscover the value of what is essential for living; thus in today's world there are innumerable signs, often expressed implicitly or negatively, of the thirst for God, for the ultimate meaning of life. And in the desert people of faith are needed who, by the example of their own lives, point out the way to the Promised Land and keep hope alive".<sup>67</sup> In these situations we are called to be living sources of water from which others can drink. At times, this becomes a heavy cross, but it was from the cross, from his pierced side, that our Lord gave himself to us as a source of living water. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!

<sup>67</sup> Benedict XVI, Homily at Mass for the Opening of the Year of Faith (11 October 2012): AAS 104 (2012), 881



## Holiness for Everyone\*

### About Games and Recreational Activities

We need to relax both mind and body, otherwise we become taut like the string on a hunter's bow. Walking, friendly conversation, playing a musical instrument, singing, riding, are all innocent recreations that we should make use of from time to time. Those games which demand dexterity of body or mind, such as tennis or chess should also be used with moderation or they will become addictive. Addictive behaviour exhausts rather than refreshes. Enjoy your enjoyments, but in such a way that they do not become the be all and end all of your life. Gambling in any form is not recommended. All games of chance depend on the pleasure of winning. There is no joy in the faces of gambler. Parties and dances are not wrong in themselves. But watch yourself when dances go on late into the night. Turning night into day deprives you of a good morning given to God. If you must go to dances go well prepared.

Dress yourself with modesty, comport yourself with dignity. Dances are like mushrooms in my opinion, even the best are not much good, so partake of them sparingly. After a party or dance make use of good and holy thoughts, and examine your conscience on how you behaved while there. Like all things dancing and partying are good in moderation, so make up your own mind on the subject.

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	5th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	In Honour of Our Lady Mary O'Donoghue's Intention
				<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>
Sun	6th	9.00am	St George's -	Tim Piegrome's Anniversary
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	7th	2.30pm	St George's -	2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	8th	10.00am	St George's -	Mr Arthur Burton RIP
Wed	9th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Requiem Mass for Maureen Barnard RIP
Thur	10th	10.00am	St George's -	Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Fri	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	12th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
				<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(Holy Day of Obligation (The Assumption) on Tuesday)</b>
Sun	13th	9.00am	St George's -	Peter Waplon & Des Burbage RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Michael & Bridget Kitts 52nd Wedding Anniversary

*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 Chairperson of the Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver  
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, 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](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

## Deacon John Writes:

I thought you might like to take on board some of Mother Teresa's thoughts, perhaps adopt one each day and then two or even three as the week/month goes on.

Mother Teresa's **ABC** – A to M this week.

Always have the courage to say sorry.

Control your judgments.

Every minute is precious – don't waste your time.

Find out what is nice in each other.

Have deep respect for each other.

Just do small things with great love.

Learn to pray, love to pray, and pray often.

Be kind, be compassionate.

Don't let yourself get discouraged.

Give until it hurts.

If you really want to love God, love one another.

Keep your hearts clean.

Make time for each other in your family.

*Deacon John*

# BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**Attention St George's** - There will be no tea/coffee in the hall on Tuesday 8th August after Mass, as the hall is hired out from 9.30 until 1.00 pm.

**BINGO SESSION:** starts on Friday September 1st, to be held at St Georges Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Please put a note in your diaries.

Back by popular demand at St George's Church Hall, **The Anne Shelton Story** - presentation by her niece, Kelly Richards. This will take place on Sunday 20th August at 3.00pm followed by a vintage tea party. Tickets at £5.00 per person available soon.

**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 651164. [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org)

**St. George's Leaven Group** – to widen participation the Agenda will be published 2 weeks before each meeting. If you have an item to discuss, please put this on the agenda, which will be at the back of the church. It could be good news, information you wish to share, or a concern to talk about. You will need to attend the meeting to further debate the issue you have raised. Please take this opportunity to share your views with us. At our last meeting the main items we discussed were:- Communication, Health and Safety, the Memorial Garden (in view of Health and Safety advice from the Diocese), Children's Liturgy, the Mass sheets we currently use, Hall Hire, Finance, Publicity and the new Sound System. The Minutes are now available.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sun 20th Aug** Presentation/Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm

**Fri 1st Sept** St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm

**Fri 1st Sept** Bingo Session, St George's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm

**Request for Prayers:** Ian Wooler has requested prayers for the repose of the soul of his mother Brenda, who died recently in the Isle of Wight. They were members of the parish community for many years before moving to the Isle of Wight, and since then they have been regular visitors.

**First Holy Communion 2017 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.

**Diocesan Dialogue and Unity Day:** We are pleased to announce more details of the Dialogue and Unity Day 2017 being held on Saturday 23 September 2017, 10-4pm at DABCEC Crawley. The theme is 'Exploring how the Holy Spirit is opening new ways to work for unity.' We have two Roman Catholic Communities who have a charism for unity joining us for the day and we look forward to welcoming you too! Bring a packed lunch and a friend from another church. Book online at [www.dabnet.org/Courses/DialogueandUnity](http://www.dabnet.org/Courses/DialogueandUnity) or by phone 01293 651164.

**Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers:** Bishop Richard will preside at Holy Mass for all Diocesan Altar Servers on Saturday 9th September 2017 at 12 noon in Arundel Cathedral. All who have served, all who are serving and anybody who would like to come are welcome to attend. Please bring your cassock and cotta or alb. Mass is followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Centre (Please bring a packed lunch)

## COLLECTIONS: (29th/30th July)

<b>St George's</b>	£284.20
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£360.95
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's	159
St G's	79

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## Bonus Ball:

**Sat 29th July**  
No: 36  
Michael Copper

**Wed 26th July**  
No: 30  
Peter Robinson