

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.**

Ps 94:6-7

THE COLLECT

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 Isaiah 6:1-8
In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way,
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King,
the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send?
Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 137:1-5.7-8.R.v1

R) Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R)**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R)**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hand. **(R)**

SECOND READING (Shorter form)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians 15:3-8.11

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he

appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 15:15
**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats — it was Simon's — and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord our God,
who once established these created things
to sustain us in our frailty,
grant, we pray,
that they may become for us now
the Sacrament of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

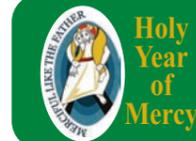
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world.
Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The true faith is always to be solidly established upon apostolic foundations. The Apostle is insistent, only if we continue to believe *exactly what he preaches*, will we be in

possession of the Gospel that saves us. It does not matter where the Apostle fits in the hierarchy of the Apostolic College; indeed, he calls himself the least of them, hardly deserving the title. What matters is that he preaches what the other Apostles preach. It is in that unity of faith and practice, handed down from the Apostles, that we can see the mission of the Church most clearly. That same unity of faith and practice is also the most

effective tool in achieving the mission of the Church, for it is only through our remaining one in the Lord Jesus, as the Lord Jesus is in the Father, that we can hope to convince the world that He is the one sent into the world by the Father. Mission is part of the life of every Christian, but if we are to be able to say "Here I am, Lord, send me", if we are to put out into the deep and cast our nets, we must follow the Lord *alongside the Apostles*.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



II. PASTORAL ACTIVITY AND CONVERSION

An ecclesial renewal which cannot be deferred

33. Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: "We have always done it this way". I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities. A proposal of goals without an adequate communal search for the means of achieving them will inevitably prove illusory. I encourage everyone to apply the guidelines found in this document generously and courageously, without inhibitions or fear. The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters, and especially under the leadership of the bishops, in a wise and realistic pastoral discernment.

Monsignor Bruce Harbert – Thoughts on today's Mass

Today's Collect speaks of the Church as God's family. When this prayer was written, 'family' was not understood to be a group of people related by blood or marriage. A Roman family consisted of all who belonged to a household. Slaves who were freed could be adopted into the family for which they worked. But ideas about the family are changing in our society. The Church should not feel threatened by this, for she has seen many different models of the family come and go, and has ministered to all of them. At times of change, the Church's first reaction is often to say 'no'. Then she begins to say 'Yes, but . . .' and to delve into the rich store of her tradition to find ways of reacting to the new situation. She is a body held together by faith, hope and love, a good model for any shape of family.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

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 10.30am	St George's - Special Intention St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	8th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	9th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Gordon Lawley RIP
Wed	10th	10.00am	St George's - Ash Wednesday Anne & Roy Eamer's Intention
Wed	10th	6.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Ashes and Devotions
Thur	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Hugh Reilly RIP
Fri	12th	11.30am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Fri	12th	7.00pm	St George's - Lenten Devotions
Sat	13th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Eileen Crisford RIP FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Special Collection next Sunday for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day (Friday))
Sun	14th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Mr & Mrs Matthews RIP St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

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, Vera Almeida 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:

This week will see the beginning of Lent, a very important time in our lives of faith. In the ordinary world health and strength are very much affected by the nutrition that they receive. Our spiritual life, our lives of faith are equally dependent upon how we nourish them.

Lent means Spring - a time of new life of fresh endeavour. At this time the church encourages us to do extra penance, devotions and other actions to strengthen our faith, but above all to build up the "life of our community". At St George's Church a special effort is being made to "beef up" our Friday Prayer Devotions, especially through support for our Lenten lunches. There will also be a Liturgical Service of Lenten Devotions each Friday during Lent at 7pm. St Wilfrid's Services will be held on Wednesday evenings, at 6.30pm.

St Wilfrid's will host the Priests' and Deacons' Deanery Meeting on Tuesday after morning Mass. A special thanks to those who prepare and provide the hospitality for this. Wednesday 10th will see the meeting of the Mother Teresa Group at 2.30pm at St George's, with the Leaven Group Meeting at **10.30am** in the Hall. St Wilfrid's Leaven Group Meeting is moved to Thursday evening at 7.30pm to accommodate their Lenten Service at 6.30pm. St Wilfrid's evening Devotions will be on Wednesday at 6.30pm. Stations of the Cross each Sunday at St George's will be at 3pm during Lent.

As announced last week, fundraising for CAFOD will take place during Lent, and as part of the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal, support will be given to one of our young parishioners (Agata O'Brian) who will be a helper on the Pilgrimage. *Jc Rory*

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 will commence on Friday, 12th February. Remember to put your name on the list in the porch if you wish to come and share soup and bread with friends.

St George's Church: We are sorry that Tea and Coffee will not be available after Mass on Wednesday 10th February.

The Knights of St Columba meet on Monday 8th February at 3.30pm at Christ the King Parish Rooms. All catholic men are invited to come. Further details from Bob on 847014 or David on 423323.

The Icon of Our Lady of Consolation will be at Our Lady of Ransom from January 25th to February 7th.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers: please collect these for our Catholic School, St Thomas a Becket. They enable the school to exchange them for sport equipment. They can be passed on via a parishioner who has a child at the school or via the Children's Liturgy team on Sunday morning.

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 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, **10.30am**
Wed 10th Feb St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 12th Feb Liturgical Service, St George'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 Wilfrid's Church, 7pm

GIFT AID: The offertory envelopes for the next tax year are currently being prepared. If **YOU** are new to the Parish (and pay income tax) and would like a box of envelopes, then please contact the organisers: St George's - Margaret Piegrome on 870990, and St Wilfrid's - Pip Jenkins on 845094 or Bob Waters on 847014, and we will reserve a box for you. The Parish can then claim a tax refund of 25 pence for every £1 you give! If you make your offerings by Bankers Order and need another box of undated envelopes (for special collections, etc) then also please contact an organiser.

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.

Thank You: A big thank you to the wonderful ladies who provided us with tea, coffee and cakes after the Catenian Mass for Vocations last Tuesday morning. It was a memorable service in your lovely new church. Gerry & Elizabeth Mason.

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 May.

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.

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.

COLLECTIONS: (30th/31st Jan)

St George's	£186.69
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£238.95
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 146 St G's 94	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 30th January
 No: 42
 Chris Jones

Wed 27th January
 No: 24
 Susan Oates