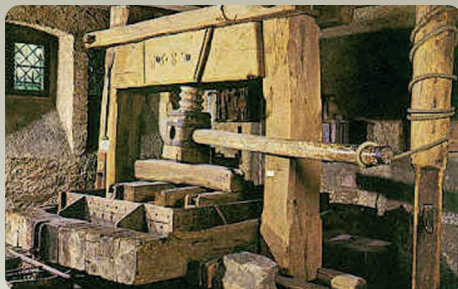


GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's parable has been told by Jesus against the leaders of the Chosen People (*"the vineyard"*) who have abused their responsibilities as leaders (*"tenants"*) and now are almost ready to kill *"the son...the heir"*. In their preoccupation with their honour as leaders they are blinded to the context of that leadership: that they are only *"tenants"*, servants of *"the owner"*.

They knew that they lived in a time of preparation for the Messiah, yet now, when he appears, they are unable, or refuse, to recognise him. They have lost even the common-sense realization that, if they kill the heir the owner will inevitably take his revenge; there is no possibility that *"if we kill the heir the vineyard will be ours"*. The *"vineyard"* can never be *'ours'*; it is always the Lord's. We, the *"tenants"* – leaders and people – have indeed killed the Son – but what a *'vengeance'* the Father has taken! He has raised his Son to an eternal life so that in him, by grace, by gift, a new vineyard, the Church has been established. New tenants too, the baptized; only now they are adopted sons who will, in Christ their brother, produce the fruits God desires.

Knowing How to Lose*

FOR ME

Speaking of Jesus, St Paul writes: '... and he gave his life for me.' Each of us can repeat those words of the Apostle: for me. My Jesus, if you have died for me – for me – how can I doubt your mercy? And if I can believe in that mercy with faith which teaches me that a God has died for me, how can I not risk everything to return this love?

For me. Here is the formula which wipes out the solitude of the most lonely; raises into God the poor, who are belittled by the whole world; fills every heart to the brim and makes it spill over onto those who either do not know or do not remember the Good News.

For me. For me, Jesus, all those sufferings? For me that cry?

Oh! You will certainly not let my poor soul be lost nor many others, but you will do everything... if only because we have cost you too much.

You gave birth to me for heaven, as my mother did for earth. You are always thinking of me, only of me, as you do of each and every person.

You give me more courage to live my Christian life than if I had the whole universe at my back to spur me on.

For me. Yes, for me.

And so, Lord, let me also say especially for the years that remain: for you.

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OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel

PSALM: Ps 79:9.12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7
R) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
 to plant it you drove out the nations.
 It stretched out its branches to the sea,
 to the Great River it stretched out its
 shoots. **(R)**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
 It is plucked by all who pass by.
 It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
 devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
 look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**

And we shall never forsake you again:
 give us life that we may call upon your name.
 God of hosts, bring us back;
 let your face shine on us and we shall be
 saved. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9
The God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Jn 15:16
**I chose you from the world
 to go out and bear fruit,
 fruit that will last,
 says the Lord.
 Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43
He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lam 3: 25
**The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
 to the soul that seeks him.**

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY PASTORAL WORKERS

No to spiritual worldliness

94. This worldliness can be fuelled in two deeply interrelated ways. One is the attraction of gnosticism, a purely subjective faith whose only interest is a certain experience or a set of ideas and bits of information which are meant to console and enlighten, but which ultimately keep one imprisoned in his or her own thoughts and feelings. The other is the self-absorbed promethean neopelagianism of those who ultimately trust only in their own powers and feel superior to others because they observe certain rules or remain intransigently faithful to a particular Catholic style from the past. A supposed soundness of doctrine or discipline leads instead to a narcissistic and authoritarian elitism, whereby instead of evangelizing, one analyzes and classifies others, and instead of opening the door to grace, one exhausts his or her energies in inspecting and verifying. In neither case is one really concerned about Jesus Christ or others. These are manifestations of an anthropocentric immanentism. It is impossible to think that a genuine evangelizing thrust could emerge from these adulterated forms of Christianity.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	7th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day)
Sun	8th	9.00am	St George's - K M Philip RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Winifred & Daniel Doyle RIP
Mon	9th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	10th	9.30am	St George's - Kitty McCarthy RIP
Wed	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Willie Perkins RIP
Thur	12th	10.00am	St George's - Frank Restivo RIP (3rd Anniversary)
Fri	13th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	14th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Next Sunday for Missio)
Sun	15th	9.00am	St George's - Jen Duder-Rumsey RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
<i>1st Thursday of the month: 9.30am St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation</i>			

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
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, Edna Andrews, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, 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:

APF - Mill Hill Mission Thank You and Appeal

This weekend we welcome Fr Frank Downs who will take the opportunity to thank the Parish for their support of prayers and donations to the 1069 World Missions. Please note that there will be **NO** cash collection, the thank you & appeal is to inform you of the work carried out by APF - Mill Hill and to ask for continuing prayers and financial support, which can be given through their "Red Boxes".

"Truly nothing is more beautiful than to know Christ and to make him known to others". Pope Benedict XVI

Prisoners' Sunday - A Week of Prayer, 8th - 14th October 2017

Prisoners' Sunday is the official day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants. It launches Prisons Week, an ecumenical campaign to pray for those affected by imprisonment across a number of Christian denominations.

Prisoners' Sunday is a time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.

As a Catholic charity we rely on the support of the Church through donations, volunteering and prayer. Last year's day of prayer and action raised more than £60,000. This enabled us to continue to run our vital services which support prisoners, people with convictions and their families.

Bishop Richard had a successful meeting with Priests and parishioners from our Deanery, we will be bring to you the outline of what he had to say, as soon as possible.

Fr Rory

Attention St George's: There will be no tea/coffee in the hall on Tuesday 10th October after Mass, as the hall is hired out from 9.30am until 1.00pm

Remembrance Sunday: If anyone is interested to represent the Parish at the Remembrance Sunday Service at Hailsham memorial Sun 10th Nov. please contact Fr Rory or David Hoad for details.

For Sale: Shop Rider Traveso Mobility Scooter, as new, only 1 year old. Glass windscreen, luxury seat, lockable doors, front & rear lighting, window vents, windscreen wiper, 20 mile travelling distance, max speed 8mph. £2,800. ono. Delivery possible within Polegate/Eastbourne area. Tel: 01323 507466.

Save the Date: Following the success of the Lenten Reflection, the Leaven Group at St Wilfrid's are organising an Advent Prayer and Preparation Day at Holy Cross Priory, Cross in Hand, on Saturday 25th November 2017. The cost will be £20 and includes a two course Festive Lunch and refreshments throughout the day. All are welcome but numbers are limited. More details on how to reserve your place will follow shortly.

The Children's Liturgy team would like to thank all who supported last Sunday's Harvest celebration. The generosity of all our parishioners meant that the Foodbank has taken delivery of many items that are of great importance to assist in supplying basic food provisions to those in need. Our thanks also go to Cathy & Trevor who, as ever, took great care in displaying just some of the donations given and a traditional Harvest themed display beneath the Altar. Thanks to those children who had the courage to take part in reading and presenting during the service, several of you commented how well they did after mass. One comment of the many summed it up "The children being involved in the service always makes it so much more poignant!" As our children grow we hope they will continue to take part more fully in services such as this.

Grandparents Day: St Richard's, 12th October 2017. On Thurs 12th Oct we invite all Grandparents into St Richard's to celebrate Grandparents week in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. The day will begin at 9.45am and consist of Mass at 10am followed by refreshments and then pupils will then take you on a tour of the school concluding at 12.45pm

Beetle Drive: St Wilfrid's will be holding a Beetle Drive on Thursday 26th October, 7pm for 7.30pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Tickets: Adults £5, Children Free. A raffle will be held and tea, coffee and squash will be provided. Please bring your own nibbles, favourite drink and glasses. Everyone is welcome, look forward to seeing you there.



Redshirts/Lourdes Youth Helpers are holding their annual quiz at OLR on Sat Oct 14th at 6.45 for 7.15 pm start. Teams of about 6. £6 per head. Licensed bar. Tickets **available from OLR 723222, Maura 430532.**

The Link Coffee Shop in Hailsham: are looking for volunteers to help with food preparation, cooking, serving at tables, clearing away and washing up. If you are looking for ways in which you can put your faith into action by serving the community, as well as maintaining a very publicly accessible Christian presence in the town, please contact Kay (mid afternoon preferred) at the Link on 01323 441142. Thank you.

St George's - 1st Holy Communion: Any parents who have a child of seven years and would like them to have instruction for 1st Holy Communion, please make themselves known to Father Rory or Cathy Hollingdale or a member of the Children's Liturgy Group. Instruction starts in the new year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thurs 12th Oct Grandparents Day, St Richard's, 9.45am - 12.45pm
Thur 26th Oct Beetle Drive, St Wilfrid's Hall, 7pm to 7.30pm start
Sat 25th Nov Advent Prayer & Prep Day, Holy Cross Priory,

COLLECTIONS: (30th Sept/1st Oct)
St George's £239.60
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £176.50
St Wilfrid's £358.04
Weekly aver. of DD £204.60
Attendances: St W's 207 St G's 81
Thank you for your continued generosity

Bonus Ball:
Sat 30th September
No: 20
David Hoad
Wed 27th September
No: 40
Niamh Layberry