

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
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 first book of Kings

19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 33:2-9. R.v9

R) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R)**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R)**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 6:51
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:41-51

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

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph,' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 6:51

**The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



How can God know what we are thinking? This was a question asked at a talk I attended recently. The

speaker came at the question from a profound misunderstanding: he began his talk by saying that God is *part* of our universe, has his place in it. (He was not a Christian.) God of course, is decidedly NOT a *part of our universe*. He is, as we know, its Creator, completely *other than* our universe, which is his work, who IS Wisdom and Love. That Wisdom and Love has brought into being each one of us, giving us mind and will, mind for knowledge and will for love. He continues to hold us in

being, enabling us, teaching us, encouraging us, respecting the freedom of choice he has given us. He has sent his Son to bring mankind eternal life for body and soul. Through the work of the Holy Spirit he gently urges human hearts to open and accept his offer. So Jesus can say to the crowd, as reported in today's Gospel passage, "*No-one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me*"; and again, concerning knowledge and love of himself, "*all will be taught by God*".

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)Monsignor Bruce Harbert –
Thoughts on today's MassII. THE DELIGHTFUL AND COMFORTING JOY OF
EVANGELIZING

9. Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow within us, and any person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others. As it expands, goodness takes root and develops. If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others and seek their good. In this regard, several sayings of Saint Paul will not surprise us: "The love of Christ urges us on" (2 Cor 5:14); "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:16).

A difference between the Mass of today and the Mass of a hundred years ago (often called the Extraordinary Form) is that the Mass now has a much greater variety of Prefaces than in the past. The Preface is sung or said by the Priest at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, and praises God for his wonderful deeds. Some of our Prefaces were written long ago, some more recently, and some are a mixture of old and new elements. The first of the Prefaces for Sundays in Ordinary Time for instance, is adapted from a passage in the First Letter of Peter, where the Church is spoken of as 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for (God's) own possession'. It is a prayer we could use privately to reflect on the Christian community to which we belong, and to praise God for it.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	8th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Teresa Black RIP
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
(Next Sunday is the Solemnity (transferred) of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)			
Sun	9th	9.00am	St George's - Regina Dardashti Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	10th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Liturgy of Word and Eucharist
Wed	12th	10.00am	St George's - Joan Lodrick RIP
Thur	13th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Mrs H Cummins RIP
Fri	14th	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	15th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Grace Verrall RIP
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Sun	16th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - P. J. Kelly 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
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Contact: Ann Fielder 01323 843361

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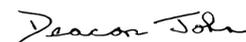
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Maureen Barnard, Jennifer Duder-Rumsey, Edna Andrews, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Agnes Galt, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Betty O'Hora, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Michael Bradley, Josephine Coleman, Elizabeth Osbourne, John Dodson, Gordon Lawley, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Margaret 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**.

Deacon John Writes:

21st July was the 14th anniversary of my ordination to the Diaconate. At the Confirmation service held in Christ the King Church recently the Bishop spoke to the 9 youngsters about the Holy Spirit and the help it gives to them through the Sacrament of Confirmation. He spoke of how, when he was confirmed at the age of 9, he started to think of becoming a priest and those thoughts stayed with him until he was ordained priest some 18 years later. What he was saying struck a chord with me as I remember going to Walsingham and undergoing a change which I have always attributed to the Holy Spirit working away in me. Soon after the Walsingham pilgrimage my parish priest asked me after lunch one day if I had ever thought of becoming a deacon. My response was "No Father, what's that?" Nearly 2 years later I started on the training course at the seminary and 3 years later I was ordained as a Deacon in 2001. It has been a fulfilling vocation and even now, having retired as full time deacon, I find it rewarding, and quite amazing when I stand next to the Bishop or Fr Rory assisting at mass and reading the Gospel. One priest always thanked me at the sign of peace if I had preached at that Mass - whether it was good, bad or indifferent! There are many actions which I do that are particularly meaningful to me. Some examples are Baptism, Benediction, the Sacramental at healing services, blessing those at communion who are unable to receive the Body of Christ, leading the Ash Wednesday service at St Thomas a Becket School, burying ashes in our memorial garden or blessing graves in November - to cite just a few. With my love and prayers



St George's Choir Practice: takes place on the 4th weekend of the month on a Saturday morning at 10.00 am. All welcome. We are now preparing to sing the Missa Orbis, the Jubilee Mass commissioned by the Diocese. Dates are as follows: Saturday 22nd August, 26th September, 24th October, 22nd November.

St Wilfrid's New Church Project. There will be a presentation after Mass this Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August on the Project. There will be members of the Project Committee available to answer any questions on the present situation of the build, and the future stages of the hall and the presbytery.

St George's Church Hall: Please note, the Hall will be closed for one week, commencing on the 10th August. A new floor is being laid and the contractor requires this closure to ensure the floor is finished to a high standard. The Hall will re-open on the 17th August.

Appeal for funding the Chairs for St Wilfrid's New Church. After Mass from this weekend two members of our parish will be taking names of those who would like to donate towards a chair for the New Church. The chairs are costing £80 each and donations towards the cost would be gratefully received. The Project Com. thank you for your support up to now and as we move forward.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The 1st meeting of this new section at Christ the King will be on **Monday, September 14 at 7:30pm** in the Parish Room at Christ the King, Langney, and then **every 2nd Monday of the month.** If you would like to become a member of the **CWL** just come along that evening or email Margaret von Speyr at margaret-vs@hotmail.co.uk

The Knights of St Columba will meet on Monday 10th August at 3.30pm in the Parish Room at Christ the King, Langney. All Catholic men are welcome to come. Further information from David on 423323 or Bob on 847014.

Transfigured in Christ - Young Adults Summer Retreat (18-35s) 26th - 30th August at Worth Abbey - Benedictine Monastery Talks, Space, Mass, Prayer, Friendship, with input from monks of Worth Abbey and members of The Wellspring Community. For more information or to book, contact TOC@worthabbey.net or call 01342 710318.

Wednesday Bonus Ball: Please check the renewal notice in the porch for members of the Wednesday Bonus Ball Draw, due on the 5th August. Many thanks.

GAUDIUM: In celebration of our diocesan Golden Jubilee, A&B Vocations has produced a 13 minute film celebrating 50 years of priesthood in the diocese, featuring 10 of our priests (including Fr David!!) speaking of their joy in the priesthood. 'Gaudium' means 'Joy'. View now on YouTube (type Gaudium priesthood) or Google "I will give you shepherds blog".

Thank you: The Parish appreciates and gives many thanks to the families from Kerala (a State of India) for their generous donation of a new Holy Water Sprinkler.

Annual Altar Servers Mass: This will take place at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 26th September at 12 noon with Bishop Richard Moth presiding. All welcome.

DIOCESAN ECUMENICAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE (August 15th -30th) COME AND JOIN US FOR A DAY!

This year's pilgrimage is from Chertsey to Arundel via Worth Abbey and Brighton walking through the Surrey Hills, mid-Sussex countryside and along the East Sussex Coast. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us for a day or part of a day. See the poster and route outline displayed in the church for more details. Parishioners just need to turn up wearing some strong walking boots or shoes and bringing some sandwiches (or chance getting a pub lunch). Children must be accompanied by an adult but everyone will be very welcome. To get an idea what the pilgrimage will be like have a look at the website www.thepilgrims.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon 10th Aug Fundraising Meeting, St Wilfrid's Cabin, 7.30pm
Wed 12th Aug St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 19th Aug St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 22nd Aug St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am
Wed 26th Aug St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 9th Sept Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 9th Sept St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm
Sun 13th Sept Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm

COLLECTIONS: (1st/2nd August)

St George's	£249.27
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£305.95
Weekly aver. of DD	£209.60
Attendances: St W's 162 St G's 97	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
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Bonus Ball:

Sat 1st August
 No 24
 Margaret Forde
Wed 29th July
 No 19
 Agnes Delaney