

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

**THE COLLECT**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
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 second book of the Kings

5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

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

**PSALM**

Ps 97:1-4. R.cf.v2

**R) The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **(R)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **(R)**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

Ps 129: 3-4

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.  
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.  
If we disown him, then he will disown us.  
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,  
for he cannot disown his own self.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Your words are spirit, Lord,**  
**and they are life:**  
**you have the message of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia!**

Cf. Jn 6:33-68

**GOSPEL**

Luke 17:11-19

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that, through these acts of devotedness,  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 33: 11

**The rich suffer want and go hungry,**  
**but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,  
that, as you feed us with the nourishment  
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Our Lord commands the ten lepers to go and show themselves to the priests. It is plausible that this command involved the fairly lengthy journey from the border-

land between Samaria and Galilee all the way to the Temple in Jerusalem, where the priests were to be found, together with their healing pools and waters. Are we to understand that God's healing can only be experienced in Jerusalem? And that it requires the intercession of the Temple-priests? Perhaps a strenuous pilgrimage is a reasonable labour for so great a cure. Yet all ten lepers are cleansed *on their way*, before they even get to Jerusalem, and without the agency of Temple priests. Only

one of the cured, however, realises the significance of the circumstances of the miracle. Only one, a Samaritan, realises that it was through contact with Jesus, the eternal high priest, that his cure was effected. At the same time, his turning back in order to return to Jesus, to thank Him and to praise God, constitutes his own conversion and salvation, things not limited by a particular place or people, but based on faith in Jesus Christ and His eternal Priesthood with the Father.

**HERE AND NOW****Works That Last**

If you live the present, and live it well, you accomplish works that last, even if you may speak to only one person or to only one category of people. Meeting just one person or group, you encounter all of humanity. Just as doing one specific task well, you fulfil all of God's will. Experiencing this totally satisfies you, because you embrace infinity. This means doing well in the present what God wants, and doing it as God wants it to be done, according to his system and his dynamics. If, for example, you prepare a talk to be given in public, do so with all of the Holy Spirit's help within you. Then propose it to your friends in an atmosphere of mutual love. Be humble and ready to 'lose' your proposal so that it may 'die', decay, and be reborn from unity... This way your words will remain and bear fruit. And what otherwise might do some good to one person and then be lost, will do good to many and continue to do so. If then you realize that you have not done your part well or only partially, entrust it to the heart of Jesus with great confidence. Be aware that any moment can be the last (and that we might have to leave behind us things done imperfectly). But know that Jesus desires only to love you and in concrete ways. He is ready to fill in what is lacking, to forgive your mistakes and to hide them from others. Just like a mother would do, and even more!

So even in this case you can rest assured: everything is done; everything fulfilled.

*Here and Now: Meditations on Living in the Present* by Chiara Lubich and published by New City

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****No to a financial system which rules rather than serves**

57. Behind this attitude lurks a rejection of ethics and a rejection of God. Ethics has come to be viewed with a certain scornful derision. It is seen as counterproductive, too human, because it makes money and power relative. It is felt to be a threat, since it condemns the manipulation and debasement of the person. In effect, ethics leads to a God who calls for a committed response which is outside the categories of the marketplace. When these latter are absolutized, God can only be seen as uncontrollable, unmanage-able, even dangerous, since he calls human beings to their full realization and to freedom from all forms of enslavement.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(This weekend is Prisoners' Sunday - A day of prayer and giving for prisoners and their families)

(Special Collection Today for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (Friday))

Sat	8th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Winifred & Daniel Doyle RIP
Sun	9th	<b>9.00am</b>	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Mon	10th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Valerie Chatfield RIP
Wed	12th	10.00am	St George's - Frank Restivo RIP
Wed	12th	6.30pm	St Wilfrid's - Devotions
Thur	13th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Maura O'Donoghue RIP
Fri	14th	10.00am	St George's - Sean, Margaret & John Barnes RIP
Sat	15th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of Knights of St Columba

#### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Wednesday is the Solemnity of St Philip Howard)

(Special Collection next Sunday for MISSIO)

Sun	16th	9.00am	St George's - Billy Kelly RIP
		10.30am	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 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, Irene Boulstridge, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford, Dorothy Hanlon 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](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

**Fr Rory Writes:**

Amazing..... Just amazing the amount of light that is now coming through; almost a chorus of comments since the removal of the great tree. Always I have misgivings, and especially half way through, when with the thinning of the branches we had the best of both worlds, because we had both the high branches and the light coming though. But, on consideration it was apparent that it would not survive a risk assessment. A most recent suggestion is that we get in a wood sculptor to create a living image of St Wilfrid. I think it would be too much of a "knotty problem"!

From feasts to famine: It is back to Friday Fast Day to help with raising funds for CAFOD. One time we were inundated with literature and envelopes, the bulk of which ended up in the bin. Now we have a very limited supply, but the most important thing is our response. Please support it generously.

*Jr Rory*

**Christmas Cards** will be on sale at the back of St George's church this weekend.

**POSTPONED - St Wilfrid's Thanksgiving Service at the Hospice**, Sunday 9th October 3 pm has been postponed.

**Days of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Bishop Richard held the first of a series of Days of Reflection on 1st October. His talks were inspiring, uplifting and informative. All present thoroughly enjoyed the day, learning a great deal about the history of the Ministry as well as important practicalities. Another day is planned for the **11th February 2017** at Arundel, and I would highly recommend that all who wish to learn more about their role, book as soon as possible, places are limited. Six people from St George's attended and came back refreshed and reinvigorated. Please contact Ruth Gerun, on 01293 651164 or email [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org).

**Newman Association AGM** to be held at Our Lady of Ransom Parish, starting with mass and after a brief AGM there will be lunch and drinks. All welcome. Monday 10th October 2016.

### LOVE IN A BOX

Please support "Love In A Box" see the literature provided at the back of the church. You can support this by making a donation which will be used for this very worthwhile charity that provides for children in Eastern Europe, or to produce your own box (see items to be included on back of leaflet) for suggestions that will make it possible to distribute the boxes to the right children.

**Redshirts/Lourdes Youth volunteers** are holding a quiz at Our Lady of Ransom hall on Sat Oct 15th. Doors open at 6.45 for 7.15 start. Tickets £6 each, teams of about 6. Includes light refreshments and licensed bar. Tickets available from Maura 430532 or parish office 723222.

**DABCEC - 15th October, 2016:** 10am-3.30pm, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley. £5 registration. Bring your own lunch. A day of reflection on the Scriptures, sharing in prayer, of meeting others and learning about Lectio Divina. For more info/register contact 07979 180859 or email [LCSBbookings@gmail.com](mailto:LCSBbookings@gmail.com)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Wed 12th Oct** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Wed 12th Oct** St George's Leaven Grp Mtg, St George's Hall, 6.15pm  
**Wed 12th Oct** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 19th Oct** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 26th Oct** St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm  
**Wed 9th Nov** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm

**St Wilfrid's Race Night** profit was £760.10. As usual many thanks to all who contributed in any way and apologies for delay in letting you know!

The **Knights of St Columba** will meet on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm at Christ the King Parish Rooms, Langney. All Catholic men are welcome to come and participate. Further details from David 423323 or Bob 847014.

**St Philip Howard** is one of the two Patrons of our Diocese. This year the Bishop is celebrating a special Mass in his honour at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 16th October at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this pilgrimage and to find out more about this English Martyr.

**Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard:** He is once again inviting young people (11-18) to join him for Evenings of Reflection at different places around the Diocese. They will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Dates and locations are as follows:  
 Saturday January 21st - St John's Seminary, Womersley  
 Saturday January 28th - St Joseph's Church, Redhill  
 Saturday February 11th - St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill  
 Saturday March 18th - St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea  
 Some important points to note: Capacity is limited, so it is absolutely essential to book. To do so, please email the Youth Adviser [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org). Jack will confirm whether there is space. He assumes each group will have adult leaders present. Young people who want to come alone must contact directly with Jack.

**In Their Shoes - A teenage retreat for the Year of Mercy: October 28th -30th.** If you are in school years 10-13, you are invited to come away for a weekend to Worth Abbey! The weekend will be made up of inspirational talks around the theme of mercy, small group discussions, games, yummy food, friendship and the opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside around Worth Abbey. For more information contact [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net)

### COLLECTIONS: (1st/2nd Oct)

<b>St George's 24th/25th Sept</b>	£198.15
<b>St George's</b>	£210.20
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£346.11
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 130 St G's 89	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

### Bonus Ball:

**Sat 1st October**  
 No: 55  
 Pierine Caira  
  
**Wed 28th September**  
 No: 55  
 John Perry