

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

THE COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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 Jeremiah

23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 22. R.v1

**R) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R)**

Ps 53:6,8

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jn 10:27

**The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Rv 3:20

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



"There were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat." We see in today's Gospel a picture of the

busy life of apostolic service. Jesus is concerned that His apostles should enjoy some rest, and bids them row their boat to another place "where they could be by themselves". But no sooner had they arrived in another place when more crowds descended upon them in need of their service. The crowds appeared like sheep without a shepherd, lost and confused. They hungered for someone to show them the way. They thirsted for someone to teach them the truth, someone

to fill them with life.

The present Gospel prepares for the miraculous feeding with the loaves and fish, in which we see the Lord nourish the hungry crowds as a sign of the future institution of the Eucharist, which is in turn the very offering of Himself as the Way for which the people hunger, the Truth for which they thirst and the Life with which they long to be filled.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)**

5. The Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross, constantly invites us to rejoice. A few examples will suffice. "Rejoice!" is the angel's greeting to Mary (Lk 1:28). Mary's visit to Elizabeth makes John leap for joy in his mother's womb (cf. Lk 1:41). In her song of praise, Mary proclaims: "My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (Lk 1:47). When Jesus begins his ministry, John cries out: "For this reason, my joy has been fulfilled" (Jn 3:29). Jesus himself "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (Lk 10:21). His message brings us joy: "I have said these things to you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (Jn 15:11). Our Christian joy drinks of the wellspring of his brimming heart. He promises his disciples: "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (Jn 16:20). He then goes on to say: "But I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (Jn 16:22). The disciples "rejoiced" (Jn 20:20) at the sight of the risen Christ. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that the first Christians "ate their food with glad and generous hearts" (2:46). Wherever the disciples went, "there was great joy" (8:8); even amid persecution they continued to be "filled with joy" (13:52). The newly baptized eunuch "went on his way rejoicing" (8:39), while Paul's jailer "and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God" (16:34). Why should we not also enter into this great stream of joy?

**Monsignor Bruce Harbert –
Thoughts on today's Mass**

We can read the story of Abel both in the Book of Genesis (Chapter 4) and in the Quran (5,27). Abel and his brother Cain both offered sacrifice to God, but only Abel's sacrifice was accepted, whereupon Cain killed Abel out of jealousy. The Letter to the Hebrews (12,24) speaks of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross as superior to that of Abel, as the hymn says: 'Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies, but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries' (Edward Caswall). However, the Catholic liturgy still speaks with respect of 'Abel the just' in the First Eucharistic Prayer and, in today's Prayer over the Offerings, prays that our sacrifice will be acceptable like his. In these days, when we are very conscious of the Muslim presence in our country and across the globe, it is good to be aware of the heritage that Muslims and Christians share.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	18th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Sheila & Maria Pickett RIP SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Special Collection Next Sunday for A Day for Life
Sun	19th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - St George's Community's Intention St Wilfrid's - Donor's Intention
Mon	20th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Teresa Courtney's Intention
Wed	22nd	10.00am	St George's - Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP
Thur	23rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Johanna Lorraine & Family RIP
Fri	24th	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	25th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Christopher Karaviotes RIP SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Special Collection Today for A Day for Life
Sun	26th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Gordon & Fiona - Wedding Day St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

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
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 509047
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, Eric Lopez, 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.**

Fr Rory writes:

From the prayer of the Mass "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer". It is important to believe this as an act of positive faith, as consistent with life are times of tribulations.

The fact that the new church project is going very well, and is in accordance with the plan, is a great blessing. Added to this is the generous donation of £5000, which we have received from St George's community - both are signs of God's blessing and to be seen as a source of encouragement.

Schools breaking up this week emphasizes that this is our holiday season and just as nature takes a break it is important to have a time to rest. So happy holidays.

During the holidays, life goes on "ticking over" and the period of rest plays a crucial part in preparing us for a new season of growth. The ongoing completion of the church project and the re-emergence of our website will be very important during this time - so your attention and your prayers are most appreciated.

Fr Rory

Festival 50 – all of us who attended from both communities thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was really something to be part of 11,000 Catholics, celebrating Mass together. If you were unable to attend on the day you can still experience this special event. The Social Committee at St George's will be purchasing a DVD of the day as soon as it is available and will arrange a film show with tea and cakes for both communities. Watch this space!

BINGO: At St George's Hall on Friday 7th August. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Proceeds in aid of Children with Cancer, Polegate.

MASS FOR LOURDES PILGRIMS NOT TRAVELLING IN 2015

If you normally travel to Lourdes, but are not for whatever reason able to be there this year, a Mass is being held for pilgrims just like you to get together and experience some of the atmosphere and friendship of the Pilgrimage. This will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whiteways Lane, Rottingdean, BN2 7HB at 10am on Saturday 1 August. There promises to be lots of recognisable Lourdes music to enjoy. After Mass, if you would like to stay with the group, they will create their own 'Little Flower' and decamp down to The Plough at the end of the lane for coffee, maybe a lunchtime drink or lunch. If you are intending to attend, please call/text Andrew Harvey (after 7pm weekdays or anytime weekends) on 07736 930849, or email andrewjharvey1@gmail.com so an idea of numbers can be gained.

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 22nd July St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sun 26th July St Wilfrid's UN Lunch, St W's Church after Mass at 12pm
Wed 29th July St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 5th 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

St Wilfrid's United Nations Lunch Preparations: Volunteers are needed to put up the Gazebos on Saturday 25th July if the weather is fine. Please come along to the Presbytery garden at 10am if you can help. If the weather is very windy or raining we will erect the Gazebos on the morning of the 26th at 9am. We also still need items for the Tombola. Thank you.

A Big Thank You: The St Wilfrid's New Church Project Committee has just received a very generous donation of £5000 from St George's Parish as a contribution to the Audio Visual System we will be installing in the new church. This contribution will help enormously towards the expenses incurred for the fixtures and fittings for the new church and help us to complete the church to the standards we all hoped to achieve. We have sent a letter of thanks to St George's.

Children's Liturgy - St Wilfrid's: will be breaking up for the summer from Sunday 19th July and returning on Sunday 13th September.

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.

World Youth Day 2016: Next Summer the Diocese will be taking a group to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day, the Church's huge international youth festival held every two or three years. It is an amazing chance to deepen your faith and have a lot of fun, surrounded by about 3 million other Catholics from around the globe! We will be travelling out there by coach and staying in a hotel on the outskirts of the city, not too far from the action. Application packs are available from the Youth Service website www.yaab.co.uk. Feel free to get in touch with Jack if you've got any questions (01293 651158 – Jack.Regan@dabnet.org)

COLLECTIONS: (11th/12th July)

St George's	£241.60
Apostleship of the Sea	£113.80
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50

Bonus Ball:

Sat 4th July
No 3
Michael Bradley

St Wilfrid's	£433.82
Apostleship of the Sea	£110.96
Weekly aver. of DD	£209.60
Attendances: St W's 126 St G's 94	

Sat 11th July

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Fr Rory

Thank you for your continued generosity
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Wed 8th July

No 27
Anita Stone