

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

Ps 69:2,6

THE COLLECT

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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 book of Exodus

16:2-4.12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain
against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them,
'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt,
when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat
bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to
this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for
you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and
gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to
see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to
them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the
morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you
will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about:
quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the
morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When
the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was
a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground.
When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another,
'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That,' said Moses to
them, 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 77:3-4.23-25.54. R.v24

R) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R)**

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **(R)**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

4:17.20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living
the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the
way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him
properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You
must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old
self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your
mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can
put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the
goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Mt 4:4

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

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

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were
there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for
Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him,
'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because
you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread
you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that
endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is
offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set
his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the
works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is
working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So
they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should
believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna
to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread
from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread; for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 6:35

**I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The work we have to do in this
life, Jesus says, is to believe in
him. We are to believe in him
as the one "*sent by the Father*",
the one on whom "*the Father,
God himself, has set his seal,*" as

today's Gospel passage tells
us. The people surrounding
Jesus, during his three years of
public preaching, were given
plenty of signs showing the
truth of what Jesus claimed for
himself but they were always
greedy for more. In this case,
they had just come from the
miraculous feeding of a huge
crowd and now they were
asking again, Give us a sign!
Heaven. God is at all times
generous with signs, but his

people will not look beyond
the immediate benefits at the
Person who offers them. Even
as a man they are not
interested in him – "*the son of
Joseph*" – and even less so in
his Divinity and his power to
offer them life without hunger
or thirst, a life of communion
with himself and his Father. Yet
it would not seem a difficult
"*work*": a "*work*" of faith and
love and hope, of friendship
with the Son of God!

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

7. Sometimes we are tempted to find excuses and
complain, acting as if we could only be happy if a
thousand conditions were met. To some extent this is
because our "technological society has succeeded in
multiplying occasions of pleasure, yet has found it very
difficult to engender joy".² I can say that the most
beautiful and natural expressions of joy which I have
seen in my life were in poor people who had little to
hold on to. I also think of the real joy shown by others
who, even amid pressing professional obligations, were
able to preserve, in detachment and simplicity, a heart
full of faith. In their own way, all these instances of joy
flow from the infinite love of God, who has revealed
himself to us in Jesus Christ. I never tire of repeating
those words of Benedict XVI which take us to the very
heart of the Gospel: "Being a Christian is not the result of
an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with
an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a
decisive direction".³

²Ibid. 8: AAS 67 (1975), 292.

³Encyclical Letter Deus Caritas Est (25 December 2005), 1: AAS 98 (2006), 217.

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

At the beginning of the Scriptures we read
how Adam and Eve spoiled God's creation
by disobedience. That story is about us. We
constantly spoil the world around us, and
hurt our fellow human beings, by our sins.
But because God is a loving Father, whose
Son takes away our sins, he helps us to put
things right by repentance. So in today's
Collect we say that we 'glory' (that is, are
delighted) in God, for not only is he our
Creator, but he is also our guide, who shows
us our path through the life he has given us.
We ask God to 'restore what (he has)
created', giving our innocence back to us,
and then to keep safe what he has restored,
preserving us from sin. This Collect echoes
an Easter prayer, which says that the only
thing more marvellous than Creation is the
fact that Christ has been sacrificed for us.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	1st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Michael & Bridget Kitts Intention
Sun	2nd	9.00am	St George's - Nolan Family of Leighanbridge Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	3rd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	4th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Liturgy of Word and Eucharist
Wed	5th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of Word and Eucharist
Thur	6th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Liturgy of Word and Eucharist
Fri	7th	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of Word and Eucharist
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

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, 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:**St Wilfrid's New Church**

What was best expressed in the Latin "Expectate die at erat" might now be a moment premature, as a delay caused by the plasterers has emerged. The good side; it does not have a cost implication and helps us to realise how well and in good order that the building has progressed. So soon, please God, we will receive our new church.

It was a tonic speaking to Ed - the Job Foreman and hearing from him the sense of satisfaction all the builders had working on such a fine project and such a fine church. He said, though not a Catholic, he was (himself) looking forward to joining us for our first service in the new church when it takes place. Impressed with the acoustics, the effective shape developing and taking place, embracing the congregation. So thanks be to God for all this.

I need to say a personal "sorry" for the poor communication that is taking place, especially at the moment. One reason is the many or false dawns, but also the negotiations for further planning permission and a recognition of having to keep within budget. Also now I am sure the updated website is ready to deliver and about to begin again. So hopefully amends can be made.

A large discrepancy in the budget became clear and I had to realise that the goal post would have to change, as our earlier plans were not attainable within the budget created by the sale of the Presbytery. We were back in the dilemma which haunted the first five years of my responsibility, which has been solved by having a total focus on the budget and the builder. For the second part of the project, the focus changed from the builder to the developer. Simon, for whom I have the highest regard, thought he could provide us with such a developer. It became clear that the risk was too large.

So a change of plan. In the decision to build a new church, the exemption from 20% VAT plays a large part in the final decision to build a new church. Another critical factor is the cost of maintenance in the future, as this will always have a financial implication. In the past we were very blessed by the very large amount of voluntary work that was done, but there is every indication that this will not be so in the future. So a lot of attention will be given to keeping maintenance costs as low as possible.

The implications now are: the Project Committee being tasked with finishing the delivery of the new church and planning for the porch and sacristy. Alongside that will be a focus to landscape the grounds of the new church and the Presbytery. This will entail a lot of renovation and renewal of fences and ground, alongside providing satisfactory parking facilities as mandated by planning permission. Following on from this the Parish Finance Committee will re-establish a group tasked with the responsibility of providing parish offices on the ground floor of the presbytery, good accommodation upstairs for the priest, and maintaining and securing the exterior of the building, which has been neglected since the last quinquennial report. Also making sure that the old church will take on a new lease of life, providing community amenities for the next generation. There are many good examples in our Diocese, like Goring Church, where this has been very successfully achieved.

Fr Rory

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.

UN Lunch - St Wilfrid's: Despite the weather, the UN lunch at St Wilfrid's was a great success last Sunday and raised well over £900 for the project - over £500 of which was taken on the day. A big thank you to all who contributed in any way and especially to those who braved the rain and helped the day to go so well.

A big Thank You to Dominic Rumsey for his generosity in preparing and having printed copies of the new Jubilee Mass for St George's. This is the third time Dominic has done this for us and we are all very grateful. Thank you Dominic!

St Wilfrid's New Church Project. There will be a presentation after the Mass on 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 5th Aug St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
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 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: (25th/26th July)

St George's	£195.35
A Day For Life	£67.45
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£313.35
A Day For Life	£95.34
Weekly aver. of DD	£209.60
Attendances: St W's 170	St G's 94

Bonus Ball:

Sat 25th July
 No 37
 Gareth Jones
Wed 22nd July
 No 29
 John Forde