

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.**

Cf. Ps 27: 8-9

THE COLLECT

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
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
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Jeremiah said:

20:10-

I hear so many disparaging me,
“Terror from every side!”
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!’
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

68:8-10.14.17.33-35 R v14

R) In your great love, answer me, O God.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother’s sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R)**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death,
and thus death has spread through the whole human race be-
cause everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before
the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be
accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all
from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself consid-
erably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s
fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace,
coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many
as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jn1:14.12

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For
everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark,
tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the
soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in
hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not
one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every
hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be
afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of
men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father
in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of
men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
and grant that, cleansed by its action,
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 144: 15

**The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion
may be our sure pledge of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



It is very difficult to love if we
are afraid. Fear strangles our
emotions and stops us from
fulfilling God’s plan for us. In
today’s Gospel Jesus tells the
Apostles not to be afraid of the

‘world’. There are times when
the highly secularized society in
which we live frightens us and
destroys hope. But here Jesus is
telling that the only people to be
afraid of are those who can “kill
the soul”. Of course, there are
plenty of things “out there” that
can kill the soul: addictions of
every sort, worship of material
goods and possessions, hatred of
others etc. Jesus is assuring us
that we should have complete
trust in the Father. In fact, if we
do this, then we will not be
afraid of the “world” because we

know that the Father is always
watching over us. And even if,
on occasions, we are overcome
by the world, we know that we
he will always welcome us back
into his loving arms. If ever we
any doubts about the Father’s
love, then all we need do is pick
our Bible and re-read the parable
of the Prodigal Son.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF EVANGELIZATION IV. SOCIAL DIALOGUE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE

239. The Church proclaims “the Gospel
of peace” (Eph 6:15) and she wishes to
cooperate with all national and
international authorities in safeguarding
this immense universal good. By
preaching Jesus Christ, who is himself
peace (cf. Eph 2:14), the new
evangelization calls on every baptized
person to be a peacemaker and a
credible witness to a reconciled life.



The Sacrament of
the Present Moment*



GOD’S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

God’s grace is ever present in all that happens. It penetrates
and pervades every pore of our being. It carries us along like
a deep flowing current to which we have only to surrender
ourselves.

Come, all who want God, learned or simple, and discover
the map of the spiritual journey. Don’t worry how others
are walking.

Trust the way you yourself are called to follow and walk in
it with confidence. God’s grace will not fail you.

Each one of us can bring God’s message to others like the
prophets of old. It is we who continue to write the book of
God’s words and works in the present day.

God doesn’t put down the pen just because the official
Scriptures are finished! We are the living books of the Holy
Spirit still in the making.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	20th	St Wilfrid's -	In Honour of the Infant Jesus
		Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun	21st	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		St Wilfrid's -	
Mon	22nd	St George's -	Creta O'Neill RIP
Tue	23rd	St George's -	Kenneth & Jean Compton RIP
Wed	24th	St Wilfrid's -	Ada Mary Garnar RIP
Thur	25th	St George's -	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Fri	26th	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Souls'
Sat	27th	St Wilfrid's -	John & Nellie O'Neil RIP
		Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles	
Sun	28th	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		St Wilfrid's -	

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 Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977 **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) 487212
St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Stephen Murray
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Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
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CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990
Contact Care: 07900 823138

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Angela & Michael Archer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Fr Rory, Letty Booth and Michael Copper.

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.

Office Hours Monday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 8.45am-12.45pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

A message from Fr Rory:

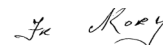
It is with joy that we can now consider opening our churches for private, individual prayer. The hope is that we will be able to welcome parishioners for one hour twice a week, in each of our two churches. We are working out how we can do this with safety concerns in mind, as it may be months before we can celebrate a public Mass together.

Before we can go ahead and open the churches, we require the authorisation of the Diocese, to do so. To facilitate this, we need to recruit **stewards, or ushers**, plus a team **of cleaners** to clean the church after each session of prayer. Another requirement from the Diocese is that we provide the names of volunteers to them and they must have a current DBS Check in place. Protective equipment will be provided, and safety measures put in place to protect us all. Guidelines, safety measures and details of restrictions will be shared with you all.

You would always be working in pairs and we will always ensure you have full information and support before we open the churches. You would be asked to usher people into the church, help them use the one-way system, sit where allocated, and keep social distancing.

Could you spare an hour a week, perhaps every 2 weeks if we have plenty of volunteers, we are looking at opening one session on a weekday and possibly one on the Sunday afternoon? There is one stipulation – you need to be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health issues.

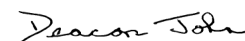
If you fit the above criteria, and are willing to do help as an usher or cleaner or would like more information, please contact us at ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com


Deacon John Writes:

Our Scripture readings for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time challenge us to preach Christ through our words and lives without fear. The first reading relates how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attacks upon his character, but he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord. The psalmist trusts in God when he is misunderstood and ill-treated even by his relatives. In the second reading, Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not be afraid of opposition both because they share in the death of Jesus and because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in his Resurrection.

The Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them out to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" Instead of forgetting their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly, because they will be protected just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. The readings encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus. They assure us that we will be successful, despite the opposition we encounter.

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Fr Rory Writes:

Eternal Father, Loving God
Who made us from the dust of earth
Transform us by the spirit's grace
Give value to our little worth

Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal

"By His wounds we have been healed", has been a traditional focus for our spirituality and is a great help to me at this time. On my way to bed recently, having switched off the TV, from which the only consolation came through Spring Watch and Gardeners' World. The almost unescapable, unavoidable news media is an affliction of the highest order. In its unending search for the worst news that it can get, and with the twist that it constantly brings to the coronavirus is trying to take hold of me.

The stress that we are living with, the implication of the lockdown means that the days and weeks are simply disappearing. While this, for me, helps the passing of time, its loss to our lives is very real and needs the best and most positive attention that we can give. We are now passing the longest day, and the excellent weather a solid bonus. If it were not for the virus, 2020 might have been a very special year.

Having acknowledged the difficulties and damage that is being done, it is more important to be aware of God's help and His promise to turn all things to good. Truly appreciate moments of grace - spring walks, with people's generosity and kindness. With shops, businesses and works opening, there is a need to try to get on with life. The churches' opening has brought home to me, "easier said than done". We have received all the requirements and the directions for opening our churches, and with our age profile (as indeed with most churches), it presents us with a great challenge as we cannot ask for help from those willing persons who are over seventy.

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