

Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

15th Sunday in OT (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 16:15

**As for me, in justice I shall behold
your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of
your glory.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth give growth

PSALM: Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

**R) Some seed fell into rich soil
and produced its crop.**

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. (R)

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. (R)

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R)

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R)

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

*The whole creation is eagerly waiting for
God to reveal his sons.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68
**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

**The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my
King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Was King Herod an example of the “rocky ground”, or of the “thorns and thistles”? Perhaps both? He heard St. John the Baptist, we are told by St. Mark, “*with awe... he liked to listen to him*”; he recognized him as “*a good and upright man*”. But as we know, that liking had no roots and the approval of the crowd, his guests, was a “riches” that smothered the “seed” of recognition. Herod was not prepared to change. In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus explains his use of parables, he quotes Isaiah. Isaiah says of the people that they do not want to understand, to see with their eyes or hear with their ears, because they do not want to change their ways. They do not want to keep the commandments.

Like Herod, they do not recognize the “seed”, the Word of God, as something healthful and life-giving; something offered in love for their ultimate happiness. So in mercy they are given the parables: stories bearing the truth, easy to remember and keep in mind and so offering the possibility of a ‘second chance’ of acceptance.

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



**THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF
EVANGELIZATION**

**IV. SOCIAL DIALOGUE AS A
CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE**

241. In her dialogue with the State and with society, the Church does not have solutions for every particular issue. Together with the various sectors of society, she supports those programmes which best respond to the dignity of each person and the common good. In doing this, she proposes in a clear way the fundamental values of human life and convictions which can then find expression in political activity.



St Teresa's Way of Perfection*

In this new series of reflections, we follow the Way of Prayer and Perfection of St Teresa of Avila.



**SOME BASIC DISPOSITIONS
FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER**

Before speaking about prayer there are some things that need to be made clear. Being a praying person involves living in such a way as to please God, for prayer and self indulgence do not go together. Everybody wants to preserve inward and outward peace in order to serve God in tranquillity. For this three things are necessary.

Love of others. Detachment. True humility.

We have to understand how important these three things are, especially humility. And we must also have the courage necessary for a life given to God in love and service. It isn't easy, but it is worthwhile to master the basics before trying to proceed, for one holy person is worth more than any number of mediocre ones.

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St Wilfrid's Church

Re-opening for Mass

19th July

Mass Timetable		
Wednesday	Friday	Sunday
10am	10am	10:30am

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the Mass starts so that we can be sure that everyone is seated with minimal risk and that we can start the Mass on time.

**No Toilets
Available**



Book online or by phone for Mass

To allow a chance for everyone to attend, please only book for one Mass every 2 weeks. If you are unwell please do not attend.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to seeing you at Mass.

St. George's Church

**We are opening our doors on the 19th July at
9.00 a.m.**

Mass Times

Sundays 9.00a.m Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.00a.m.

**Due to restrictions on numbers during the Covid 19
crisis you MUST book your chosen day, and attend on
that day until we can adjust the limits.**

For Sunday Booking, ring

07808175455

For Tuesday booking,

01323870990

For Thursday booking, ring

01323504753

Please share this information

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South Road
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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	11th	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun	12th	St George's -	Dr Ismay Crotty RIP
		St Wilfrid's -	
Mon	13th	St George's -	
Tue	14th	St George's -	Harry Holt RIP
Wed	15th	St Wilfrid's -	Madeleine Waters Intention
Thur	16th	St George's -	Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP
Fri	17th	St Wilfrid's -	Chris Fenn RIP
Sat	18th	St Wilfrid's -	
		Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun	19th	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		St Wilfrid's -	Brian Winter RIP

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
ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
Hailsham Hall Hire Tel: (01323) 841504 - Mon, Wed, Fri Morning or email at above address
Prayer LineJean Barham-Wyatt Tel: (01323) 842824

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

Fr Rory Writes:

Happily, we can now plan for the opening our churches for Mass. We are working out how we can do this with safety concerns in mind. We hope to open for the first time the weekend of 18th/19th July.

Masses will be offered during the week. If you are not at work during the week, you are strongly encouraged to attend a weekday Mass to allow those who are working to attend on Sundays.

You will need to apply to attend on your chosen day. (Please see attached posters)

Times of Masses during the week are:

St. George's Church – 10am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sundays, 9.00am
St. Wilfrid's Church – 10am on Wednesdays and Fridays. Sundays, 10.30am

Our Mass time experiences will be very different.

Restrictions are imposed as follows:-

Numbers are restricted to ensure social distancing

If you are at all unwell, please **DO NOT** attend church

It is recommended that small children and babies are not brought into the church

You will be met at the door, you must give your name and contact details to the usher

Sanitise your hand and wear a mask (this is compulsory)

The usher will guide you to a marked bench at appropriate distance from anyone not in your household. There are arrows on the floor, guiding you through the one-way system.

Please do not genuflect to any of the statues, or touch them or any surface unnecessarily

No leaflets or Missals will be provided. If you bring your own you **MUST** take them home with you.

Please do not converse with anyone outside your own household, to limit the spread of the virus

There may be music, but no singing is allowed

Mass will be shorter to reduce the time spent indoors with other people

The sign of peace will not be exchanged

The reader, Eucharistic Minister and Priest will always be on the altar

The Priest will remain socially distant at all times

There will be no offertory

Cash offerings must be placed in the boxes provided at the entrance and exit to the church.

Communion under one kind will be distributed at the end of Mass.

An usher will guide you to communion when it is safe for you to enter the aisle, always maintaining social distance

There will be a small physical barrier between the recipient and the Minister. The distribution of the Host will be in silence with arms at full stretch, palms upwards, one on top of the other, as flatly as possible. Communion may not be received on the tongue.

You will leave the church immediately after Communion, through the Sacristy door. Take **ALL** your belongings with you (including your mask) and leave your offering in the box provided. (you may not return to your seat under any circumstances)**

You will be asked to sanitise your hands before leaving the church

**If you cannot manage the steps leading to the sacristy, please wait to receive communion until all others have left. The usher will escort you and you may leave through the back porch.

There will be NO tea/coffee after any Mass. The hall remains closed

The lavatories are closed

Please continue to maintain social distancing whilst in the carpark

Please see the above posters for details of how to book for St George's and St Wilfrid's.

Fr Rory