

Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

21st Sunday in OT (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to
you all the day long.

FIRST READING:

The House of Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of David upon his shoulder.

PSALM:

Ps 137:1-3.6.8. R. V8

**R) Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R)**

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

All that exists comes from him; all is by
him and for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Mt 16:18
**You are Peter
and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

Matthew 16:13-20

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of
the kingdom of heaven.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

**The earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



in his flawed disciple. We are all flawed disciples, and yet Jesus chooses to overlook our flaws and to put his trust in us. When we see that we have many shortcomings, the temptation is to throw the towel in, but we need to remind ourselves constantly that Jesus knows this, and just asks us to have faith in him.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



IV. SOCIAL DIALOGUE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE

ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE

246. Given the seriousness of the counter-witness of division among Christians, particularly in Asia and Africa, the search for paths to unity becomes all the more urgent. Missionaries on those continents often mention the criticisms, complaints and ridicule to which the scandal of divided Christians gives rise. If we concentrate on the convictions we share, and if we keep in mind the principle of the hierarchy of truths, we will be able to progress decidedly towards common expressions of proclamation, service and witness. The immense numbers of people who have not received the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot leave us indifferent. Consequently, commitment to a unity which helps them to accept Jesus Christ can no longer be a matter of mere diplomacy or forced compliance, but rather an indispensable path to evangelization.



St Teresa's Way of Perfection*

PRAYER IS LIKE WATER



Prayer can be likened to water. It is something we long for when we don't have it. And this water has been promised to us by Jesus himself, so we can be sure of getting it if we ask in faith.

Water has three properties among many others: it cools, it cleans, and it quenches thirst.

God is ever ready to give the water of prayer that it might be all these things to us.

Go on then to reach this water that all

your longings may be satisfied. God invites you but does not force you to drink unless you wish to do so. He will always respect your free will.

If you do decide to seek this water, God will also make sure that there is enough provided en route to enable you to persevere in your quest without dying of thirst. There are many streams, large and small, flowing from the one source. Don't fear that you will have nothing to sustain you along the way.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	22nd	St Wilfrid's - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun	23rd	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Peter & Lesley Dromgoole's Intention
Mon	24th		St George's -	
Tue	25th	10.00am	St George's -	Errol Stag RIP
		11.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Requiem Mass Margaret Westcar RIP
Wed	26th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	In Honour of Our Lady
Thur	27th	10.00am	St George's -	In Thanksgiving
Fri	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	29th		St Wilfrid's -	
		Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun	30th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Norman & Angela Wright RIP

Booking for St George's Church: Please ring 07808 175455 for Sunday, 870990 for Tuesday & 504753 for Thursday.

Booking for St Wilfrid's Church: Go to our website www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk, click the link "Book a Mass" on the righthand side of the front page, select your Mass and follow the instructions, or contact the office on 841504.

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

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POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990
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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, 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:

Most appropriately Deacon John introduces the theme “power Sunday” with the important emphasis upon the power of God. Last Sunday I made a focus upon Live and Learn with the intention of developing the themes of ministry and service. Deacon John provides the platform upon which is the future we need to build. The ministry of the eucharist has a special importance.



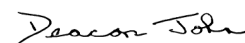
Deacon John Writes:

This Sunday could be called “Power Sunday” because the theme of all three readings is that God is the Source of all authority. God shares His authority with elected civil rulers to serve the people and with the Pope and the other Church leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His children. The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, tells us how God hates unfaithful and selfish officials. In the Psalm, David thanks God for having raised him from lowly origins and given him authority as king over the people of Israel. In the second reading from Romans St. Paul praises God for the depth of His wisdom, knowledge, and correct judgments, asserting that He is the Source of all authority on earth and in Heaven.

We need to accept and experience Jesus as our Lord and personal Saviour: First, we should accept Jesus as the Son of God and our personal Saviour. Next, Jesus should become a living experience for us – protecting us and providing for us in our life’s journey, loving us, forgiving us, helping us, and transforming our lives. We must praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, both good, pleasant and painful, realising that God’s loving hands are behind everything. When we find the joy, the love, and the peace we find in Jesus, they must be reflected in the way we live our whole lives. Further, by giving humble, loving service to others we are giving the statement that Jesus is present in every person.

In the Gospel Jesus asked the question “Who do you say that I am?” There were two parts to this question about his identity. Jesus first asked “What is the public opinion?” The apostles’ answered, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” The phrase “one of the prophets” suggested that Jesus had a ministry like that of the former prophets. When the people identified Jesus with Elijah and with Jeremiah, they were, according to their traditions, paying him a great compliment and setting him in a high place, for Jeremiah and Elijah were the expected forerunners of the Anointed One of God. When they arrived, the Kingdom would be very near. The second part of the question was: “What is your personal opinion?” Peter, speaking for the other disciples, declared publicly: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Peter was the first apostle to recognise Jesus publicly as the Anointed One. Peter said that Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God, Immanuel, the Salvation of God — God who became Man to save sinners! Jesus was very pleased with Peter’s answer. Peter then received a special blessing: “Blessed are you, Simon son of John!” He was the only disciple in the Gospels to receive a personal blessing. Jesus was quick to explain to the disciples that he was not a political Messiah. He was, rather, a Messiah who must suffer, die, and be raised to life again.

On the theme of “Who am I” there is this story: When Christian Herter was governor of Massachusetts, he was running hard for a second term in office. One day, after a busy morning chasing votes (and no lunch), he arrived at a church barbecue. It was late afternoon and Herter was hungry. As Herter moved down the queue, he held out his plate to the woman serving chicken. She put a piece on his plate and turned to the next person in line. “Excuse me,” Governor Herter said, “do you mind if I have another piece of chicken?” “Sorry,” the woman told him. “I’m supposed to give one piece of chicken to each person.” “But I’m starving,” the governor said. “Sorry,” the woman said again. “Only one to a customer.” Governor Herter was a modest and unassuming man, but he decided that this time he would throw a little weight around. “Do you know who I am?” he said. “I am the governor of this state.” “And do you know who I am?” the woman said. “I’m the Lady in Charge of the Chicken. Move along, Mister.” —This is a short, and simple, story about two people, Governor Herter and the Lady in Charge of the chicken, each trying to exert authority over the other by saying— ‘who I am.



Joke of the Week:

A blind man is walking down the street with his guide dog one day. They come to a busy intersection and the dog, ignoring the high volume of traffic zooming by on the street, leads the blind man right out into the thick of the traffic. This is followed by the screech of tires as panicked drivers try desperately not to run the pair down. Horns blaring around them, the blind man and the dog finally reach the safety of the sidewalk on the other side of the street, and the blind man pulls a cookie out of his coat pocket, which he offers to the dog. A passer-by, having observed the near fatal incident, can’t control his amazement and says to the blind man, “Why on earth are you rewarding your dog with a cookie? He nearly got you killed!” The blind man turns partially in his direction and replies, “To find out where his head is, so I can kick his rear end!”

Foodbanks:

If you are still able to donate non-perishable food and money to the foodbanks over the coming months. There are opportunities to donate online, or our website to make this easier for people. Immediate food needs will probably change week to week. For more updates visit www.hailsham.foodbank.org.uk or www.eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk. Thank you.