

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.**

THE COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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 Isaiah

25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

22 R. v6

**R) In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.**

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 129: 3-4

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
4:12-14.19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have
been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything
anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who
gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with
me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs,
in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Eph 1:17.18

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

For shorter form, 22:1-10, read between []

[Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast
for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had
been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more
servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have
my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been
slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they
were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his
business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and
killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops,
destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said
to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were
invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town
and invite everyone you can find to come to the wedding." So
these servants went out on to the roads and collected together
everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding
hall was filled with guests.] When the king came in to look at the
guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding
garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend,
without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the
king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw
him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding
of teeth." For many are called but few are chosen.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Cf. Ps 33: 11

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Weddings are another favourite
theme with God. Our Lord refers
to Himself several times as *"the
bridegroom"*; he begins his public
ministry at a wedding feast. The
prophets speak frequently of
God's marriage bond with His

people, the Jews: Ezekiel, Isaiah,
the Book of Deuteronomy –
where Moses shows that God's
covenant is a covenant of love and
an invitation to respond with love.
*"Bone from my bones and flesh from
my flesh!"* Adam exclaims of his
'marriage covenant' with Eve. It is
a prefigurement of God's final
sealing of His covenant through
His Son. St. Cyril of Alexandria
writes of Holy Communion, *"The
power of the sacred flesh unites in
one body all who receive it ...
therefore we are all one in the Father
and the Son and the Holy Spirit –*

one in identity of relationship..."
Through the prophet Hosea God
says, *"I will betroth you to myself
forever."* Today's parable tells us
that the Kingdom, the joys of
Heaven, celebrate the wedding
feast of God's Son, in which we,
who wear the *"wedding garment"*
of Baptism, may take part!



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



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

252. Our relationship with the followers of
Islam has taken on great importance, since
they are now significantly present in many
traditionally Christian countries, where they
can freely worship and become fully a part of
society. We must never forget that they
"profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and
together with us they adore the one, merciful
God, who will judge humanity on the last
day".¹⁹⁸ The sacred writings of Islam have
retained some Christian teachings; Jesus and
Mary receive profound veneration and it is
admirable to see how Muslims both young and
old, men and women, make time for daily
prayer and faithfully take part in religious
services. Many of them also have a deep
conviction that their life, in its entirety, is from
God and for God. They also acknowledge the
need to respond to God with an ethical
commitment and with mercy towards those
most in need.

198 Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen
Gentium, 16.

**The Sacrament of
the Present Moment***
SAYING OUR 'YES'

Saying 'Yes' to God demands both activity and passivity -
doing and accepting.
We must do all God asks.
We must accept all God sends.
Doing what we must do is to act with simplicity and
safety. We can then go ahead without undue concern
about theology or high-flown thinking. God teaches us
on a deeper level than that.
However, remaining in the present moment takes great
courage. To sing the song of abandonment, no matter
what storms are raging around us, makes us like Jesus.
Jesus walked the way of his passion and cross in loving
obedience to the Father, even though it meant being
treated in a way that was totally opposed to his human
dignity.
Jesus marched on undaunted, and so should we. God
alone matters and doing God's will is how we show that
God matters most.

*Jean Pierre de Caussade's Self-Abandonment to Divine Providence for everyone by Elizabeth Ruth Obbard
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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	10th	St Wilfrid's - Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Second Collection for PACT)		
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's -	Teresa Daly RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	12th		St George's -	
Tue	13th	10.00am	St George's -	Eliza D'Souza RIP
Wed	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Desmond McKenna RIP
Thur	15th	10.00am	St George's -	Michael Bennett RIP
Fri	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	17th	St Wilfrid's - Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Second Collection for World Missions)		
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Creta O'Neill 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

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 487212
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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, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Angela & Michael Archer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuizen, 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:

This is working for God - Belief in the One He has sent.

As we have now launched the streaming of our Mass, rather abruptly, maybe not sufficiently prepared, but this could be providential, and a great opportunity to work together. On alternate weekends we will stream the Mass from one of our churches. So the Sunday time will vary. It will be 9am from St George's and 10.30am from St Wilfrid's; weekday Masses remain at the same time and will not be streamed. Our website will be the central point, and used well, will be a beacon for us in our communities of faith to bear witness to the life of Him who loves us. He in turn sends us out to bear witness to Him.

Two things: 1) I belong, 2) I am nourished.

The first is the relationship with Jesus through the church and our faith. At the heart of all this is preparation for Baptism and the First Holy Communion. So again one is to belong, to be part of, and two to be nourished.

Belonging is central to baptism, and is rightly a title to a very good catechetical programme that we use for First Holy Communion preparation. The strength of this foundation is extremely important.

The second one - nourishment.

How we nourish our physical bodies determine our health and well-being. This is equally vital to our spiritual lives, and deserves all the care and attention that we can bring to it. Vital to all of this is ministry and please God, as life in our churches continue we will highlight our ministries.

Important ones are Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist, but these times of trial have highlighted the value of cleaners and stewards and we are deeply grateful to all those who have stepped up to the plate and are serving us so well. Thank you and bless you always.

Our website is the central point and, please God, will be a beacon for us to bear witness together as communities of faith. We had a very good meeting at St George's church on Tuesday morning, and please God, it has done me a lot of good, hopefully I can do much better. A big thank you for all the work that has been done since we returned to church from lockdown 10 weeks ago. With earnest and deep and constant prayer, let us face the future and let our two churches be united in solidarity and support for each other.



Sunday 11th October 2020 - Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people - 'Here I am, send me'. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible mission.org.uk

LOVE IN A BOX

This year the Mustard Seed Mission is going ahead with Love In A Box donations, but things will have to be organised slightly differently. There are leaflets at the exit from church for you to use if you are intending to make up a box. However, we will not have the table of little extras in the hall for you to bolster your box; you will have to fill it yourself.

If making up a box is tricky, we can still help in a couple of other ways. Perhaps you would be able to make a donation towards the transportation costs? £3,000 is needed for each lorry that makes the long journey across Europe to the areas in most need. Also, our parish has a team of knitters and sewers who work all year round to provide blankets which join the convoy too. You may wish to donate some money or double knitting wool towards keeping that good work going.

If you choose to make a donation, please leave your money in an envelope marked LORRY or WOOL and we will make sure it goes to the right people. However you feel able to, do please help our parish to continue to support the great work that the Love In A Box team does.

The St George's Children's Liturgy group enjoyed a, Covid-safe, extended session on Sunday 27th September when they went Rosehip picking. A glorious crisp sunny day in the fresh air was had by us all and Rosehip Syrup has since been made and will be placed at our altar alongside other delicious homemade preserves for our Harvest service on October 11th. During this pandemic, and within the Covid guidelines of the National Youth Association there are still activities that can continue, and this was one of them thankfully. All the children involved will carry memories of these types of days out for many years to come, an invaluable way of sharing our faith together during such difficult times.

St George's Parishioners Harvest Service Sunday 11th October offerings requested - FOODBANK DONATIONS please place them in the basket at the back of church at whichever mass they attend this week.