

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

To you I call for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to yours  
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.  
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

45:1.4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to the  
setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, there is nothing.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

95:1.3-5.7-10. R.v.7

**R) Give the Lord glory and power.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R)**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R)**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R)**

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the people in fairness. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika  
which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing  
you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you  
all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you  
have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered  
through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have  
been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you,  
it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy  
Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Phil 2:15-16

**You will shine in the world like bright stars  
because you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:15-21

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap  
Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him,  
together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you  
are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way,  
and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank  
means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible  
to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their  
malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for  
me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed  
him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose  
name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then he said to them, 'Very  
well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God  
what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Grant us, Lord, we pray,  
a sincere respect for your gifts,  
that, through the purifying action of your grace,  
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,  
we may be helped by what you give in this present age  
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



"The scribes and pharisees occupy  
the chair of Moses," Jesus said.  
"Do not be guided by what they  
do...everything is done to attract  
attention." The Pharisees are  
using 'smarm and charm' to  
attract Jesus' attention and lead  
him into trouble. They are  
unsuccessful! In spite of all they  
have seen and heard - miracles  
and teaching - they have not

recognised the calibre of the  
person they are attacking. Jesus  
is well aware of their purpose.  
Today, he calls them hypocrites;  
only a chapter later, he develops  
this theme with a vengeance! He  
is deeply distressed and angry  
that those who are the privileged  
leaders of his, God's, people, are  
neglecting their duty of care for  
the 'sheep', the flock, and are  
"shutting the Kingdom of Heaven  
in their faces". Our Lord's  
concern, his anger, is not  
directed only at leaders in his  
own time. By Baptism He has  
joined all believers to Himself,

making them sharers in his  
priesthood and consequently,  
also in responsibility for their  
fellows. Jesus' concern looks  
ahead to future generations:  
"But when the Son of Man  
comes", he asks, "will he find any  
Faith on earth?"



### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



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

253. In order to sustain dialogue with Islam,  
suitable training is essential for all involved, not  
only so that they can be solidly and joyfully  
grounded in their own identity, but so that they  
can also acknowledge the values of others,  
appreciate the concerns underlying their  
demands and shed light on shared beliefs. We  
Christians should embrace with affection and  
respect Muslim immigrants to our countries in  
the same way that we hope and ask to be  
received and respected in countries of Islamic  
tradition. I ask and I humbly entreat those  
countries to grant Christians freedom to  
worship and to practice their faith, in light of  
the freedom which followers of Islam enjoy in  
Western countries! Faced with disconcerting  
episodes of violent fundamentalism, our respect  
for true followers of Islam should lead us to  
avoid hateful generalisations, for authentic  
Islam and the proper reading of the Koran are  
opposed to every form of violence.

### The Sacrament of the Present Moment\*

WEAVING THE TAPESTRY  
OF OUR LIFE

When a tapestry is being stitched the stitches are  
made on the reverse side of the canvas. The final  
pattern is only revealed when the stitching is  
completed and the design seen in all its beauty right  
side up.

Surrendering ourselves to God moment by moment  
is like making a stitch on the reverse side of a tapestry.  
One stitch at a time is one more step towards  
completing the full design that we shall see only in  
eternity.

Our tapestry is made moment by moment, stitch by  
stitch. There is nothing here outside the capacity of  
anyone.

Fidelity to duty is within the reach of all, and on it is  
built the most perfect holiness.

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

Sat	17th	St Wilfrid's - <b>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Second Collection for World Missions)</b>		
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Creta O'Neill RIP
Mon	19th		St George's -	
Tue	20th	10.00am	St George's -	Donor's Intention
Wed	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Mrs Elsie Brown RIP & Mrs Mary Brown RIP
Thur	22nd	10.00am	St George's -	Michael & Angela Archer's Intention
Fri	23rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	24th		St Wilfrid's -	
		<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Second Collection next Sunday for Retired Priests')</b>		
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's -	Mrs Chris Browne RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention

**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](http://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  
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 Line .....Jean 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, 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](mailto: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:**

“You are my disciples”

**Fact**

**Faith**

**Feelings**

The words of Jesus are alive and true as they came down to us through the ages. So we can acknowledge that fact.

Faith then is one of the essential ingredients that can bridge the great gap that at a time exists between this fact and our feelings. This episode with the coronavirus highlights in a very distinct way the drama that is the life of faith. As the churches have returned to their lockdown in Ireland, the statement by our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, sets the scene for the drama to unfold for us. Our situation at the moment allows for “steady as you go”. Streaming our Masses on Sunday is a God sent blessing, and can be a channel of grace as we develop our faith and grow as a community.

When we were first given the challenge to return to church for mass, because I did not have my car the people from St George’s were very active and helpful to me in arranging meetings in the garden and getting the ball rolling. Margaret Piegrome has also been very pro-active in getting our parish list up-to-date, this is a work in progress.

This sets the scene for us now to grow as a community of faith. The age profile with the implied complications of being over seventy sets the scene for a new generation. Streaming of Mass and preparing for our Christmas celebration may be very helpful with this. Some time ago as we were trying to develop our parish structure. We established what we called the “Missing Link” as a first step in developing a plan for our way ahead. We need to renew this link, with me having oversight for, to bring about plans to help us to work together.



**Sunday 18th October 2020 - Today is World Mission Sunday**

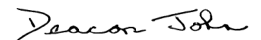
World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope’s charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Nilcéia share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. 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

**Deacon John Writes:**

Recently we listened to a reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes about time. It included the lines: “There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for everything under the heavens.”

Time is a gift from God. In a little booklet called Living Faith, with a reflection for every day of each year, Sr. Melanie Svoboda suggested a simple activity as a means of appreciating this gift: “Find a ticking clock. If you do not have a ticker and if you have access to the Internet Mr Google will find you one if you search “ticking clock sound” Listen to the ticking for several minutes. Do nothing else. Just listen. Do no work of any sort. Be aware of the ticking sound and the silence between each tick. Remember, every tick indicates the passing of a moment of time and a moment of your life.

After listening, ask yourself how the experience felt. Was it calming? Irritating? Boring? Interesting? Assuming that every tick represents one second, how many ticks have you lived so far? (One year=31,536,000 seconds) How many ticks do you estimate that you have left to live? How have you chosen to spend your ticks so far: sleeping, working, eating, relaxing, talking, listening, reading, playing, praying? Now ask yourself this question: “Is there something you would like to devote more ticks to in the future?”



**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.