

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,  
at whose festival the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration  
the merits of all the Saints,  
bestow on us, we pray,  
through the prayers of so many intercessors,  
an abundance of the reconciliation with you  
for which we earnestly long.  
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 book of the Apocalypse. 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Ps 23:1-6. R.Cf.v6

**R)** Such are the men  
who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **(R)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **(R)**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St. John

3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.  
Surely everyone who entertains this hope  
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mt 11:28

**Come to me, all you who labour  
and are overburdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

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

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints  
be pleasing to you, O Lord,  
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints  
to be already assured of immortality,  
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Mt 5:8-10

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

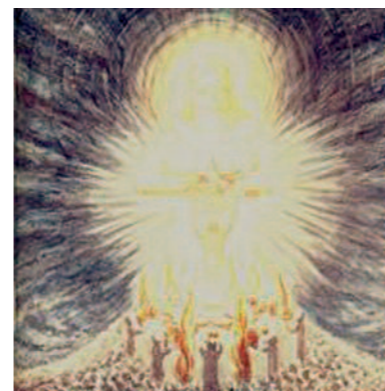
**Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for  
the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy  
and wonderful in all your Saints,  
we implore your grace,  
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the  
fullness of your love,  
we may pass from this pilgrim table  
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The Beatitudes are Our Lord's counsel to us all, to all his disciples; his encouragement and his promise of the rewards that come from following him as "the Way". St. Thomas Aquinas can give us a good example of the Beatitudes in

practise. He was born in 1224/5 of a noble and wealthy family in the south of Italy; a family related to the Holy Roman Emperor. So he "had everything going for him", one might say. As it was, against his family's wishes, he joined the newly formed Dominicans, suffering temporary imprisonment by the family. He was a young man with a very brilliant mind, in love with truth, "hungering and thirsting". It was not very long before he became famous for his learning and wisdom, for his teaching and writings. Yet he remained the most humble of

men, gentle, a peacemaker, reflecting the purity of heart that was the source of his wisdom; even suffering an 'academic persecution' from other professors at the University of Paris. Together with the great multitude of saints rejoicing in Heaven, he is a witness to Jesus, to the truth of "The Way".



### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



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

255. The Synod Fathers spoke of the importance of respect for religious freedom, viewed as a fundamental human right.<sup>202</sup> This includes "the freedom to choose the religion which one judges to be true and to manifest one's beliefs in public".<sup>203</sup> A healthy pluralism, one which genuinely respects differences and values them as such, does not entail privatizing religions in an attempt to reduce them to the quiet obscurity of the individual's conscience or to relegate them to the enclosed precincts of churches, synagogues or mosques...

<sup>202</sup> Cf. Propositio 16.

<sup>203</sup> Benedict XVI, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in Medio Oriente* (14 September 2012), 26; AAS 104 (2012), 762.

## The Sacrament of the Present Moment\*

GOD IS AT WORK

God is weaving the tapestry of our lives, or in another metaphor, working like a painter one brushstroke at a time, or a carver one chisel mark at a time.

We must let God be God for us without being overly concerned about the finished product.

Doing God's will takes effort.

We can't just lie back and expect God to do everything for us. We must do our part too. If God inspires us to act then we must act. If not then we must be content to accept peacefully whatever God sends. Either we weave our tapestry or let God work on us with the divine chisel or paintbrush.

What we actually do doesn't count as much as the love with which we do it. Doing great and wonderful things isn't the nub of the matter. If we act as God wills then we attain perfection, whether great deeds are asked of us or not.

\*Jean Pierre de Caussade's *Self-Abandonment to Divine Providence* for everyone by Elizabeth Ruth Obbard and published by New City ISBN: 978-1-905039-11-1



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

|      |      |                |   |                                    |
|------|------|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Sat  | 31st |                | St Wilfrid's -  |                                    |
|      |      |                | <b>All Saints (Second Collection Today for Retired Priests')</b>                  |                                    |
| Sun  | 1st  | 9.00am         | St George's -   | Parish Communities' Intention      |
|      |      | 10.30am        | St Wilfrid's -  | Holy Souls' Intention              |
| Mon  | 2nd  | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>St George's -</b>  | <b>All Souls</b>                   |
|      |      | <b>11.30am</b> | <b>St Wilfrid's -</b>   | <b>All Souls</b>                   |
| Tue  | 3rd  | 10.00am        | St George's -   | Deceased Members of King Family    |
| Wed  | 4th  | 10.00am        | St Wilfrid's -  | Jan Zylewicz RIP                   |
| Thur | 5th  | 10.00am        | St George's -   | Margaret Meckins RIP               |
| Fri  | 6th  | 10.00am        | St Wilfrid's -  | Holy Souls' Intention              |
| Sat  | 7th  |                | St Wilfrid's -  |                                    |
|      |      |                | <b>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                                      |                                    |
|      |      |                | <b>(Second Collection Next Sunday for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund)</b> |                                    |
| Sun  | 8th  | 9.00am         | St George's -   | Deceased Members of Lodrick Family |
|      |      | 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, 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](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:

“Let the love of God find its home in you”

I have received some positive feedback from my piece last week which is always helpful. There is a consistent theme in the reflections. Many years ago I received an award as I was leaving a parish, from a person that I valued very much. It has helped me to keep a positive focus. Always “so far, so good”. The alternative being “so far, so bad”, this is to be avoided full stop.

The coronavirus remains a huge influence and affects all our lives. All that I have written since the beginning of lockdown is in response to provide a way ahead. It remains a very difficult time with much distress. Growing up on a farm with some involvement in the construction industry, has taught me what is most important for the best outcome. In the building world the foundation and the footings, in farming the preparation of the ground. The outcome is summed up “by their fruits you shall know them”.

Good trees, bear good fruit. At this difficult time the words reasonable and responsible are being very tested. The directions that are given with the best intentions for our health and safety are important. That is why I try to give them serious consideration. The “Litmus Test - “by their fruits you shall know them”. When we were first in the seminary, with philosophy and theology as corner stones to our study. One of the early ideas that caught my attention was the importance attached to the phrase “the exception proves the rule”. Unfortunately some of our rules have been so poor that they do not survive that test. The fear being that if you make an exception it becomes the new rule. This has certainly been a great factor in our application of the rules (Dominic Cummings incident, certainly had a great effect on this).

“Responsibility” is a constant consideration. Reason and reasonableness goes hand and glove with it. The amount of health and social issues highlight the success or the failure of the rules in place. This remains a work in progress. It is helpful to have a point on the horizon to aim for. Christmas will begin to appear during the coming weeks. Let us pray very sincerely that this will be a fruitful time and that the love of God finds its home in us, and may the love of God find its home in me.

To be continued.....

*Fr Rory*

**This Sunday is All Saints Day** and is the day on which we honour the memory of countless unknown and uncanonised saints who have no feast days in the Church’s Calendar. All baptised Christians who have died and are now with God in glory are considered saints. So, today, we thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and Heavenly glory as a reward for their Faith. We honour them in two ways: firstly by imitating their lives and secondly by asking them to intercede for us through Christ, who, as Timothy tells us in his first letter is the only mediator between God and man. The Church reminds us today that we are all called to live in His love and to make His love real in the lives of those around us. We can all do this by living lives of integrity, truth, justice, charity, mercy, and compassion, sharing our blessings with others.

Three saints each gave us a guide to how we can follow the teaching of the Church. St. Teresa of Avila said: Recharge your spiritual batteries every day by prayer, listening to God and talking to Him. St. Therese of Lisieux said: Convert every action into prayer by offering it to God for His glory and for the salvation of souls and by doing God’s will to the best of your ability. Thirdly, St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) said: Do ordinary things with great love. Do something beautiful for God.

These are three sound methods which we can all follow in our endeavours to live the lives of the saints. The Church gives us over 300 days in the year when we can remember a particular saint. Every now and again the Church changes the calendar and a new saint is entered into the calendar. I want to suggest that we all create our own list of men and women who have been influential in our lives and so are worthy of being included in the calendar if there were enough days in the year.

The following day is All Souls Day when we pray for **all** who have died— our loved ones, and also those people around the world whom **we** will never meet— that through the mercy of God, they will rest in peace. There will be Mass at St George’s at 10am and at St Wilfrid’s at 11.30am. Following the Mass at St George’s I will bless the graves in the Memorial garden and then at Willingdon Cemetery. I go to all graves, including those of ashes, I know about and all those of which I have been told. Anyone is welcome to accompany me. At each grave we say together the following prayer: “Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servant ..... may he/she share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.” We then sprinkle the grave with holy water. If the weather is inclement we do all graves collectively from the big tree. With my love and prayers for you all. DJ

*Deacon John*

**Live Streaming of Masses: St Wilfrid’s Church - Sunday 1st November 2020 and thereafter fortnightly. St George’s Church - Sunday 8th November 2020 and thereafter fortnightly.**

**Monday Nov 2nd is All Souls’ Day** and Mass at St George’s will be 10am followed by Deacon John blessing graves in the Memorial Garden and then at Willingdon Cemetery. Mass at St Wilfrid’s will be 11.30am. Fr Rory will celebrate the Mass for St Wilfrid’s Community. Please inform Margaret Piegrome on 870990 if you wish to attend the 10am Mass at St. George’s On All Souls’ Day.

**St George’s Book of Remembrance:** As usual the Memorial book will be placed near the altar. However, due to the Coronavirus this year we will unfortunately not be able to invite our parishioners to add the names of their deceased friends or relatives. If you would like your friends/relatives names added to this book please email or send to the office.

**St Wilfrid’s Book of Remembrance:** will be placed on the altar as in the past but you will not be able to enter the details of those you wish us to pray for. Please contact Jean Barham-Wyatt by phone or email and she will enter the names for you. Tel: 842824 and leave a message or email: [jeanbarham21@gmail.com](mailto:jeanbarham21@gmail.com)

The month of the Holy Souls’ is November and traditionally people have Mass offerings for the repose of the souls for friends and family.