

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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 Exodus

22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows and your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

17:2-4.47.51. R.v2

**R) I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me,  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition from all around you. This had made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was

from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with the idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Acts 16:14

Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:34-40

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,  
perfect in us what lies within them,  
that what we now celebrate in signs  
we may one day possess in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The Pharisees come at Jesus again – and Jesus turns the tables on them: the answer to their question is to be found in *“the Law and the prophets”*, in their Scriptures, on which they themselves are considered to be the experts! But what a consoling answer for those who

follow Jesus! So clearly and simply put. The Law, basically the Ten Commandments, given in the Ten Commandments or taught by the prophets, comes from God Himself to teach His people how to love Him, to love their neighbour, to live a life blessed by God. Only in St. John's first letter are we told that *“God is love”*. Here, Jesus is saying, that all that God, his Father, does is the expression of His love, His desire for the eternal happiness

of His children, beginning in this life with their happiness among themselves. *“In this way we know that we love God's children,”* writes St. John, *“When we love God and keep His commandments. This is what the love of God is: keeping His commandments.”*



### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



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

245. Non-Christians, by God's gracious initiative, when they are faithful to their own consciences, can live “justified by the grace of God”,<sup>199</sup> and thus be “associated to the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ”.<sup>200</sup> But due to the sacramental dimension of sanctifying grace, God's working in them tends to produce signs and rites, sacred expressions which in turn bring others to a communitarian experience of journeying towards God.<sup>201</sup> While these lack the meaning and efficacy of the sacraments instituted by Christ, they can be channels which the Holy Spirit raises up in order to liberate non-Christians ...

<sup>199</sup> International Theological Commission, *Christianity and the World Religions* (1996), 72; *Enchiridion Vaticanum* 15, No. 1061.  
<sup>200</sup> Ibid. <sup>201</sup> Cf. *ibid.*, 81-87; *Enchiridion Vaticanum* 15, Nos. 1070-1076.

## The Sacrament of the Present Moment\*

### DOING GOD'S WILL

No one lives exactly the same kind of life as another, although there may be similarities. There is nobody else quite like me. God's mercy and grace are available to me as the unique person I am. It is no use comparing myself with the saints. Sometimes lives of holy people seem quite outside the possibilities offered to me. That is because I am different and live in a different life situation, with different graces and gifts. Yet as God gives us human life and all we need for our bodily existence like air, water, light, so God gives us all that we need for our spiritual flourishing. If we give ourselves to God we can be sure we will receive all that is necessary to grow in holiness. Our daily duties are given to us at each moment. All we have to do is respond with generosity. The saints did God's will. That is the secret of sanctity, and that is possible for us too.

\*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	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 -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Kenneth & Jean Compton RIP
Mon	26th	St George's -		
Tue	27th	10.00am	St George's -	Bernard Giles RIP 10th Anniversary
Wed	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Harry Holt RIP
Thur	29th	10.00am	St George's -	Rowena & Michael Wilson's Intention
Fri	30th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Requiem Mass for Jean Nelson RIP
Sat	31st	St Wilfrid's - <b>All Saints</b> <b>(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

**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

**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  
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#### 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:**

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your divine love.  
Send forth your spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth**

Having commenced the streaming of Sunday Mass from our parish community each Sunday, we value this important development. Lockdown at the beginning of the year was enforced because of the coronavirus, which introduced to us the possibilities of this technology as being particularly helpful and having a good outcome. My experience of "lockdown", especially as it happened as we drew close to Holy Week was very beneficial. It helped me to be particularly attentive to the divine office, with the celebration of Mass giving great emphasis to the scriptures as we progressed through Holy Week. This brings God's salvation, and after Good Friday the focus upon the resurrection, the ascension, and especially Pentecost.

How much we need that outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.

Two things:

One: Will be the prayerful celebration of our liturgies, with the appropriate themes that emphasise each event in the life of our journey through the Christian year.

Two: Community; communication will help us build up the community life of our parish. The children's liturgy has been a good help in this direction.

The coronavirus exposed our weaknesses, and brought home to me my biggest failure as a parish priest. When I had an episode with a breakdown in my health and the loss of my driver's licence, some of my failures became particularly glaring to me. The great amount of help that I have received, emphasised what I always believed; a body made up of many parts working together, is truly important and is always the way forward to a good outcome.

When I came to the parish, I introduced Leaven Groups for each community, and please God, after the virus is contained we will be able to return to this. I had been in the process of establishing "The Missing Link" when we lost some great leaders within our communities, but now please God, is the time to return to this. I am asking three persons from each church to link together to get us off to a good start.

*Fr Rory*

**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. John's Seminary, Wonersh**

Many of you will have heard that St John's Seminary in Wonersh is to close in its present form. The Seminary has served the Church for 130 years and there is great sadness that formation must now end at the site.

Unfortunately there was no new intake this September. With the seminarian body numbering just 17 the community is small, with the building and staffing costs too high to sustain. Arrangements have been made for the remaining seminarians to join the community at Allen Hall, Chelsea in September 2021.

Archbishop John Wilson and Bishop Richard are committed to providing priestly formation that will serve the people of our Dioceses and parishes into the future. St John's will remain a legal entity so that consideration can be given to the ways in which the tradition of priestly formation established at Wonersh in 1891 will continue.

The Trustees of St John's are extremely grateful to rectors, staff and seminarians, past and present, and to all those who have supported the Seminary over the years. We ask our Diocesan church family to pray for vocations to the priesthood, keeping our seminarians in their thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

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

**St George's Church:** 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.

### **Thank You**

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).