

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

Rv 5:12; 1:6

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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 Ezekiel

34:11-12.15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep it all in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 22:1-3.5-6. R. v1

**R) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **(R)**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **(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)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

15:20-26.28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with

every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who has subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Mk 11:10

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice
by which the human race is reconciled to you,
we humbly pray
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 28:10-11

**The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's. Jesus explains to his disciples what will happen when we appear before him to be judged. He says that the sheep will be separated from the goats –

the good from the bad. Each of us will be asked how we have loved our fellow human beings when they were in need. But Jesus says *"I was hungry... I was thirsty... I was in prison...."* He equates serving/loving the hungry, the naked, the imprisoned with serving him personally. Some Christians insist that only Christians can be saved, because Jesus says that the only way to the Father is through him. In this Gospel we see that there will be people who come before Jesus who never knew that they had encountered him during their

earthly existence and yet who, in feeding the hungry, were actually feeding him. There are many millions of human beings who, through no fault of their own, never came to know Jesus in a direct way. Does that mean that the gates of heaven are closed to them? Today's Gospel makes it clear that this is not the case.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



V. SPIRIT-FILLED EVANGELIZERS

INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

259. Spirit-filled evangelizers means evangelizers fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost, the Spirit made the apostles go forth from themselves and turned them into heralds of God's wondrous deeds, capable of speaking to each person in his or her own language. The Holy Spirit also grants the courage to proclaim the newness of the Gospel with boldness (parrhesía) in every time and place, even when it meets with opposition. Let us call upon him today, firmly rooted in prayer, for without prayer all our activity risks being fruitless and our message empty. Jesus wants evangelizers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence.

The Sacrament of the Present Moment*

GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK

Faith here – glory hereafter. There is no other way to discover God. In this the Holy Spirit enlightens and teaches us.

If we want wisdom rather than an accumulation of bare facts we must allow God's Spirit to lead us into a rapture such as the saints experienced. Rapture like this takes us out of ourselves and our own limited way of seeing, and into the Divine way of faith where we see God continually at work in all that has happened, is happening, and will happen in the future.

God is here in history and in our lives. God is always at work. Every moment is a revelation, a word from God if only we allow ourselves to become aware of that fact.

Saints are those who had a faith that continued firm through all the trials of life.

Visions, mystical graces and so on, are not what make the saints saints – only faith.

Real faith doesn't need signs and wonders, rather it finds proof of God's providence in life's day-to-day happenings.

Many who are real saints are never known on earth. They are hidden beneath an unprepossessing exterior and will shine only in heaven.

*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	21st	St Wilfrid's -	
		Christ the King	
Sun	22nd	St George's -	
		St Wilfrid's -	Adrienne Lockwood RIP
Mon	23rd	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Tue	24th	St George's -	Bernard Bennett RIP
Wed	25th	St Wilfrid's -	Harry Holt RIP
Thur	26th	St George's -	Kenneth & Jean Compton RIP
Fri	27th	St Wilfrid's -	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Sat	28th	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		First Sunday of Advent	
Sun	29th	St George's -	
		St Wilfrid's -	Dorothy Povey RIP

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

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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

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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, 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:

The Feast of Christ the King: In time this will be the **greatest Feast** in the church's year. I leave the question why?

Thanks be to God, and again thanks be to God. The first one is for the vaccine for the coronavirus which holds out light for the end of the tunnel. The second one is for the return of my driver's licence. Also, thanks be to God, my insurance has not cost me an arm and a leg. I hope and pray this will help me on the road.

On that road are two essentials:

One: Belonging: Through the waters of baptism we belong to Jesus who has come down from heaven for our salvation. Recognising the implications and the effects of the coronavirus can help us with the reality of the effects of sin or evil and help us deal with its consequences. In my heart I have a constant conversation. It focuses us upon the words "responsibility and reasonable". Alongside these are the essential elements a) human dignity and b) by their fruits you shall know them.

Two: Nourishment: We see the best expression of this in providing food for our bodies, keeping the shops open and the food flowing. I am hugely impressed by all the people who go the extra mile, indeed miles to feed those in need, they put me to shame. When it comes to spiritual nourishment in this picture, improving this bleakness, and I have to include myself very much in this picture. This is certainly our challenge. This challenge has been with us for the past fifty years, and with the closing of seminary after seminary we will soon have to make an attempt to answer that question.

Our focus must be "The love of God" as first and foremost and forever. Please God, we may be able to do this and the greatest time for us to begin is here and now. The first week in advent begins at the end of this week. Please God, may we make this journey truly worthwhile as we continue on our way. **Our true home is in heaven.**

To be continued



Deacon John Writes:

This week I thought that I would discover more about Thanksgiving Day as it is held on Thursday November 26th in United States and Canada and share it with you. It is a national holiday and celebrates the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modelled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. This holiday is particularly rich in legend and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie.

A writer called Bradford wrote about how the colonists had hunted wild turkeys during the autumn of 1621 and since turkey is a uniquely American bird, it gained place as the Thanksgiving meal of choice for Americans after Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863.

Cranberries are important on Thanksgiving Day because according to University of Maine Cooperative Extension, American Indians used cranberries as a food source, to dye fabric and as medicine. ... Due to the importance of cranberries in the 1500s and their abundance, it is believed that the pilgrims and the American Indians would have eaten them at the first Thanksgiving.

The pumpkin is a symbol of harvest time, and pumpkin pie is generally eaten during the fall and early winter. In the United States and Canada, it is usually prepared for Thanksgiving, and other occasions when pumpkin is in season.

Thanksgiving is important because it's a positive and secular holiday where we celebrate gratitude, something of which we don't do enough of these days.

In the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians[4:6-7] we read: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

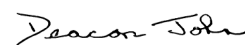
One of the best things about thankfulness is that the more you choose it, the easier it gets. The more you profess gratitude, the more you notice things to be grateful for, the thankfulness muscles respond to exercise!

There are many references to thankfulness in the Old Testament. Listed below are some of the references and I invite you to look them up for yourselves.

Ezra 3:11. Psalm 7:17. Psalm 9:1. Psalm 35:18. Psalm 69:30. Psalm 95:1-3.

Psalm 100:4-5. Psalm 106:1

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Advent Workshop for Children: On **Sunday November 29th** we are going to hold an Advent Workshop for the children of the parish. This will be held online from 2.30pm for approximately an hour.

There will be games, singing, prayers, crafts and friendship. Come and join us to celebrate the start of advent.

We will need you to sign up for the session so we can give you the log in details. Please register your interest by contacting Sandra on 07791627368, email sandraforte40@gmail.com or Teresa on 07951082592, email tpalmer2205@gmail.com

Private Prayer: St Wilfrid's Church will be open for private prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am-11am. Please could we ask that you sign in on arrival and wear your own masks.