

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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 Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself
known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 62:2-8. R.v2

R) For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R)**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians 4:13-18

For shorter form (4:13-14) read between []

[We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who
have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like
the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died
and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have
died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.] We can tell you this
from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive
until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those
who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel
will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down

Cf. Ps 87: 3

from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to
rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in
the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So
we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these
you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Mt24:42 44
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven
will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were
sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought
no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as
their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy
and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom
is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids
woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to
the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are
going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us
and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some
for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom
arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding
hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived
later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he
replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake,
because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,
we may honour it with loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 22: 1-2

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.

Or: Cf. Lk 24: 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking
of bread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The 'bridegroom', of course, is
Christ, through whom God has
made His 'marriage covenant' of
love with us: 'the bridesmaids'. It
is a covenant of mutual
friendship: "You are my friends",
Jesus says and his love is proved in
that he "laid down his life" for us

and there is "no greater love" than
that. "If you keep my
commandments," Jesus says, "You
will remain in my love". Some of
the bridesmaids have come to the
wedding bringing no spare oil;
even today, something well-oiled
represents something in good
working order. The lack of oil
represents something missing in
the 'covenant relationship' of a
baptized person with Christ. "If
you love me, keep my
commandments," Jesus says and in
St. Mark's Gospel Jesus lists the
Ten Commandments as the way

to eternal life. Yet failure to keep
the commandments does not, in
itself, constitute the "lack of oil"; it
is failure to repent, the refusal to
admit wrong, as the "foolish
bridesmaids" seem not to have
acknowledged their fault - and
the man at another wedding
refused to explain why he "had no
wedding garment".



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



IV. SOCIAL DIALOGUE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

257. As believers, we also feel close to those
who do not consider themselves part of any
religious tradition, yet sincerely seek the
truth, goodness and beauty which we
believe have their highest expression and
source in God. We consider them as
precious allies in the commitment to
defending human dignity, in building
peaceful coexistence between peoples and
in protecting creation. A special place of
encounter is offered by new Areopagi such
as the Court of the Gentiles, where
"believers and non-believers are able to
engage in dialogue about fundamental
issues of ethics, art and science, and about
the search for transcendence".²⁰⁴ This too is
a path to peace in our troubled world.

²⁰⁴ Cf. Propositio 55.

The Sacrament of the Present Moment* FINDING TRUE PEACE

Self-discipline is the first essential for true peace. We can't
attain peace if we are driven here and there by forces that we
make no effort to control.

The second essential is self-surrender and abandonment.

The third necessity is a humble heart, ready to respond
willingly to whatever God asks.

And so that we may not lose our way God sends us those
who can best help us along the path. Wise guides enable us
to discern how much freedom and how much constraint is
applicable in our own case.

Dreaming about a holiness that manifests itself in heroic
deeds is useless if God does not ask these of us. We must
resolve firmly to respond to the inspirations of the Holy
Spirit and do what we can in our daily life situation.

This means being fully present to what we are doing NOW.
Suffering what we are called upon to suffer NOW.

The outward situation doesn't have to change. The heart
alone needs to be rightly ordered, then the rest will fall into
place.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	7th	St Wilfrid's -	
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sun	8th	St George's -	
		St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	9th	St George's -	
Tue	10th	St George's -	Deceased Members of Lodrick Family
Wed	11th	St Wilfrid's -	Mrs M R O'Brien & All Deceased Members of The O'Brien Family
Thur	12th	St George's -	Deceased Relatives & Family of Judy Davis
Fri	13th	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	14th	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sun	15th	St George's -	Philip K M, Mariyamma Mathew RIP
		St Wilfrid's -	

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

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Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990
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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:

Here we are again, another lockdown
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

At the beginning of this year when our first experience of lockdown began after Ash Wednesday, we were experiencing the season of Lent. Then all of a sudden on the horizon was Holy Week, and I was settled into praying the Divine Office, and celebrating Holy Mass on my own. I was also experiencing the benefits of live streaming Mass and other devotions. The Sacred Heart church in Hove became a sanctuary. Holy Week was a very focused fruitful time, with the passion, death and resurrection merging with our experience of lockdown.

The evenings were getting longer and the weather was very kind. Spring watch was a God send, and a sense of light at the end of the tunnel. The Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost are a time of hope and renewal. Now Remembrance Sunday is particularly appropriate. Deacon John's contribution is very helpful. Like Good Friday, the focus of Remembrance is upon injury, great damage and loss. At the heart of their experience of affliction, death may have appeared as a welcome escape. But for us when we give it all the care and attention it deserves, it leaves us with a great sense of the virtue of Hope and the odds that people can overcome through perseverance.

To be continued



Deacon John Writes:

Remembrance Sunday is always held on the Sunday nearest to 11th November, Armistice Day, the anniversary of the end of hostilities in the first World War at 11am in 1918. 11th November is also the feast day of St Martin of Tours – the soldier who became a saint. He served in the Roman cavalry in Gaul, but left military service at some point prior to 361. The story is related that when he was on duty one bitterly cold night he took his sword and, after cutting his soldier's cloak in two, gave half of his cloak to a beggar on the roadside. Later that night Martin dreamed that he had given half of his soldier's cloak to Christ.

We all know that our world today is existing in very troubled times. It is very important that we nurture our Christian hope in times like these. No matter how hard or threatening things become, it is very important that we continue to live our lives in hope. The central Christian message is a story of hope. God in the person of Christ was crucified – but God raised Jesus from the dead. What was true for Jesus, can be true also for us.

God's inclusive love, as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, is what we are all about. May God continue to bless you all as you seek to further the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ through love of God and our neighbour, as you live out that love here in the Eastbourne area and beyond in our very needy and troubled world.

The prayer of consecration of the gifts of bread and wine ends with the words: "Do this in memory of me." These words were spoken by one who will never forget us, never abandon us, never overlook us. As our Lord remembers us, we need to remember him. His teachings. His miracles. His mercy. His example.

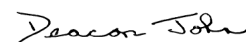
This is part of our prayer during this month of November as we remember those we love, those we have lost — but also remembering and praying for those we don't even know. This year due to the trouble caused by Covid-19, in a departure from our usual practice of entering names ourselves of those we wish to be remembered please phone the Parish secretary, Jackie, and leave the names you wish to be added and I will ensure that they are added regularly during November. As we pray for those we love in this month of November we ask God to increase our trust that all will be well. Our faith tells us that when we die we **will** be safe in the hands of God.

Let us now pause in silence for 2 Minutes as we remember all those who have died in war and also those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance.

..... 2 MINUTE

When the Irish writer Frank McCourt died, Mitch Albom, a friend of his, wrote: "Smiling is the best cradle in which to rock your memories." So, as you recall your memories of those you love, do try to ensure that they make you smile.

Let us pray: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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.

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

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