

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 24:4-9. R.v4

R) Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R)

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R)

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives
should live as though they had none, and those who mourn
should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who

are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to
laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as
though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to
deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say
this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Mk 1:15
The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

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

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There
he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’
he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent,
and believe the Good News.’

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon
and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were
fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make
you into fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and
followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and
his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their
nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee
in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift.
Through Christ our Lord

Our Faith on Sunday

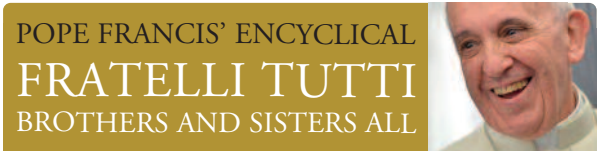
GOSPEL REFLECTION



“Repent and believe!” Believe in the “good news”. Belief is not an easy matter, it requires convincing assurance of truth. A doctor is believed when he gives a diagnosis, because his medical authority is trusted. The disciples were convinced that Jesus was the

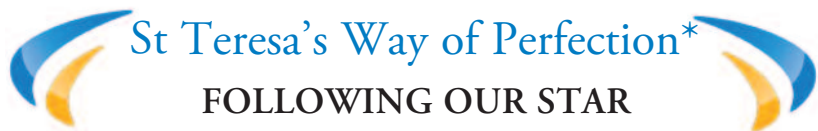
Messiah; his words and actions convinced them; so they were prepared to believe and follow. In the case of both the doctor and Our Lord Jesus Christ, belief does not automatically bring happiness. The diagnosis might be cancer; the disciples were asked to “leave everything”, job, home, security. Nevertheless, the doctor offers medical help; Jesus offers “the good news of the kingdom”. Medical help may fail; the joy of the kingdom is guaranteed: it rests on the authority and power of God, his love, his truth. Nevertheless, its achievement is demanding; it ‘demanded’ a lot of the Lord, who made it available to us all. Our

Lord, though not a sinner, suffered in doing his Father’s will – even unto death. Disciples, sinners, are asked to do the same, as far as they can and always with the Lord’s help and the strength of his Spirit. Many saints have succeeded; they now enjoy the reward of their labours, “the joy of the kingdom of Heaven”!



I. DARK CLOUDS OVER A CLOSED WORLD THE END OF HISTORICAL CONSCIOUSNESS

13. As a result, there is a growing loss of the sense of history, which leads to even further breakup. A kind of “deconstructionism”, whereby human freedom claims to create everything starting from zero, is making headway in today’s culture. The one thing it leaves in its wake is the drive to limitless consumption and expressions of empty individualism. Concern about this led me to offer the young some advice. “If someone tells young people to ignore their history, to reject the experiences of their elders, to look down on the past and to look forward to a future that he himself holds out, doesn’t it then become easy to draw them along so that they only do what he tells them? He needs the young to be shallow, uprooted and distrustful, so that they can trust only in his promises and act according to his plans. That is how various ideologies operate: they destroy (or deconstruct) all differences so that they can reign unopposed. To do so, however, they need young people who have no use for history, who spurn the spiritual and human riches inherited from past generations, and are ignorant of everything that came before them”.



People who are anxious about human plans like Herod, or the Pharisees that we meet in the gospels, are always troubled and ill at ease; whereas the Magi have only to follow the star, the Child Jesus has only to lie in his mother’s arms. Magi and Child are completely at peace. They don’t have to fight evil. They just allow God to take over while they remain abandoned to the Divine will. In this way souls become free, fearless, serene and detached, because they see the hand of God at work in everything. They bless the divine hand that gives them life, and they treat everyone with equal respect and gentleness as Jesus did. This is something we learn, not from books, but from daily practice: doing what we have to do, loving those we are called upon to love, responding to the Spirit in freedom, joy and peace of heart.

What more could anyone desire?

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	23rd		St Wilfrid's -	
			Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun	24th	9.00am	St George's -	Teresa Daly RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	25th		St George's -	
Tue	26th		St George's -	
Wed	27th		St Wilfrid's -	
Thurs	28th	12.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Requiem Mass for Dorothy Hanlon
Thurs	28th		St George's -	
Fri	29th		St Wilfrid's -	
Sat	30th		St Wilfrid's -	
			Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun	31st	9.00am	St George's -	Marek Buczkowsky RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention

St George's Church will be open from the 17th January for Sunday Masses only. Booking essential, Tel: 870990.

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

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577
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St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver
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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, Angela 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 response to the psalm this weekend is "Lord show me your way". At this time to give His word time and attention is about the only thing we can do, and obviously the best also.

Last week in our very difficult circumstances, inspiration and encouragement came to me from our local paper at home. Following all the scandals with the clergy, another shocking revelation has its focus upon mothers and their babies. This has to be acknowledged as a great darkness for our nation of Ireland. I was very much in need of the very welcome surprise when the local newspaper highlighted this message "Pope Francis, a new year message of Hope", and what a message.

So please God, it will carry me along for the next couple of weeks:-

"You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust.

Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord.

It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity".

To be continued

Fr Rory

Deacon John Writes:

Many of you, like Tessa and myself, are unable to attend Mass during the present circumstances and receive Holy Communion. For some time now we have been using Live Streaming as a way of attending mass. This usually includes an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. It is a real personal desire to receive Him in sacramental Communion when we cannot attend Mass. This prayer is of the form:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart so that I may unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Our Parish Internet site includes addresses where you can follow mass online, including our own site on Sunday. Some sites, such as Hove Sacred Heart Church, have this available daily (8am Monday to Friday with Mgr. Michael Jackson who supplied here for over a year before Fr. Rory came.)

The following Prayer, found on the Internet, was offered by Pope Francis to our Holy Mother for protection during this pandemic: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, as you did at Cana of Galilee, We are certain that you will provide, so that, joy and feasting might return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

With my love and prayers.

Deacon John

Clare Ingelbrecht who was a parishioner of St George's for 32 years and had moved to be with her son and family in Folkestone 7 years ago. She died, aged 95 years, on 3rd January. Her funeral mass will be live streamed on Thursday, 28th January at 11am (www.churchservicestvfolkestone). Her interment will be at Willingdon cemetery at 2pm.

Are you a Confirmation Catechist?

Would you like to talk to other Catechists and the Diocesan Youth Ministry Adviser about all things Confirmation?

If so, please sign up to join your Deanery Confirmation Network. These networks were launched towards the end of last year and the conversations were really helpful, particularly in this time of change and adaptation. If you have not already joined your network please contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk who will make sure that you are involved with the next round of conversations that she is holding at the end of January.

Bishop Richard's Refugee Crisis Newsletter: The latest copy of the Newsletter is now available and can be found on the Diocesan website under the Latest Publications section <https://abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>

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You, are Invited.

