

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 26:7,9

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!**

THE COLLECT

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 91:2-3,13-16.R.cf.v2

R) It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R)**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R)**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in
the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith
and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually
want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord.
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent

on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the
law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for
the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The seed is the word of God, Christ the Sower;
whoever finds the seed will remain for ever.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

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

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like.
A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he
does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the
shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the
crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the
harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like?
What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at
the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on
earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them
all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can
shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so
far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak
to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his dis-
ciples when they were alone.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 17:11

**Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me,
that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Since Our Lord’s words come from
the mouth of Wisdom Itself, we may
legitimately look for manifold
meanings. The Jerusalem Bible offers
us a link between today’s parable and
the Book of Daniel, in the Old
Testament. In that book, King

Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon has a
dream. In it he sees a tree; *“It grew
taller and stronger, until its top reached
the sky...its foliage was beautiful; its
fruit abundant...the birds of heaven
nested in its branches.”* This tree,
Daniel explains, represents the king
himself, *“For you have grown great and
strong”*. But, Daniel continues, God is
going to humble the overweening
pride of the king, and the king
succumbs to a long period of madness.
How does this link up with our
present parable? The ‘mustard seed’
can represent ourselves; we all begin
life as *“the smallest of seeds”* and
everything in us must develop. We
grow, we *“put out branches”*, we make

lives for ourselves; perhaps, like
Nebuchadnezzar, we become leaders,
perhaps we are parents, responsible for
others: like the great tree, *“giving
shelter to all the birds of the air”*. God
respects the gifts he has given us; but
as the king learned, gifts must be
acknowledged. God is an authority
greater than nature whose *“ways are
always just and He has power to humble
those who walk in pride.”*

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL
PANDEMICS AND OTHER
CALAMITIES IN HISTORY

32. True, a worldwide tragedy like the Covid-
19 pandemic momentarily revived the sense
that we are a global community, all in the same
boat, where one person’s problems are the
problems of all. Once more we realized that no
one is saved alone; we can only be saved
together. As I said in those days, “the storm has
exposed our vulnerability and uncovered those
false and superfluous certainties around which
we constructed our daily schedules, our
projects, our habits and priorities... Amid this
storm, the façade of those stereotypes with
which we camouflaged our egos, always
worrying about appearances, has fallen away,
revealing once more the ineluctable and
blessed awareness that we are part of one
another, that we are brothers and sisters of one
another”.

The Still Waters of Beauty*
CHRIST OUR LIFE

‘Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their
shepherd.’ Whose shepherd? Those whose way is a stumbling-block
to themselves. Those who think only of the things that exist here
and now, while for the future they have no concern. Those who
think only of the life that must be called death. And so it is not
without reason that they, like sheep in hell, have death as their
shepherd.

What does this mean: to have death as a shepherd? For is death
some thing or some power? The death which people fear is
certainly the separation of the soul from the body, while true
death, which people do not fear, is the separation of the soul
from God. And very often when people fear that death which is
the separation of the soul from the body, they fall victim to that
death which is the separation of the soul from God. This, then,
is death. But how is death ‘their shepherd’? If Christ is life, the
devil is death. It says in many parts of Scripture that Christ is
life. And the devil is death, not because he is himself death, but
because he is the cause of death . . . Those who belong to him
have death as their shepherd, while we who have our minds
fixed on the immortality to come and who bear the sign of the
cross of Christ on our foreheads, have no shepherd but life.
Death is the shepherd of the unbelievers, while the shepherd of
those who have faith is life.

*Augustine of Hippo Edited by Oliver Davies Published by New City



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	12th	St Wilfrid's Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Next Sunday, Collection for A Day for Life)		
Sun	13th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Encinas Family Intention
Mon	14th		St George's -	
Tue	15th	10.00am	St George's -	Ella's Intention
Wed	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Agnes Smith RIP
Thurs	17th		St Georges -	
Fri	18th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Repose of the Soul of Tony Green RIP
Sat	19th		St Wilfrid's -	
		Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection for A Day for Life)		
Sun	20th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Alan & Bill O'Rourke RIP

St George's Church, Masses are now held on Tuesdays, at 10am and Sundays, 9am **Booking is essential - ring 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.

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
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
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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, 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:

Last week I posed the question, "how did I end up the week before?". It was to begin again with the idea "how do we best work together?". Firstly, to have the sense that anytime we gather, we strengthen our bonds and our commitment to be a parish community. We have a sense of what it is to be a good parish, but this must be very much updated and a return to the foundations as Jesus laid them out. "You are my witness" and this is above all to the forgiveness of sin, and restoring a life of grace "by this shall all men know that you are my disciples, your love for one another".

At this time one of the strongest affirmations of faith that I have received has been the celebration of funerals. It brings home to my heart the central focus of our lives which is to be at home with God. Thanks be to God that I have experienced some special moments, because over all we have been through a very difficult time. I am most grateful for all the help and support that I have received. It is as I listen to the concern and indeed echoes of distress that many are still experiencing; so it is most important that we are ready to resume our lives for the good of others to the best of our ability.

I acknowledge that this is helped most by having a good parish priest. I always recognised that I have lacked some important characteristics to be a "good shepherd", and sometimes I feel I am more cut out for a monastic type of life. But key elements for all of us "is live and learn" and so with this foremost in our minds, let us look forward and be ready for the opportunities that will come our way. We will have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and we will be getting prepared for the mass celebrated by the bereavement team.

The parish community mass celebrations will be in July, with other various occasions when we will meet in different groups to catch up and to look forward together. Please God, let us look forward to our future with hope and confidence.

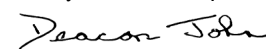


Deacon John Writes:

Have you ever had the thought that you don't like your credit card? Does it make you think that you have more money than you actually do have? Does it make you feel powerful or reckless? Well if you do you will not be alone! I am sure that many have that feeling from time to time but the vast majority do not let the feeling last for more than a fleeting moment when common sense steps in, aided probably by the Holy Spirit and guides you into more appropriate avenues of action and thought. Moments like those are moments of darkness and light quickly shines through. Always remember that God said "Let light shine out of darkness". We must let God's light shine on everything we do, not what we do tomorrow, but on everything we do TODAY. Tomorrow will not do because as we all know - tomorrow never comes. Everything is today and it is today that really matters!

We will do this if we remember that we are all part of the new covenant that we are called to be part of. This covenant calls us all into partnership with God. This partnership is one of love between God and ourselves. God loves each and every one of us with no conditions attached so we should all return this love today and every day. God is faithful in all and to all - so, if it is necessary, pull your socks up and get on with doing good to those around you. If you don't wear socks then use your imagination and just do whatever is needed to go forward in a manner that is truly life-giving to yourself and to others.

Friday, June 11th, is the Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and is an opportunity to remind ourselves about our duty to make it obvious that we love one another, to refrain from quarrels and bitterness, stubbornness and being stuck in a rut. We do not, of course, have to go to Mass to do this - this is important, particularly in the current pandemic, when it is not easy to bring ourselves to attend Mass. The time is coming, quite soon, I hope, when it will be possible to freely attend Mass again without any fear, but until that time comes for you, and for me, let us not forget to help anyone in need, and remember that God loves us all - there really are no exceptions!



St Wilfrid's & St George's: We are organising a friendly lunch time meal with members of St Wilfrid's and St George's community. Fr Rory will join us. The venue is The Treacle Mine, midday Thursday 24th June. If you are interested please contact Joan on 07873390944 asap please.

The last time we were able to meet together for a meal was St Patrick's Day, 17th March 2020. Lockdown happened very soon after. It would be great if we could start back socialising with our friends in both parishes. All the necessary precautions are in place of course. Please God, we will be able to meet on that day.

Bereavement Mass: Will be taking place on Sunday 4th July at 3pm in St Wilfrid's Church and this Mass is for all our parish community. This is our first opportunity to have this Mass and all are welcome, but it is important to book a place either online or by contacting Jackie on 01323 841504. Refreshments will be available in our hall afterwards.

St Wilfrid's Memorial Plaque: If anyone would like any names put on our second memorial plaque, please could they be forwarded by email to ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com or phone 01323 841504. Thank you.

New Group for Catholic Young Adults launches this week. Please tell anyone you know who is 18-35 years old to get in touch with lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out more.

St Wilfrid's Children's Liturgy will restart in September:

St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion Introductory meeting will be in September. If your child would like to receive their First Holy Communion 2021/2022 please email your name, child's full name and contact details to the church email. Any queries please see Annette or Teresa.

St George's Children's Liturgy: We are delighted that Children's Liturgy has now returned bi-weekly in St George's Hall. The dates we will be in session are as follows: 20th June. We may return to weekly from July but will be guided by the Covid-19 changes. All children are welcome to the sessions but you must book in advance by contacting Sandra by email at sandraforte40@gmail.com or phone 07791 627368.

St George's First Holy Communion – We are delighted to confirm that on 27th June three of our children will share Communion for the first time at St George's Church. We hope to be able to welcome as many parishioners as possible to attend this service, priority will be given to the families' guests, but there will be space for others. If you wish to attend please contact Margaret Piegrome or Sandra King. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this very special time in their Faith Journey.

Confirmation – Plans are currently underway to prepare Catechists to undertake Confirmation instruction for children, who will be in year 10 and above, and wish to take the Sacrament in 2022. More details to follow once a programme has been fully planned by the Catechists and Children's Liturgy team.

WANTED URGENTLY

Someone to help Lulu with our Church garden. Just a few hours here and there. Its a very rewarding job. Lulu and David have done marvellous but now David is in heaven, God rest his soul, its too much for one person. If you feel you would like to help keep our beautiful garden - please get in touch with Lulu (01323846509) or Joan (07873390944). Thank you.

Are you aged 18-30? CAFOD offers a gap year programme called Step into the Gap. As part of the 10-month programme, you will be based in either a youth retreat centre, university chaplaincy or a secondary school chaplaincy team gaining new skills, developing as a leader and gaining work experience. Accommodation and travel expenses are included. Full time placements include stipends. Find out more information including how to apply at www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear

Fighting Modern Slavery – Steering Group: The latest edition of the Fighting Modern Slavery Newsletter is available to download here [Modern Slavery Newsletter Issue 3 \(website-files.com\)](http://Modern Slavery Newsletter Issue 3 (website-files.com)) and also from the diocesan website www.abdiocese.org.uk
The Steering Group is seeking individuals to be parish/deanery Modern Slavery Awareness Ambassadors. More information on what this voluntary role entails from Rosie Read at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk

Fri 18th-Sun 20th June (Online) : COME DINE WITH ME: Feasting with Moses and Jesus

Led by Viv Randles and Michael Woodward (both Lay Community of St Benedict)

Hanuka, Shavout, Rosh Hashana - come and learn some fresh angles on these festivals and others, which go so far to explain our own. . .

Further information and to book your place online: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

For enquiries, please email: toc@worth.org.uk

CAFOD: This year, the UK will host the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. Many of the world's poorest countries are struggling to cope with the effects of climate change such as increased droughts, floods and cyclones. We need world leaders to put the poorest people at the heart of their talks and the UK has a critical role to play as host. Please sign our petition to the Prime Minister at cafod.org.uk/reclaim. Groups from parishes across our diocese are also meeting their MPs locally, to let them know how strongly we feel as Catholics about protecting our earth and helping our sisters and brothers around the world. Further details can be found here: [Parliament in your Parish | CAFOD](#). Please consider holding a meeting with your MP too.

Day for Catechists Saturday 25 September, Worth Abbey. A gathering of Catechists from around the Diocese, to share our experiences and offer support and resources. The day ends with mass with Bishop Richard. To book contact ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

FINDING STILLNESS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey

Tuesday 24th-Thursday 26th August 2021

An experimental hybrid retreat where you are invited to come and stay at Worth or join the retreat online. For further information or to book your place online go to: www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats Enquiries: toc@worth.org.uk