

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Ps 46:2

THE COLLECT

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

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

A reading from the book of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 29:2.4-6. 11-13. R.v2

R) I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R)**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R)**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 8:7.9.13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. 2 Tim 1:10
Our Saviour Jesus Christ abolished death,
and he has proclaimed life through the good news.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.*For shorter form, read between [...]*

[When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.]

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it; in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself, 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said, 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

[While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!', which means 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 17:20-1

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jairus, and the (unnamed) woman with the haemorrhage, are praised by Jesus for their faith. What is faith? In today's Gospel story, it is clearly absolute confidence in Jesus power to heal – and in his good will to do so. In fact, the woman presumes

even more; she acts towards Jesus as though he were indeed God incarnate: *"If I can touch even his clothes... I shall be well again."* Both St. Matthew and St. Luke report Jesus as saying, that if we had *"faith like a mustard seed"* we could work wonders. The saints have shown us this throughout the centuries. They put their whole trust, their confidence, in Jesus and through them he worked marvels. *"Trust in God, trust also in me"*, Jesus says to his disciples. When St. Peter confessed to Jesus, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"* Jesus praised him; not for wisdom, but for being open to a revelation from the Father. *"You*

are a happy man". *"Faith is a rebirth in a wholly new judgement of life"*, someone has said. It is a rebirth that comes about at Baptism; the baptized person is 'reborn' in grace, receives that 'mustard seed' that with the baptized's co-operation, is to grow into a *"great tree"*. How admirable it is to hear of these two people of the Old Covenant already fruitful 'trees' of faith.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL PANDEMICS AND OTHER CALAMITIES IN HISTORY

34. If everything is connected, it is hard to imagine that this global disaster is unrelated to our way of approaching reality, our claim to be absolute masters of our own lives and of all that exists. I do not want to speak of divine retribution, nor would it be sufficient to say that the harm we do to nature is itself the punishment for our offences. The world is itself crying out in rebellion. We are reminded of the well-known verse of the poet Virgil that evokes the "tears of things", the misfortunes of life and history.

The Still Waters of Beauty* BUILDING OUR HOUSE ON ROCK

If we have been a little long-winded, then we ask your forgiveness. And we urge you in the name of Christ to think about what you have received and to benefit from it. For to preach the truth means nothing at all if the heart and the tongue are not in accord. And it means nothing for us to hear the truth if we do not build our house on rock. For that person builds on rock who both hears the Gospel and puts it into action, while they who hear but do not act, build on sand. And they who neither hear nor act, build nothing at all. In the same way that they who build on sand construct their own ruin, those who do not build on rock will be caught without a home when the flood comes. There is nothing else for us to do but to build and to build on rock, which means to say: both to hear and to act. . .

And so when you have heard the Gospel, act upon it. For if you do not, then though you have built, you will have built on sand. If we are without a home, we are exposed, and if our home is built on sand, we shall be faced with ruin. And so we have no choice but to build our house on rock, by putting into action that which we have heard.

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	26th		St Wilfrid's	
			Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Next Sunday, Collection for Peter's Pence)	
Sun	27th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Kasia Blake-Coggins Intention
Mon	28th		St George's -	
Tue	29th	10.00am	St George's -	Kelly Richard's Intention
Wed	30th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Robert Wilson's Intention
Thurs	1st		St Georges -	
Fri	2nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Johanne Lorraine & Family RIP
Sat	3rd		St Wilfrid's -	
			Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Today, Collection for Peter's Pence)	
Sun	4th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Donor's Intention

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

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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, Julliette 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:

With the help of God we will be returning to church, and life that is more like normal. The onus on all of us will be to continue to be careful, yet at the same time normal life for the good of our parish will recover. The parish finance meeting on Wednesday evening was very helpful for our future. The challenge now is very real, indeed great. Plans had been put in place by Bishop Richard, when he raised the question a couple of years ago "planning for the church in 2030". It's first impact was to be in place in 2024, which is fast approaching. This is impacted by the big reduction in the numbers of priests, their ageing profile and the introduction of priests from other countries.

While we are still in charge of our own destiny, it is vitally important that we work close together as two parishes, one community. We invest in all that is necessary to help us to work together to develop, share and reach out with our faith to others, and have plans for a new generation. We have less access to our catholic schools and so we will need to invest much more in our parish for the preparation and development of our catholic faith. A job description that would be very beneficial to this was presented to the parish finance committee and was well received.

We are now aware of the importance of streaming and how it can greatly nourish our faith at particular moments and important occasions. So we will continue to develop and promote these important opportunities. In fact it will open up many windows of opportunity for our future. We certainly can provide the ways and the means of doing this. We will be required to be willing to develop and share our faith. During lockdown I was very blessed by a couple of outings with the young peoples liturgy group from St George's. I am looking forward to the plans and development that will take place with our two young persons liturgy groups working together. With prayer, willingness and goodwill we look forward to the future and please God, put some of the difficulties of the pandemic behind us.

To be continued...

Fr Rory

Deacon John Writes:

This week two stories. You may treat them as just stories or as parables and work out the meaning of each one for yourselves

1. There was to be a Baptismal party for the new baby of a soldier and his wife at their home on an Army base. Before the ceremony the Deacon took the new father aside. "Are you prepared for this solemn event?" he asked. "I guess so," replied the soldier. "I've got two hams, pickles, bread, cake, cookies....." "No, no!" interrupted the deacon. "I mean spiritually prepared!" "Well, I don't know," said the soldier thoughtfully. "Do you think two cases of whisky are enough?"

2. Once upon a time there was a Rabbi. Whenever he wanted God's presence, he went to a special place in the woods, lit a fire, said some prayers, and did a dance. Then God would appear to him. When he died, his disciple did the same. If he wanted God's presence, he went to the same spot in the woods, lit the fire, and said the same prayers, but nobody had taught him the dance. It still worked. God appeared. When he died, his disciple carried on the tradition. If he wanted God's presence, he went to the same spot in the woods and lit the fire, but he didn't know the prayers, nor the dance, but it still worked. God came. Then he died. He also had a disciple. Whenever he wanted God's presence, he too went to the same place in the woods, but nobody had taught him how to light the fire or say the prayers or do the dance, but it still worked, God appeared. In the end, he died, but he too had a pupil. One day this pupil wanted God's presence. So he searched for the place in the woods, but couldn't find it. And he didn't know how to light the fire or say the prayers or do the dance. All he knew was how to tell the story. But it worked. He discovered that whenever he told the story of how the others had found God, God would appear.

Deacon John

CAFOD:

Thanks for your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.



Bereavement Mass: A decision has been made to change the date of our Bereavement Mass from Sunday 4th July, a new date will be established and we will let you know as soon as possible. We are looking forward to this taking place as it will be so helpful because for many there has been much sadness and indeed loss, so it is important to pray for one another and when we can to support each other.

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.

St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion: Please remember and keep in your prayers our 10 First Holy Communion Candidates who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on the 10th July at 10:30am.

St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion breakfast will be on Sunday 25th July at 10:30am.

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. 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.

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

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

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.