

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 16:15

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

THE COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 prophet Amos

7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah. 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R.v8

**R) Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R)**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
For shorter form, read between [...]

1:3-14

[Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us

in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth]

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Eph 1:17.18
**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of your mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 6:7-13

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

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,
they may bring ever greater holiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 6:57

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The instructions given by Christ today, to his disciples, we see taken up by his saints. Saints give their 'all'; they hold nothing back. Our new English 'Venerable' (the stage before 'blessed'), Fr. Ignatius Spencer, the Passionist, is an

example. Fr. Ignatius was born the Honourable George Spencer, youngest son of the Second Earl Spencer. He had a comfortable and well educated youth. He became first an Anglican clergyman, but his love of truth gradually led him into the Catholic Church and he became a priest. Eventually, through his friendship with Blessed Dominic Barberi, he joined the Passionists. His years of priesthood are a story of constant and exhausting travelling – England, Ireland, Germany, Belgium – giving missions and retreats and begging for alms. A contemporary wrote of him, "*His great charity to the poor and wandering beggars was unbounded.*"

At times he gave them all the money he had, and stripped himself of his clothes to give them to the distressed; and when he had nothing to give, he would thank God that he had only His holy truth to impart. His house was always open for the distressed." "How beautiful it would be," he was heard to say, "*to die in a ditch, alone and unnoticed.*" And God fulfilled his longing and granted that prayer!

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

36. Unless we recover the shared passion to create a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of our time, our energy and our resources, the global illusion that misled us will collapse and leave many in the grip of anguish and emptiness. Nor should we naively refuse to recognize that "obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction". The notion of "every man for himself" will rapidly degenerate into a free-for-all that would prove worse than any pandemic.

St Teresa's Way of Perfection*
TRUENESS OF HEART

'Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord, and take refuge in him! Let all the upright in heart give glory!' For now the Lord has risen, now he has ascended to heaven, now he has shown that here is another life, now it is evident that his counsels, in which he lay concealed in the depth of your heart, were not empty, for his Blood was shed to be the price of the redeemed. Now all things are made clear, all things have been proclaimed and believed. And under the whole of heaven ' Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord, and take refuge in him! Let all the upright in heart give glory!'

But who are the upright in heart? Those who endure all things in this life, not attributing them to senseless chance, but to God's plan as medicine for us. Those who do not presume too much concerning their own righteousness, which makes them believe that their sufferings are unjust and that God is therefore unjust, because others who sin more do not suffer more . . .

God displeases you, but you are pleased with yourself, and so you have a crooked heart. And what is worse, you want to make God's heart crooked in accordance with your own, so that he does what you want, whereas you ought to do what he wishes you to do. What then? Do you wish to bend God's heart, which is always true, to match the depravity of your own? How much better it would be to correct your heart by his righteousness.

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	10th	3.00pm	St Wilfrid's	First Holy Communion Mass
			Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
			(Today, Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea)	
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's -	Mrs Grace Fenn & Son Chris RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	John & Margaret Forde's Intention
Mon	12th		St George's -	
Tue	13th	10.00am	St George's -	Michael Wilson RIP
Wed	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Mary O'Donoghue's Intention
Thurs	15th		St Georges -	
Fri	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	17th		St Wilfrid's -	
			Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	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

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
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Stephen Murray
ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
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CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

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:

Our destination: When God's glory is revealed, then our joy will be full. This is the true hope that is within us. Now we are on a daily journey with the prayer Jesus left us "give us this day our daily bread". As we continue to live our lives with the virus having a major impact, it is important that we are careful even cautious, as we respond to the guidelines that are given. But we must also be positive and hopeful placing proper trust and confidence in God's providence. I am deeply aware of the injury and damage that has been done to mental health and the barriers placed to compassion. Please God, a return to the sacraments, especially to the mass, and events that support our community will now be positive.

The celebration of First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation have been moments like a silver lining on the clouds. A profound witness has been lighting of baptismal candles. It is the expression of faith "this light has been entrusted to you to be kept burning bright, your child has been enlightened by Christ to walk in the light of Christ". The occasional request to celebrate marriage and baptism our hope that the life of faith will go on. Initial suggestion, meetings, outings for meals are beginning to take place. I have organised that I have regular testing for the coronavirus and I am willing to visit, and to respond to requests and to encourage and encourage us to return to life as a parish community. Suggestions for house masses, special prayers for healing, rosary and devotions or just a special hello, how are you after this time? and any other suggestions that might be helpful after this time.

Fr Rory

Deacon John Writes:

Saint Oscar Romero (canonized 14 October, 2018, by Pope Francis) is an outstanding example of being a true witness of Christ. When he was made Archbishop of El Salvador in 1977, Romero was a conservative. But he soon changed when he saw what was happening. Every Sunday he preached at the Cathedral. His homilies so electrified the country that national affairs halted when he spoke from the altar. He made public the unspeakable crimes being committed by many agents of the government. He was under constant threat of death. Some of his best friends were murdered. And still he would not be silenced. Nor would he go into hiding or exile. "At the first sight of danger the shepherd cannot run and leave the sheep to fend for themselves. I will stay with my people," he said. He was shot in March 1980 while saying Mass. According to Romero, staying in the open and bearing direct witness to the Truth Jesus IS didn't take courage. All it took was the understanding that his enemies dwelt in fear, and the fact that he was not afraid of them, to take away any power they thought they had over him. They might be able to kill his body, but they would not and could not kill his soul. There is also a story of a Protestant minister who, during the genocide in Rwanda (1994), sheltered Tutsis in his house. When a mob arrived at his door and ordered him to release them, he refused to do so. They shot him and took the people away. Even though we may not aspire to such heights of heroism, people like these are an inspiration to us. (Flor McCarthy)

Deacon John

Sea Sunday 11th July 2021

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependant on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

St Wilfrid's Community Lunch at the Treacle Mine - 12 noon on the 5th August:

After our very successful meal together in June, we have decided to have another on Thursday the 5th August at 12 noon at the Treacle Mine. If you are interested, please contact Joan tel: 07873390944. We invite all our friends from St George's and St Wilfrid's and look forward to seeing you there. The latest date for confirming your place will be Sunday 1st August. Please don't leave it to the last date as I have to confirm ASAP with the management at the Treacle Mine. Thank you.

St George's First Communion Catechists have decided to run the 'I Belong' programme for 12 sessions from 12th September the children will then all be prepared and ready to make their First Communion on the Feast of Christ the King Sunday 21st November. This programme is only for any children who have missed out on taking the sacrament over the last two years due to Covid restrictions and will be in school year 4 or above from September 2021. If anyone would like to register an interest in being part of this programme please contact Sandra on 07791627368 or email sandraforte40@gmail.com

Calling all Confirmation Catechists:

Our Diocesan Youth Adviser, Lizzie, is hosting another round of Deanery Confirmation Catechist meetings this week, and is delighted to be able to tell you that your local secondary school chaplains have been invited, which will give you a chance to get to know them better. We will also be looking at the theme 'Known and Loved'. If you are not already a member of your local network, please contact Lizzie directly lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

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 3pm

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.

The First Communion Mass for three St George's Children took place on Sunday 27th June, it was a wonderful occasion enjoyed by all those who attended in person and from afar by watching it on the livestream. The service is still available to watch by going to the online mass recordings on our website, www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/online-masses-and-recordings/. Being able to livestream was so important to the families, especially at this time as it enabled family and friends in India and Catalan to be at the celebration mass.

During the mass the children had their Baptism candles relit and passed on to them by their fathers to show how they are now taking forward the light of Christ within them

Our thanks go to all who made this such a special occasion: Father Rory for his spiritual leadership of the families, children and their catechists in the preparation for the sacrament; the Catechists Mary Burbage, Marie and Cathy for teaching and preparing the children over many weeks; Mary Lou, Shirley and Anne who all sang beautifully bringing this special ministry back into our church once more; Thomas and Alen who took time to prepare in advance and manage on the day the great responsibility of filming the service ensuring the sound quality was the best we could achieve with minimal equipment; Cathy, Trevor and Anne who decorated the church with ribbons, bunting and lovely floral displays; and of course everyone who offered good wishes and prayed for our children and their families at this special time.

St George's First Communion Breakfast: This will be held on Sunday July 25th after mass. All the children will enjoy a party breakfast together for this occasion with our three First Communion Candidates attending in their communion outfits and receiving their certificates at Mass that morning.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration: On Saturday, 17th July, at West Grinstead, from 12 noon. More details from Jayne at jaynelock1@gmail.com or 07816 422851.

The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey:

Desert Wisdom: the power of thoughts - Online Day Retreat led by David Clayton & Michael Woodward

Saturday 24th July 2021. 10am-4:30pm

Evagrius (b.345) is honoured as 'one of the most important names': come & see why his teaching lives. . .

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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 Colour and Shape website launch! Mass resources for families.

Colour and Shape developed over the pandemic providing a weekly video liturgy for families to use at home during lockdown. This video – Connect Sunday – has now changed into a new shorter format, along with a set of accompanying resources on a brand new website. Head over to www.colourandshapeonline.com to check out the resources reflecting on the Sunday Gospel each week, plus links to Spotify playlists, ideas on how to pray together as a family, and information on how to join the online community supporting families.

CCRS - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment. For more information or to register your place please [contact our Formation Adviser](#)

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.