

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3: 31, 29, 20, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

THE COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 Numbers

11: 25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 18:8,10,12-14. R.v9

R) The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R)**

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R)**

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and

eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Cf. Jn 17:17

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 Jn 3:16

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Our Faith on Sunday

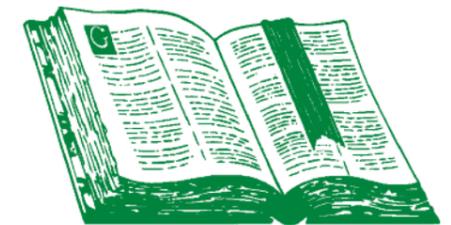
GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus' reply to the disciples' complaint could be taken as a description of ecumenism. "Anyone who is not against us, is for us." At the Last Supper Jesus said, "God sent his Son into the world, not to judge the world, but that through him the world might be saved." Jesus is out to win

men and women for God – to get them to God, somehow! In establishing his Church, founding it "upon rock", he offered and provided in Himself "the Way", the straight and safe Way, to union and life with God. If men and women glimpse only half the truth, and seize on it, to live by it, God is delighted; but of course, He wishes them to have the whole truth; expects them to be searching for the whole truth; would like them to be safely on the 'rock'. But if, as Jesus says, they at least acknowledge him and are grateful, then they have taken first steps on the way and Jesus welcomes them with open arms – as he did to so many non-Jews during his time on

earth. In the 1930s and 50s the Movement for Moral Rearmament, not a denominational movement, though founded by a Lutheran, taught that only personal, moral goodness can change the world and that God in Christ can bring it about. The movement spread world wide, even politically, brought many to Christ and had a positive effect on world affairs.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



INFORMATION WITHOUT WISDOM

47. True wisdom demands an encounter with reality. Today, however, everything can be created, disguised and altered. A direct encounter even with the fringes of reality can thus prove intolerable. A mechanism of selection then comes into play, whereby I can immediately separate likes from dislikes, what I consider attractive from what I deem distasteful. In the same way, we can choose the people with whom we wish to share our world. Persons or situations we find unpleasant or disagreeable are simply deleted in today's virtual networks; a virtual circle is then created, isolating us from the real world in which we are living.

St Teresa's Way of Perfection* THE TRUE POOR (2)

The true poor are destitute of all earthly hope, for even if wealth is flowing all around them, they understand how uncertain it is. They turn to God with groaning, as they find nothing in this age they can delight in or that grips their desire. But they are held in the heavy winepress of trials and temptations, and they flow out from this as oil and wine, which signify good desires. Such people have already gone beyond their love for the earth, and now they cannot but desire God. For they come to love the One who made heaven and earth, but they are not yet joined with him: the satisfaction is delayed that the desire might grow. So their desire is increased until it meets its object. For it is no small thing that God is in the process of giving to them, nor is their training for it a small matter, because he is not giving them something he has made, but is giving them himself, who made all.

Strive then to possess God. Live long in desire for that gift which you will have for all eternity.

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	25th		St Wilfrid's	
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Friday is Harvest Fast Day)				
Sun	26th	9.00am	St George's -	In Thanksgiving to The Blessed Virgin Mary And The Sacred Heart
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	27th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	28th	10.00am	St George's -	John McKenna RIP
Wed	29th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Mrs M Caleston's Intention
Thurs	30th		St George's -	No Mass
Fri	1st		St Wilfrid's -	No Mass
Sat	2nd		St Wilfrid's -	
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast)				
Sun	3rd	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Margaret Madams RIP

St George's Church, Masses are on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am and Sundays, 9am. Weekly attendance is now possible; please notify Sandra, 07791627368 or sandraforte40@gmail.com if you are returning on Sundays to ensure social distancing can be in place if needed. **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
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St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver
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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, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, 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:

I am looking forward to a welcome break, and please God, I am looking forward to it. This weekend we have harvest festivals, and at St George's a special celebration of our return to more normal circumstances. A ceremony of Remembrance for those who have died during this difficult time will take place. After that mass we will have lots of refreshments and an opportunity to catch up with one another and to support our charities.

This is a very important time. Still coming to terms with the circumstances that we find ourselves in, thanking those who have contributed to us in the past. Now it calls for a new beginning, a new generation. Streaming has served us well, but it also has a great weakness providing an outlet for window shopping. It will be very helpful, first for those who are housebound, but also a time to participate in our liturgy as preparations continue for the celebration of sacraments. Our response is essential for our future with the limited number of priests and the great need for the ministries that will strengthen and enrich the life of the church. We truly need a new generation, where belonging and participation will be crucial in the development of what must be a community of faith and streaming will have its benefits.



Deacon John Writes:

Are you a Snoopy fan? Sometimes he gives us a really good message. I have just read a message which I thought was really helpful. He said: 'Keep looking upthat's the secret of life.' In the Book of Proverbs verse 25 says: "Keep *your head up*, your eyes straight ahead, and your focus fixed on what is in front of you."

In Psalm 121 King David says in the first line: "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." When David became king, he wanted to remember that even in the darkest places, God was still there, leading him, protecting him, fulfilling the promise He had given him when he was a youth, even when it seemed impossible. There are other examples in the Bible where individuals lifted up their eyes and saw God. Three examples to illustrate this: First for the apostle Peter, the "hills" he looked to might have been a memory of the problems he had when he followed Jesus as a disciple, knowing that Jesus loved him and protected him and eventually filled him with His Holy Spirit to do miracles and preach with power. Secondly: For Jesus, the "hills" He looked to were the cross of Calvary that He had to endure for the joy that He knew was set before Him on the other side. Third: For Joseph of the book of Genesis, the "hills" he looked to in Chapters might have been a memory of his years in the dungeon, waiting for God's purposes to be fulfilled.

Now I invite you to do something yourselves: Lift up your eyes to your own "hills." What are your own hills? They might include your times of greatest darkness and despair, when it seemed that God had forgotten you, but when afterwards you could look back to see that He was really holding you. He was there.

There is no doubt, however, that if any one of us lifts up our eyes to the heavens we would see the same events that have always been there for us to see: the sunrise or sunset, the moon and the stars, clouds drifting across. Jesus saw them as did all people during their lives. King David wrote about 1000 years before Jesus "The heavens declare the glory of God", so, wherever we live and whatever we are doing, always try to remember to do as Snoopy says "Keep looking up!"



LOVE IN A BOX:

At St George's we are getting into gear for this year's Love In A Box campaign. There are leaflets and a small number of ready wrapped shoe boxes for collection at the back of the church, please help yourself. For the month of October the sale table will have a range of little extras for you to take to "bolster your box" and add to your shoebox. These are NOT for sale, help yourself. All boxes to be returned by Sunday 14th November please. If you're not able to make up a box yourself, you might consider making a donation towards the cost of transport as each lorry costs £4,000.

Thank you for your continued support, we are really able to make a great difference to the children in Romania who get our Christmas presents.

St George's table sale is being run by Children's liturgy, suitable second-hand items to sell are needed, books, toys, puzzles, China etc. Please leave donations at the back of church clearly marked. Fundraising will be used for Church groups and social activities for the parish.

Margaret Gearing's Ashes will be buried at St George's on Thursday 28th October after Mass.

Lunch at Kings Head, Horsebridge – On Friday 8th October at 12 noon we will be having a Parish Lunch at the Kings Head in Horsebridge. Two course OAP lunch £10. Buy your own drinks at the bar. **MUST** know numbers by **Mon 4th Oct** please. If you need a lift, please contact Joan – 07873390944. Thank You

St Wilfrid's Children's Harvest Festival: Sunday 26th September 10:30am Mass. So far we have raised £65.50 towards our Harvest Festival and one of our charity's – CAFOD. Thank you for all those who contributed so far, there will be a donation basket at the back of the Church. Please don't forget to bring fresh produce before Sunday for our colourful display, which will be sold after Mass for our charities.

We desperately need someone to look after and maintain our altar servers albs here at St Wilfrid's. If you can help with this please see David Hoad.

St George's Food Bank donations – we are asking all parishioners to continue to support our local foodbank by bringing donations and leaving in the basket at the back of Church. The September offerings will be taken away following Harvest Sunday on 26th September and we hope to have plenty to give. Items urgently required are: Tinned Meats/Fish, Jam, custard/rice pudding, Tinned fruit (not peaches), Crisps and Shampoo/Conditioner.

St George's Celebration of Life and Faith – Sunday 26th September 9am Mass, will be a special Mass of remembrance of those we have lost, especially those lost during the Covid-19 pandemic, but it will also be a celebration as our community returns to be together again. We hope as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend. After mass we will all gather in the remembrance garden where Father will bless the recently planted rose bushes in memory of all those whose lives we have celebrated during the service. This will follow with a celebratory breakfast, raffle and tombola.

Don't let the celebrations end there - our children and their families are hoping you will join them to spend the rest of the morning and afternoon enjoying family games, bingo, quiz, and a lunch. More info to follow but please do put the date in the diary and let others know. All are welcome.

Please RSVP – For catering purposes we would benefit from knowing numbers so please RSVP via the list at the back of church or call/text Sandra on 07791 627368.

St Wilfrid's First Communion Preparation:

St Wilfrid's is now inviting parents to enrol their children in our First Holy Communion Programme for 2021. In our Diocese, the usual age for receiving this Sacrament for the first time is 8 years of age (children in Year 3 or above.) There will be an introductory meeting for parents and children on September 29th at 6.30pm in the church hall, with a view to starting lessons in October.

Please contact Annette Wake 07839571916, annette@awakefamily.plus.com or Teresa Palmer on 07951082592, tpalmer2205@gmail.com before September 22nd to reserve your child's place.

Right to Life.org.

We are currently hiring for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations.

In particular we are looking urgently to fill positions in our Public Affairs team.

If this is of interest to you or you know of someone who might be interested, please see the notice in the porch that gives details of the positions available. We are expecting another attempt from the abortion lobby later this year that will change abortion in the UK.

www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/

St George's Remembrance Book - especially for the Celebration of Life and Faith mass, we will have a remembrance book available in Church from Sunday September 5th. If you or someone you know would like to have names added to the book please write them in or email the details to sandraforte40@gmail.com.

St Wilfrid's Church - Notices at Mass on Sunday. If you require a notice read out after Mass please email or phone Jean by Saturday mornings. jeanbarham21@gmail.com Tel: 842824.

St Wilfrid's Ministries:

We are looking to expand our volunteer team here at St Wilfrid's so when you are leaving Mass please pick up a volunteers form and see if there is anything you would be able to help with. We are very short on volunteers due to the fact that most of our volunteers come from the older members of our church community.

We are starting back with our over 50's Afternoon Tea, 2pm - 4pm or 5pm:

Thursday 30th September and thereafter the last Thursday of every month. Another opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners socially.

Our sales table will be up and running from that date, bargains galore. If you have any suitable gifts for a table, please leave them in our church porch, labelled "Sales Table" or contact Joan on 07873 390944. Thank you.

Of course both of the above two events are open to our friends at St George's, as Fr Rory says, "we must get together more".

CAFOD Family Fast Day

October family fast day is on Friday 1st October with the collection taking place on the following Sunday the 3rd October. This year the theme is 'Climate Crisis Appeal' and reminds us of the Climates Talks that will take place in Glasgow, 1st-2nd November, where world leaders with Pope Francis attending, will decide how to respond to the severe climate changes that are affecting our planet and peoples. Join us for our Family Mass on Sunday September 26th at St Wilfrid's to find out more about the Climate Crisis campaign followed by an opportunity to purchase Harvest Produce in aid of CAFOD. Alternatively, you can donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580.