

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,  
at whose festival the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration  
the merits of all the Saints,  
bestow on us, we pray,  
through the prayers of so many intercessors,  
an abundance of the reconciliation with you  
for which we earnestly long.  
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 the Apocalypse. 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Ps 23:1-6. R.Cf.v6

**R) Such are the men  
who seek your face, O Lord.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **(R)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **(R)**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St. John

3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.  
Surely everyone who entertains this hope  
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Mt 11:28

**Come to me, all you who labour  
and are overburdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints  
be pleasing to you, O Lord,  
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints  
to be already assured of immortality,  
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Mt 5:8-10

**Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for  
the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy  
and wonderful in all your Saints,  
we implore your grace,  
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the  
fullness of your love,  
we may pass from this pilgrim table  
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel is commonly known as the 'sermon on the mount'. Jesus teaches his disciples the 'beatitudes'

or 'blessings'. In the previous translation the word 'blessed' was used where now there is the word 'happy'. Probably the vast majority of Catholics still look to the 10 Commandments as the 'rules' for living a Christian life. However, the 10 Commandments actually come from the Old Testament and are negative in format: 'You must not kill', 'you must not bear false witness' etc. The beatitudes, on the other hand, are from the New Testament and are positive: 'How happy are the pure in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven...' Jesus nominates eight categories of people and guarantees them blessing/happiness. Today would be a great opportunity to

meditate on these beatitudes and ask ourselves if we are poor in spirit, peacemakers, merciful and so on. The beatitudes also give meaning to the many sufferings that we go through in life, mourning, persecution, calumny and injustice. The beatitudes are not commandments, but a promise from Jesus that if we live them, we will be welcomed into heaven.



### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



## FORMS OF SUBJECTION AND OF SELF-CONTEMPT

52. Destroying self-esteem is an easy way to dominate others. Behind these trends that tend to level our world, there flourish powerful interests that take advantage of such low self-esteem, while attempting, through the media and networks, to create a new culture in the service of the elite. This plays into the opportunism of financial speculators and raiders, and the poor always end up the losers. Then too, ignoring the culture of their people has led to the inability of many political leaders to devise an effective development plan that could be freely accepted and sustained over time.

## St Teresa's Way of Perfection\*

### TRUST IN GOD

'The Lord is my strength and praise, and he has become my salvation.' The people who fall down when they are put under pressure are those who wish to be their own strength and praise. The failure of these things causes people to fall in the fight. And so those whose strength and praise is the Lord do not fail, for his strength and praise remain firm. He becomes their salvation, not because of a change in him, but because they are changed when they start to believe in him. He does not need to save himself, but he becomes the salvation of those who turn to him, which he was not when they were turned away from him and relied upon themselves.

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



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	30th		St Wilfrid's	
<b>All Saints (Collection next week for the Retired Priests')</b>				
Sun	31st	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Ruth & Jim Ayres Intention, Fr Ken McCarthy RIP
Mon	1st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Deceased Benefactors of our Parish
Mon	1st	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	2nd	10.00am	St George's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Wed	3rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Deceased Members of the Knights of St Columba and their Families
Thurs	4th	10.00am	St George's -	K M Philip RIP
Fri	5th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Mrs Kay McCarthy Intention (90th Birthday)
Sat	6th		St Wilfrid's -	
<b>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for the Retired Priests')</b>				
Sun	7th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Emmanuel Encinas RIP

**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 Gerry Palmer  
**ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE**  
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753  
Hailsham Hall Hire ..... Tel: (01323) 841504 - Mon, Wed, Fri Morning or email at above address  
Prayer Line .....Jean Barham-Wyatt Tel: (01323) 842824

#### CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

#### POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455  
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, Dee Challis, 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](mailto: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 9am-1pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

**Fr Rory Writes:**

Through the waters of baptism we have received God's great gift "the pledge of eternal life".

To experience that life as God has ordained it that calls us to make our response. All our lives are watched over by God's providence, but at the heart of His care is true the Eucharist. When we hear His word, and to receive the divine nourishment which brings us to the assembly of the faithful, where the liturgy of the Eucharist gives life to our journey. Deacon John made a reference for the need to Volunteer in his contribution to our newsletter last week, and gave examples; welcomers, readers etc. Helping us to open our eyes, there is a line in the Gospel this Sunday which says "Master I want to see".

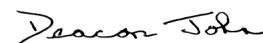
I had a very encouraging experience during the week from Joe Roberts, and I am very grateful to him for it. He was picking up upon "Good News" and announcing some good news to me. His came from the Olympics in Japan. I have asked him to share this with us by a piece for our newsletter. It is a good idea, so I asked another person hoping that he too would have some good news. It would be good to encourage each other to share more good news. There is always a space in the newsletter for this.

This week we celebrate the "Feast of All Saints". The fact we are included in this, is reason for gratitude "thanks be to god", and the second "to let it really influence our lives". More and more mention is being made of Pope Francis to have a Synod, and at the heart of it the role of the laity. In the weeks to come I really, really ask for your help and your patience. We really need to develop a way to work that helps one another to share and to work together before the life in our churches come to an end.


**Deacon John Writes:**

I will be brief today as I am going to ask you to do something for yourselves. In Wednesday's Psalm there was one phrase which gave me the idea. "Let me sing of the Lord, He has been good to me".

Well please choose one day, perhaps when you are sitting with a cup of tea or you have a visitor so you can use his/her thoughts and think of the many ways in which God has been good to you during the year. Please write them down and maybe add to them from day to day. Then you will have a good list to say thank you for to God when you pray or sing.



**Ruth Ayres Writes:** As one of the older parishioners she is paying tribute to Fr Kenneth McCarthy who died last week (Oct 21st) aged 92. Father came to Hailsham about 1990 and served for 10 years. He retired due to ill health and was given a house in Walton-on-the-Hill, where he lived for more than 20 years, supplying in the area, until he was almost blind. He went into hospital with heart failure, but was moved into a covid ward. He was for many years the longest serving priest in the Diocese, he was ordained at the early age of 23 in 1953 and he had been in the junior seminary. He was a priest for 68 years.

**Blessing of the Graves:** After the 10am Mass on Tuesday November 2nd, Deacon John will bless the graves in the Memorial Garden at St George's and then go onto Willingdon Cemetery. Fr Rory will bless the graves after the 10am Mass on Wednesday November 3rd in the Memorial Garden at St Wilfrid's and then go onto Hailsham Cemetery.

**Bereavement Book:**

The Bereavement Book will be available in St George's Church, until the end of November for anyone who wants to add names of their deceased relatives and friends. Please pray for the deceased and their families during November.

**St George's Suggestions box** – there is a suggestions box in the porch where parishioners should give ideas of social activities they would like organised during 2022 and beyond. These may be activities/events we have run in the past or entirely new ideas, the more the merrier! Once we have the suggestions we will look to plan a programme of activities (probably 4-6 over the year). We do need help with events though so if you are happy to be involved as well as attend your suggested event please do indicate this on the suggestion form. Events can't run without helping hands.

**Christmas Carol Concert at St George's** - The South Downs Singers are a community choir based at our hall in Polegate. The choir has used the hall since it first began more than 20 years ago. They support local charities through concerts held up to three times a year. This year has been very difficult for the choir due to the Covid pandemic and, once the green light was given to rehearse again, they met up and used the car park to begin with! Now back in the hall, their Christmas Carol concert this year will be held at St George's Church on Saturday 4th December at 3.30 pm. It will be a perfect opportunity to begin your preparation of Christmas with a beautiful selection of carols and seasonal music. Tickets are priced at £8.00 available from Shirley or Kelly at St George's, or ring 01323 504753 to book.

**St George's Table sale** will resume in November, there are no marked prices just pay what you feel the item is worth. Money raised will be used for Children's Liturgy resources, parish social events and Charitable giving. If you have any new or nearly new items suited for sale at the table please leave in porch clearly marked Table sale.

**St George's Church:** Christmas cards are now on sale at the back of the church.

**Bereavement Mass at St Wilfrid's:** This will take place on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 3pm.

**Lunches at Kings Head - Horsebridge:** Thursday 4th November at 12noon. I must have final numbers by Wednesday 4th Nov. please. Tel: Joan 07873 390944 I also need to know if you require transport. Our Christmas Lunch at the same venue, **Thursday 9th December at 12noon.** If you would like to join us on this jolly occasion, then please sign the list circulating between church after Mass and the hall after Sunday Mass or Tel: Joan on 07873 390944. When putting your name on list please pay the full amount of £18 which includes a 3 Course Meal, Mince Pies, Tea/Coffee and Tip. When you pay you will be given a copy of the menu to choose beforehand. So much easier for the chef and prompt service for us. We look forward to you joining us on this happy occasion. Would you like transport? Please let me know. Thank you. These two occasions are of course open to our friends from St George's, please join us.

**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. [jeanbarha21@gmail.com](mailto:jeanbarha21@gmail.com) Tel: 842824.

**Altar Servers' Albs:** We are still asking someone to come forward to take on the task of keeping these "fit for the job" undertaken by our very able altar servers. You may have noticed they are growing so much that their Albs need letting down, so we don't see an expanse of leg! David Hoad is the man who is training them, if you cannot find him then please contact Annette on 849732 or Joan on 07873 390944. Please consider this very worthwhile job very rewarding, thank you.

**Bidding Prayer Rota:** We are currently looking for more people to help with the Bidding Prayers for Mass at the weekends. If this is something you would like to do, please email Jackie on [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com) and I will add you to the next rota which will start in February 2022.

**Station Masses For those who have Died:** This last year has been a very challenging time for everyone, especially when our thoughts and prayers turn to those we have lost, whether through the time of the pandemic or before. Many of us have found it difficult to get to Church through lockdowns, to sit with the Lord and to share our thoughts or find comfort in His embrace. The limited numbers permitted at funerals may have meant that we were unable to be with friends and family at that special moment. With these challenges in mind, you are warmly invited to join a Station Masses this November for the intention of those lost. Join Bishop Richard as he offers Mass for your intentions, for your friends and loved ones. There will be Mass said in each Deanery across the Diocese throughout November 2021. Here are the details for your Deanery Mass: **Thursday 4th Nov:** Eastbourne & St Leonards Deanery Station Mass at 7 pm Our Lady of Ransom parish, Eastbourne (will include Fr Kevin Dring's Induction). The Mass can be viewed live on [www.youtube.com/OURLADYOFRANSOM](http://www.youtube.com/OURLADYOFRANSOM)

**St Wilfrid's - Sales Table:** Please do not forget the sales table bargains 50p & £1 only! Visit us after Mass on a Sunday, tea/coffee also available.

#### **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.

**A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal** for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

**Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November.** There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see [cafod.org.uk/COP26](http://cafod.org.uk/COP26)

*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

**Computers for Charities:** Free Training. CfC is offering training to anyone unemployed or needing to reskill. Computer Hardware training is on offer. Deadline for applications 30th November. For application form. Email: [admin@computersforcharities.org](mailto:admin@computersforcharities.org) Tel: 01323 848588. Spaces are limited.