

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 Genesis

2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 127. R.v5

R) May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

1 Jn 4:12

As long as we love one another God will live in us and this love will be complete in us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us,' they said, 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. 1 Cor 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



If we love him, Jesus says, we must keep his word; his word which is "not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me." Today's word is clear enough: divorce is contrary to God's will; to God's intention in creating. It sounds a negative

command, but it has a positive purpose. God's intention in creating is always positive, because "God is Love", as St. John tells us. God does not create without purpose; his purpose is the happiness and fulfilment of his creatures. "Let us make man," He said, "In our own image, in the likeness of ourselves." So He wills that in marriage a man and woman, both physically and spiritually, should be in love as one, in an image of the One-ness of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Good, positive relationships, are essential to the fruitfulness, happiness, continuance and finally fulfilment, of the human race. Relationships for

fallen human persons can be a challenge, but God does not abandon his creatures. He says through the prophet, ". "I am your God. I give you strength, truly I help you, truly I hold you firm with my saving right hand." He sent His Son as man to empower human love through the gift of grace and the friendship of the Holy Spirit.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



INFORMATION WITHOUT WISDOM

48. The ability to sit down and listen to others, typical of interpersonal encounters, is paradigmatic of the welcoming attitude shown by those who transcend narcissism and accept others, caring for them and welcoming them into their lives. Yet "today's world is largely a deaf world... At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying. Halfway through, we interrupt him and want to contradict what he has not even finished saying. We must not lose our ability to listen". Saint Francis "heard the voice of God, he heard the voice of the poor, he heard the voice of the infirm and he heard the voice of nature. He made of them a way of life. My desire is that the seed that Saint Francis planted may grow in the hearts of many".

St Teresa's Way of Perfection* GOD PROTECTS US

'He will cover you between his shoulders, and under his wings you will find hope.' The psalmist says this to stop you trying to find protection by your own resources, from thinking you can be your own protector. It is God who will protect you and deliver you from harsh words and from the hunter's snare.

'He will cover you between his shoulders.' This means protection, before you and behind you, as the shoulders are on each side of the head. He also says: 'and under his wings you will find hope'. This makes it clear that the protection of God's extended wings keeps you between his shoulders, so that enveloping you on both sides they hold you between them. Thus you need not fear lest anyone will hurt you. But do not leave that place of safety which no enemy dare approach. If a hen keeps her young safe under her wings, how much safer you will be under the wings of God, safe against the devil and his angels, those powers of the air who fly around like hawks aiming to seize the weakest chick.

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon	4th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	5th	10.00am	St George's -	Ava Garwood Intention
Wed	6th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Encinas Family Intention
Thurs	7th		St George's -	No Mass
Fri	8th		St Wilfrid's -	No Mass
Sat	9th		St Wilfrid's -	
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (This is Prisons Week; collection for PACT)				
Sun	10th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Norman & Angela Wright 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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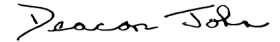
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Dee Challis, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth and Michael Copper.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

Newsletter items: Please send to Jackie at ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com, 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

Deacon John Writes:

Recently I found the following: Two older men were talking. One of them was bragging just a little bit. "I just purchased the most expensive hearing aid ever made," he said. "It is imported and is guaranteed for life." The second man asked: "What kind is it?" The first man answered, "Five past two." — We can laugh about the hearing loss that comes with ageing. It is a minor problem that will affect most of us sooner or later. In fact, experts predict that years of rock music, leaf blowers, and noise pollution in general will result in millions of baby boomers with hearing loss. According to a study by the National Institutes of Health in the States there has been a stunning 26 percent increase in those suffering permanent hearing loss between the ages of 35 and 60, compared to 15 years earlier. The Gospel on a Sunday in September told us how Jesus healed a deaf man who was mute.


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. If you wish 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.

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.

St Wilfrid's Children's Harvest Festival - Sunday 26th September: So much good food was displayed around the altar, as we came into Mass Sunday morning we could see predominately big yellow sunflowers. The shelves were filled with tins and packages that were given to our local Food Bank. The theme of course for "CAFOD" was the Environment and Saving our Planet. Sophie showed us a 3D picture she had made of all the countries that need our help and CAFOD supplies what they really need. A big thank you must go to Teresa who organised the children and all the many Harvest Goods which were sold outside church after Mass, and raised a record £210. plus the £65.50 from the harvest collection basket. Our thanks go out to Gerry also, who organised us and the children. Several people came forward to carry the harvest produce from Altar to Table were it was sold. Fr Kieran stepped in to say mass as Fr Rory was celebrating with St George's for their "Life and Faith" Celebration. From the banter over a cup of tea in the hall afterwards, I think Fr Kieran enjoyed our harvest festival and we were pleased to have him.

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

Don't Forget 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 **Wed 6th Oct** please. If you need a lift, please contact Joan – 07873390944. Thank You

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 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.

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.

Thank You: to Shirley and band of young helpers for all the preparation, planning and taking care of the area around Our Lady in the memorial garden at St George's.

Thank You: to Sandra and all who helped her, for all the work in scanning the area for prizes for the raffle and for all the work in preparing the food.

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 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".

St Wilfrid's 10am Mass - 6th October

If we are still experiencing problems with queuing traffic due to the petrol crisis, Fr Kieran has said he will hold the mass at 10.30am instead to allow extra time for people to get here.

St George's Celebration of Life and Faith – Our thanks to everyone who joined us last Sunday for this most wonderful harvest and remembrance mass including the blessing of our remembrance garden and celebratory breakfast. It was a truly beautiful morning filled with prayer for those who have passed away and celebration of our Churches unity together. Special thanks go to: Shirley for the splendid new roses and plants we now have in the remembrance garden surrounding Our Lady; Maria, Bernadette and Caterina for the beautiful way they have repainted Our Lady; Mary Burbage and our children's liturgy children for preparing lovely windmills and leading us in our Rosary prayer; to all those who kindly helped by baking, serving and clearing away the breakfast; and our parishioners who supported by attending and buying raffle tickets for the raffle.

St George's Harvest Raffle – We are delighted to have raised £145 in the raffle last week, fundraising that will be split equally between our two Harvest charities CAFOD and the Foodbank. Please join us in thanking local Polegate businesses for their support of our raffle. We were provided with prizes from the following: Polegate's new Climbing Wall Business the Ordinary Climber at Chaucer Business park; The Treacle Mine restaurant; and high street businesses, Jovonnes Hairdressing, Polegate Fisheries, Frenchies Homeware & Gifts, Ashelle Hairdressing, Chaps Barbers and Glennister's Florists; we also thank the parishioners who donated prizes.

First Holy Communion Meeting: There will be a First Holy Communion Meeting for the candidates and parents who could not attend the last one on Tuesday 5th October at 6pm for half an hour, to collect books and discuss programme.

Afternoon Tea Party - Thursday 30th September: Well the Good Lord certainly does try us to the limit sometimes! What with Covid19, no petrol and very high winds, 12 very brave souls turned up to our 1st Afternoon Tea for over 50's. A table laden with homemade goodies and the best china greeted them, plus the "Sales Table" was up and running for the first time. The saying "like bees round a honey pot" was brought to mind, as we all had bargains from the table. We were pleased to welcome our Catholic and Non Catholic friends. A big thank you to Lulu, Lilian and Shirley for all their help, without them it would not have been such a success. Next date: Thursday 28th October at 2pm. Do come and join us.