

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace
and not of affliction.**

**You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

Jer 29:11,12,14

THE COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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 Daniel

12:1-3

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 15:5.8-11. R.v1

R) Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand,
I shall stand firm. **(R)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R)**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he

is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

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

Lk 21:36

**Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mk 11:23-24

**Amen, I say to you: whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



There is a tendency in all of us to think that we are immortal, even though, in fact, the only certainty in life is death. This is not entirely negative. It wouldn't help our

psyche a great deal to be constantly worrying about dying. However, it is extremely healthy, from a spiritual point of view, to keep in mind the fact life on earth is temporary and simply a preparation for the real life to come – life with God in eternity. As Jesus reminds in today's Gospel, we don't know the day or the hour of our leaving this life. A friend of mine used to say that, as Christians, we should live with our 'suitcase packed and ready'. What should we pack in this spiritual suitcase? Well, we know.

It should contain all the acts of love and kindness we have done for our brothers and sisters during our lifetime. Why? Because we also know that when we present ourselves in front of God, he will ask us how much we have loved Jesus in the poor, the needy, the homeless and so on.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



HOPE

54. Despite these dark clouds, which may not be ignored, I would like in the following pages to take up and discuss many new paths of hope. For God continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family. The recent pandemic enabled us to recognize and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realize that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious... They understood that no one is saved alone.

St Teresa's Way of Perfection* THE RESURRECTION

There are those who say: 'Behold the Lord has risen, but can I therefore hope that I will rise?' Yes, indeed. For the Lord rose in a form that he had taken from you. For he would not have risen had he not died, and he would not have died had he not borne our fleshly nature.

What did the Lord take from you? Your fleshly nature. What was he in himself? The Word of God, who was before all things, and through whom all things were made. But the Word took flesh and lived among us, so that he might take something from us, and offer it on our behalf, as does a priest when we want to appease God for our sins.

So in this case, Christ our priest has received from us what he is to offer on our behalf. For he has received from us our fleshly nature, and in that flesh he became a victim, holocaust and sacrifice. In his passion he became a sacrifice, and in his resurrection he restored that which had been killed.

As he gave this your first fruits' sacrifice to God, he said to you: 'Now that everything you are and have has been consecrated to God, since you have offered such first fruits as these to him, you may hope that you too will experience the same resurrection that has already happened for you in those very first fruits.

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	13th		St Wilfrid's	
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Next Week for the Maintenance of the Cathedral)				
Sun	14th	9.00am	St George's -	Deceased Members of the Lodrick Family RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		3.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Bereavement Mass
				Deceased Members of the Parish Community
Mon	15th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	16th	10.00am	St George's -	No Mass - Church Repairs
Wed	17th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Stephen & Caroline Gaglione RIP
Thurs	18th	10.00am	St George's -	No Mass - Church Repairs
Fri	19th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Vladiswana Zylwicz RIP
Sat	20th		St Wilfrid's -	
Christ the King (Collection Today for the Maintenance of the Cathedral)				
Sun	21st	9.00am	St George's -	Jean Hines Family Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention

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: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455
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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, Michael Copper and Peter Standen.

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

Fr Rory Writes:

Time moves on quickly, and the request from Pope Francis it is time for; and of great importance to the church that we have a Synod. It is now time to get this underway. Two key questions for us as we begin A) **Why:** Why do we need a Synod? B) **How:** How do we achieve the best outcome possible?, and the steps for us to take to do this.

The latest instalment that we have received is this:-

Synod of Bishops 2023 – not just for Bishops!

Pope Francis has said a synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” He asks us “How is this “journeying together” happening today in your particular Church?”

The Pope is asking us to dream what the Church could be, and to walk together into God’s future, where that Church becomes a reality. Let us pray that we can listen to, and journey together with as many of our communities as possible, so that together we help to build up the Church and pass that message, loud and clear, to the bishops of England and Wales, and then to the Pope himself.

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts: teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Fr Rory

In place of DJ writes some more humour to cheer you up:

1: “You’ll wish you were Jewish!!” A Protestant minister and a Catholic priest enjoyed teasing their Jewish rabbi friend, continually asking him when he was going to convert to their Faith. When the Holidays rolled around, the rabbi sent them a card with the following: “Season’s Greetings! Roses are reddish, Violets are bluish; When the Messiah comes, you’ll wish you were Jewish!!”

2: The Second Coming. A Sunday school teacher asked his class, “If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the Church, would that get me into Heaven?” “NO!” the children all answered. “If I cleaned the Church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?” Again, the answer was, “NO!” Again the teacher asked, “Well, then, if I were kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my wife, would that get me into Heaven?” Again, they all answered, “NO!” “Well then how can I get into Heaven?” A five-year-old boy shouted out, “YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!” Good insight for a five-year old!

3: Somnambulist or Methodist? “Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake,” Jesus commands. The signs-of-the-times are such that, clearly, this is no time for somnambulists. A somnambulist, as you know, is a person who walks in his sleep. On the eve of his wedding, a young man decided to confess all to his fiancée. He went to her and said, “My love, there is something I feel I must tell you before we are married; something you must know. It may make a difference in your feeling toward me. You see, I am a somnambulist.” The young lady thought for a moment, then replied, “Oh that’s all right. There’s no problem. I was raised a Methodist. We can go to your Church one Sunday and to mine the next.”

Deacon John

Friends of St Thomas a Becket CP School..... Calling all businesses.... Do you own or work for a business which might be interested in supporting us by way of a Christmas raffle prize donation? If so, please get in touch via email ptfa@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk All donations will be accredited to the sponsor. Thank you in advance from all at Friends of St Thomas a Becket CP School.

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.

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

Please make a note in your diaries of our over 50's Activities:

Thursday 25th November, 2pm, Afternoon Tea & Fun in our hall. Homemade cakes/scones, sandwiches, plus "French gourmand", fancy "bite size cakes/biscuits in English", all for £3. We have a small raffle, 50p per ticket. Do come and join us.

Christmas Lunch at Kings Head - Horsebridge: Thursday 9th December, in the function room, 12noon. Three courses plus tea/coffee, mince pies and crackers, £18 including tip. Please pay the £18 when booking, I will give you a copy of the menu so you can make your choice, to make it easier on the day for the chef and us. I have had many bookings already and so advise you to book soon. Our friends from St George's are invited of course and many have booked already. Lets make it a jolly good Christmas lunch enjoyed by all of us from both parishes, plus our non catholic friends. If transport is a problem please contact Joan 07873390944.

Thursday 30th December, 2pm in our Hall for Afternoon Tea: We have decided to make this a pre New Years Eve Party, special homemade food, music, games suitable to our age group!! Crackers, goody bags and special raffle. The cost for this will be £5 and I can assure you it will be worth every penny - come on lets party!

All these events are open to St Wilfrid's and St George's plus any friends are most welcome of course. Please contact Joan 07873390944 or after Sunday and Wednesday Mass in the Hall.

"ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH": a series of talks at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, Eastbourne. A chance to enrich and deepen our understanding of our faith.

Tuesday, 16th November: 'The Good Life: can you be a good, moral person and have a fulfilled life -without God?' Speaker: Fr Kevin Dring.

Tuesday, 30th November: 'Jesus: who do people say I am? What the New Testament tells us - also the Early Church' Speaker: John de Waal.

Monday, 6th December: 'Gaudete! and the gift of Christian Joy.' Speaker: Fr Tristan.

Tuesday, 14th December: 'COP 26 and its aftermath.' Speaker: Barbara Echlin.

Sessions will be in the Parish Centre (accessed from the church car park) from 7.30 – 8.30pm - with a break halfway for refreshments. All are welcome to all or any of the talks!

Hailsham Foodbank: During November they will be having their annual Tesco National collection in Hailsham. They need volunteers to man the collection point and below you will see the link for people to sign up. A member of the foodbank staff will be manning collections at all times along with the volunteers. https://doodle.com/poll/vdttig6n4br5tn5y?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

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.

St Wilfrid's Church - Notices at Mass on Sunday. If you require a notice read out after Mass please email Alan by Saturday mornings. alanjozwik@gmail.com

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 and I will add you to the next rota which will start in February 2022.

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

St Wilfrid's Sales Table: During the month of October our sales table raised £60. This will be kept for a future parish celebration.