

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## THE COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,  
graciously keep from us all adversity,  
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,  
we may pursue in freedom of heart  
the things that are yours.  
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 first book of the Kings

17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R.v2

## R) My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on

our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Alleluia!

Mt 5:3

## GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

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

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,  
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,  
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,  
we may honour it with loving devotion.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the  
Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,  
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,  
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,  
the grace of integrity may endure  
in those your heavenly power has entered.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The vice that Jesus most hates is hypocrisy. And the people who seem to be most guilty of it are the religious zealots, the Scribes and the Pharisees. They give the

appearance of being 'good' people, but in reality it is simply that – appearance. And not only do they set themselves up as important people, they also "swallow the property of widows while making a show of lengthy prayers". But Jesus can see into the hearts and souls of each of us and recognises 'sanctity' in the humble, those who, in the eyes of the world are 'insignificant'. As Christians we should always live our lives in front of God, who sees everything we do and the real motives behind them. If we live

our lives so as to impress other human beings we run the risk of becoming hypocrites and in the long run we will be 'found out' both by those we were seeking to impress and by our heavenly Father. Today's Gospel gives the opportunity to reflect on the direction of our lives.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)FORMS OF SUBJECTION  
AND OF SELF-CONTEMPT

53. We forget that "there is no worse form of alienation than to feel uprooted, belonging to no one. A land will be fruitful, and its people bear fruit and give birth to the future, only to the extent that it can foster a sense of belonging among its members, create bonds of integration between generations and different communities, and avoid all that makes us insensitive to others and leads to further alienation".

St Teresa's Way of Perfection\*  
ETERNAL WEALTH

The psalmist says: 'Prosperity for those who love you'. He is speaking to Jerusalem herself. Prosperity is for those who love her: freedom from want. Here they are in need, there they shall prosper. Here they are weak, there they are strong. Here they are poor, there they are rich.

But where does their wealth come from? From the fact that they have given away what God gave them on earth and will then receive for eternity what God shall give them in heaven.

On earth, my brothers and sisters, they are both rich and poor. The rich must acknowledge that they are poor. If they think that they are rich, they are showing pride rather than prosperity. Let them acknowledge that they are empty, so that they can be filled in heaven. What do they have here? Gold. What do they not yet have? Eternal life. Let them think about both what they have and what they do not have. Brothers and sisters, let them give from their abundance, so that they may later receive what they lack. Let them give up what they have in order to buy what they lack. 'Prosperity for those who love you.'

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



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon	8th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	9th	10.00am	St George's -	John McKenna RIP
Wed	10th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Deceased Members of Brown & Quinlan Family
Thurs	11th	10.00am	St George's -	Joan Quarrell RIP
Fri	12th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	13th		St Wilfrid's -	
<b>Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Next Week for the Maintenance of the Cathedral)</b>				
Sun	14th	9.00am	St George's -	Holy Souls' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		3.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Bereavement Mass

**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, 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](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:

It is now the month of November so the harvest season is well over. The first frosts tell of the season that is set to come. I cannot say that we had a good harvest, so we can be anxious and conscious of leaner times to come. One of the most important fruits of any harvest time is that it contains the seeds for future planting and harvests to come. We must cherish those seeds and set our minds and hearts to truly value them, and to see that they are well planted to bear fresh fruit - fruit that will last.

Among the seeds is the special lay synod that is desired by Pope Francis. There are people I know who believe that this is most important; in fact vital to our future. For us who really believed in and hoped for a great outcome for the 2nd Vatican Council, only to realise it was failed in so many ways. Now a fresh impetus, a new enthusiasm, may be like a Vatican III, well fit for purpose. Yes new fruit, new seeds - for fruit that will last. We can have fresh hope, if we are ready to prepare the ground, to plough and to harrow, so that we can look forward to preparing good harvests.

For a moment let us now focus upon the greatest of feasts; the one that is on the horizon "The Feast of Christ the King". All our hopes are built upon this great event. "Christ will return in all glory". That is why during the month of November we should pay attention to the Holy Souls. The great multitude who have gone before us, with their own share of human failure, losses and crosses. There has been a long tradition of having Mass offered for our loved ones and our benefactors. A really helpful good thing to do.

After this a new Advent, a new time of sowing, and we are preparing an outline plan that the Bishop and our Diocese has asked us to do.



**Following on from last week:** Some good news that was brought to my attention by Joe Roberts.

How do they make Olympic medals from unwanted phones and electronics? This web link will show a short video:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/olympics-medals-recycled-gold-silver-ve50222a5?amp>

A behind-the-scenes look has shown how Olympic Tokyo 2020 medals are made from recycled smartphones and electronic devices. It is the first time in history that the Olympic and Paralympic medals have been made using recycled metals.

"Approximately 5,000 medals have been produced from small electronic devices that were contributed by people all over Japan," the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games wrote.

"We hope that our project to recycle small consumer electronics and our efforts to contribute to an environmentally friendly, sustainable society will become a legacy of the Tokyo 2020 Games."

**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](mailto: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.

## SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023 – NOT JUST FOR BISHOPS!

Pope Francis says that the purpose of the Synod is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm minds and give strength to our hands!

The Pope has asked all the Bishops, in every diocese of the world, to reach out and listen to all baptised people, young and old, poor and excluded, so that the Bishops can discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

(The Lord often reveals the most prudent course to be followed to those who do not occupy important positions in the community, said St Benedict)

Our Parish will be involved in this work of listening and will be providing more information soon.

## 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.

**St Wilfrid's Afternoon Tea, Thurs 28th Oct for the over 50's:** With the sun streaming in, 13 of us sat down to a variety of good home made and prepared food. We had to keep moving the butter out of the sun! so it would be ok for our homemade cheese scones. We had a little raffle, 8 prizes, 50p tickets. After tea a game of "Dog Bingo" which was a laugh, winners picked something from our "Sales Table". Menus for our **Christmas Lunch at Kings Head - Horsebridge: Thursday 9th December**, were passed around so we could see the very good value for money meal. We decided our December meeting, Thursday 30th December would be a special one as it will be the day before New Years Eve. We will be in party mood with music and all the trimmings for a jolly good time. It would be lovely to see you there, do try to make it. Meanwhile our November tea will be at 2pm on Thursday 25th Nov.

**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](mailto:alanjozwik@gmail.com)

**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.

**"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](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.

**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.

**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.

**Joan Quarrell's Ashes** will be buried at St George's on Thursday 11th November after Mass.