



Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel is one of the harsher warnings that Jesus gives his followers, or those who want to be his followers. A follower of Jesus has to be prepared to give up their human security and place all their trust in the Lord.

Not all of us are called to follow Jesus in the way the Franciscans are, whose vocation is literally to have no fixed abode, but if we want seriously to follow him, then we cannot base our life on human comforts and possessions. It is a challenge to all of us to review the way we live and to see how much we are governed by our consumerist society. And here Jesus also insists that our commitment to him should be total and immediate if we ask to become his followers. The examples he gives of "leaving the dead to bury

their dead" and first saying "good-bye to my people at home" are very demanding. Clearly, burying the dead is a duty and saying good-bye to people is a perfectly good thing to do, but in this context, Jesus is warning us not to let the affairs of the world stop us from following him.



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BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

82. The parable, though, is troubling, for Jesus says that the wounded man was a Judean, while the one who stopped and helped him was a Samaritan. This detail is quite significant for our reflection on a love that includes everyone. The Samaritans lived in a region where pagan rites were practised. For the Jews, this made them impure, detestable, dangerous. In fact, one ancient Jewish text referring to nations that were hated, speaks of Samaria as "not even a people" (Sir 50:25); it also refers to "the foolish people that live in Shechem" (50:26).



Joyous Death



Give thou to me, O God,
Each food that is needful for my body; Give thou to me,
O God,
Each light that is needful for my mind; Give thou to
me, O God,
Each salve that is needful for my soul.

Give thou to me, O God, Sincere repentance;
Give thou to me, O God,
Whole-hearted repentance;
Give thou to me, O God,
Lasting repentance.
Give thou to me, O God,
The death of the priceless oil; Give thou to me, O God,
That the Healer of my soul be near me;
Give thou to me, O God,
The death of joy and peace.

From the Gaelic



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

THE COLLECT

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings 19:16. 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 15:1-2.5.7-11.R.cf. v5

R) O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord; 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. (R)

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
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 of St Paul to the Galatians

5:1. 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.
My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and

Ps 46: 2

tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

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

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who graciously accomplish
the effects of your mysteries,
grant, we pray,
that the deeds by which we serve you
may be worthy of these sacred gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received
fill us with life, O Lord, we pray,
so that, bound to you in lasting charity,
we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	25th	St Wilfrid's Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection for Peter's Pence Today)			
Sun	26th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention	
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Norman & Angela Wright RIP	
Mon	27th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group	
Tue	28th	11.00am	St George's -	Requiem Mass Patrick Edmund McGroarty	
Wed	29th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist	
Wed	29th	11.30am	St George -	Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles , Ada Mary Garna RIP	
Thurs	30th		St George's -	No Mass	
Fri	1st		St Wilfrid's -	No Mass	
Sat	2nd		St Wilfrid's -		
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea next Sunday)					
Sun	3rd	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention	
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Felix Chetwynd RIP	

Confessions on request at anytime or before and after Masses at St Wilfrid's and St George's Church

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 Monika Beaver
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
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POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER
Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, 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, Sebastian Martin, Michael Copper, Peter Standen, Richard Stimpson, Teresa Palmer and Jean Barham-Wyatt.

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:**3 thoughts for the week**

The Pharisees are in for a bit of stick in all three thoughts!

1. Almsgiving. We give alms to others in order to bring glory to God. We should naturally and generously help the poor as an expression of our sharing love and in thanksgiving for the blessings we ourselves have received from God. The Pharisees showed us how not to do it. Namely not to show our generosity to others in order to get popularity.

2) Fasting becomes pleasing to God when we do it: a) to experience what the real hunger of the poor is, b) to help the poor by giving the price of what we do not eat to feed them, c) to discipline ourselves in eating and d) to appreciate better God's blessings of good health, and generous provision of food. Fasting solely for show, as the Pharisees did, is wrong and sinful.

3) Prayer: Prayer is opening our connection to God by talking to Him and listening to Him, convinced of His holy presence within us and around us. a) By prayer we acknowledge our dependence on God, drawing from Him our daily spiritual strength, and recharge our spiritual batteries from God's power. Long, noisy, repetitious prayer performed in public solely for show as the Pharisees did, is not prayer at all.

On a lighter note to end: There was to be a Baptismal party for the new baby of a soldier and his wife at their home on an Army base. Before the ceremony the chaplain took the new father aside. "Are you prepared for this solemn event?" he asked. "I guess so," replied the soldier. "I've got two hams, pickles, bread, cake, cookies....." "No, no!" interrupted the chaplain. "I mean spiritually prepared!" "Well, I don't know," said the soldier thoughtfully. "Do you think two cases of whiskey are enough?"

Deacon John

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda: We were overwhelmed by the reception we were given in St George's and St Wilfrid's Churches. Special thanks go to Fr Rory and all the parishioners for the very warm welcome. The amount raised to date is £647.48 with Gift Aid. We are also grateful for the interest shown in child sponsorships. The money will go directly towards our projects in Uganda and will make a real difference to the education and lives of the children. Be assured of the children's prayers. God bless. Phil and Gordon on behalf of EVC Uganda.

Cancellation of Over 50's Afternoon Tea: Unfortunately we have had to cancel our next afternoon tea on Thursday 30th June 2022, but look forward to seeing you all again at the end of July.

Parish Meeting at St Wilfrid's:

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 10th July after Mass in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. All welcome.

Counters for St George's - If there are any parishioners at St. George's, who would like to help with the counting on Sunday Morning after Mass, at St. George's, would they please contact Anne Bowe on 07808175455 or annebowe@btinternet.com. This will be done in pairs, as before, with the collections put into the St. George's Account, the next day. Thank you.

Open Parish Meeting 3rd July.

Everyone is invited to this meeting in St George's Hall after the 9.00 Mass on Sunday 3 July. We will be discussing the suggestions for the development of the parish which were made by parishioners during the listening process leading to the SYNOD in 2023.

St Wilfrid's Centenary Celebration: We are hoping to form a choir to support the congregation at the 11am Mass on the 13th August. We shall be singing hymns and parts of the New Celtic Mass. There will be two evening rehearsals on August 3rd and 10th to prepare for this. You do not have to be able to read music, just love to sing. Please contact Pat Gaglione or David Hoad at St Wilfrid's and Shirley at St George's for more information and any queries you may have. We welcome your support.

Special Centenary Mass - Saturday 13th August 2022**St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham at 11am**

A Special Mass with Bishop Richard will be held at St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham to celebrate 100 years since first Mass was held. If you would like to join us in celebrating this special Mass please either book on-line on our website www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk or contact Jackie by email ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com or phone 841504. Thank you.

Young Adults (18-35) North Downs Walk – Saturday 2 July 11.30-3pm. We gather together for Mass at St Joseph's in Dorking and then explore the local area together, joined by members of the Diocesan Vocations Team – have your best questions ready! Contact our Diocesan Youth Adviser E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

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Dates for your Diary

Sat 13th August, 11am - Special Mass with Bishop Richard to celebrate 100 years since first Mass at St Wilfrid's.

Sunday 19th June 2022

St George's Attendances: 76 St Wilfrid's Attendances: 103

Second Collection (Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda - St George's & St Wilfrid's Total £647.48

