

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said
‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you
to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the
word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond
compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the
city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words,
‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’
And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed
a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And
God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he
had threatened.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 24:4-9. R.v4

R) Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R)

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R)

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives
should live as though they had none, and those who mourn
should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who

are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to
laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as
though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to
deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say
this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Mk 1:15
The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

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

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There
he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’
he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent,
and believe the Good News.’

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon
and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were
fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make
you into fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and
followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and
his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their
nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee
in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift.
Through Christ our Lord

Our Faith on Sunday

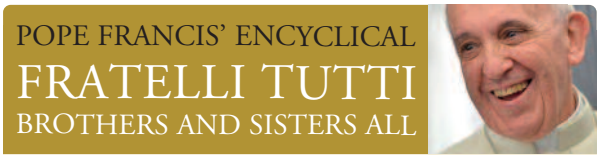
GOSPEL REFLECTION



Last week we heard John’s version
of how Simon and Andrew came to
follow Jesus. This week we have
Mark’s version, which is more
detailed and dramatic. This time,
Jesus sees these fishermen as he
walks along the by the Sea of

Galilee. However, in both
these accounts the men
accept Jesus’ call to follow
him ‘at once’. Such is the
power of Jesus’ presence
that they don’t stop to
think through the
consequences of giving up
their livelihoods. They
don’t even ask what exactly
is required of them. It
would be reasonable to
assume that their wives would have
objected to their husbands packing
in their jobs to follow this
unknown person. It would be
interesting to know what
conversations went on between the
former fishermen and their

families. However, we are all called
to follow Jesus in one way or
another, and that usually requires
making choices which are not
shared by our friends or family. It
would be wrong for someone to
abandon their wife and children,
and certainly not the will of God.
But we need to constantly ask
ourselves if we are putting God in
the first place in our life.



THE BENEFITS AND LIMITS OF LIBERAL APPROACHES

165. True charity is capable of incorporating all these
elements in its concern for others. In the case of
personal encounters, including those involving a
distant or forgotten brother or sister, it can do so by
employing all the resources that the institutions of an
organized, free and creative society are capable of
generating. Even the Good Samaritan, for example,
needed to have a nearby inn that could provide the
help that he was personally unable to offer. Love of
neighbour is concrete and squanders none of the
resources needed to bring about historical change that
can benefit the poor and disadvantaged. At times,
however, leftist ideologies or social doctrines linked to
individualistic ways of acting and ineffective
procedures affect only a few, while the majority of
those left behind remain dependent on the goodwill of
others. This demonstrates the need for a greater spirit
of fraternity, but also a more efficient worldwide
organization to help resolve the problems plaguing the
abandoned who are suffering and dying in poor
countries. It also shows that there is no one solution,
no single acceptable methodology, no economic recipe
that can be applied indiscriminately to all. Even the
most rigorous scientific studies can propose different
courses of action.



Being honoured in this life is easily destroyed by
shame. Receiving earthly glory can ultimately result
in confusion. So it seems that an insult is better than
honour, confusion better than success, grief better
than glory; for in facing difficult things, we learn
humility and patience.

Becoming holy

These are the things that belong to holiness:

Never to think, say or do what displeases God;
rather, try to please God in everything.

Do not pretend to be holier than you actually are,
that is a foolish ambition.

There are some things which are neither good nor
bad in themselves. We can reverently see, hear,
touch and taste many things. Everything depends
on our intention.

Sin means doing something to harm our neighbour
or harm one’s self, and shows a contempt of God;
whereas to be despised and treated as a fool helps us
to rise to the joy of the angels.

*The Fire of Love by Richard Rolle Published by Aeterna Press



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South Road
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WEEKLY SERVICES

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection for Racial Justice Day next Sunday)

Sat 20th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 21st	9am	St George's —	Mr & Mrs Mathew Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	John Barnes RIP
Mon 22nd	2.30pm	St Wilfrid's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 23rd	10am	St George's—	Parish Communities' Intention
Wed 24th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Mary O'Donoghue RIP
Thur 25th	10am	St George's —	Margaret Madams RIP
Fri 26th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Holy Souls' Intention

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection for Racial Justice Day Today)

Sat 27th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 28th	9am	St George's —	Joseph & Rose Falkner RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention

Confession on request before and after Mass or at other times by arrangement with Father Rory.

Unable to attend mass? The 10.30am St Wilfrid's mass is livestreamed when possible and can be accessed via the Parish Website or via the following: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/online-masses-and-recordings/>

Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_

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.

Local Catholic Education Contacts: 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

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 Treasurer Monika Beaver

Chairperson of the Finance Committee Gerry Palmer

ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

Hailsham Hall Hire: (01323) 841504/Email at above address

Prayer Line Jean Barham-Wyatt(01323) 842824

IMPORTANT GIFT AID: If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please contact - Gerry on 01323 832577, Email: gpalmer2703@gmail.com.
By signing up, the parish can benefit by claiming back from HMRC a further 25% on all your donations at no additional cost to you.

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

St George's: Kelly - 07967562110

St Wilfrid's: Maria - 07873759962

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM: Volunteer needed contact Father Rory

Churches Together in Polegate/Willingdon/Hampden Park/Hydneye Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell

Lily May, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Letty Booth, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Laurey & Richard Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Gill Standen, Richard Streeter and Patricia Delaney.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

A WARM WELCOME: to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors.

New to the Parish/would like to get back in touch but not sure how? Please complete the welcome form in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.

Fr Rory Writes:**“With the Help of God”**

we focus our care and attention on Bishop Richard’s outline plan for the future of parish life in our diocese. Our response must be positive, helpful and worthy of our responsibility at this very important time with our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Through his initiative focused upon Synodity, the outcome is of critical importance to the life of our church.

Looking forward to working more closely together so that we can make real progress. Our meeting after the 10.30am mass last Sunday reflects this. Our awareness of being a body made up of many parts working together is key to our future. Our meeting this Sunday is a sign of progress. Frequently I have referred to two considerations for our attention. 1) The work that goes into the foundations 2) The process that goes into development. We now have time of great importance as we progress life within our communities.

Summing up, our meeting this Sunday is a big sign of willingness to become what the church is called, “to be a body that is made up of many parts, working together growing into God’s Kingdom”. Jesus came down from heaven to establish. As the psalm expresses “though I walk through a valley of darkness, no evil would I fear, you are there by my side, with this you give me comfort”.



Lourdes Diocese one week pilgrimage July/Aug 2024 - 50th anniversary of the Diocese led pilgrimage. All our Parish youth school years 10-13 are encouraged to consider attending. We would also like all others in our parish to consider joining as able Helpers, medical support or pilgrims who may need support to attend. We will have a launch meeting in February to form a parish group of attendees and consider our Lent Fundraising which we plan to undertake to help pay towards our parish attendees. To have our own Redshirts/youth group in advance of going this year will be amazing so please do consider it, we have three signed up already. If your children are younger their are family options also. Further details of the pilgrimage can be found on the Diocese website at(please can you insert link). To find out more about fundraising in our parish email sandraforte40@gmail.com or text/call 07791627368.

A RACE NIGHT on the 16th February at St Wilfrid's is our next parish social/fund raising event. Sale of horses will start this weekend at £2 each. If you have a business you can sponsor a race for £10 as can any one else. Once the horses are all sold the race cards will go on sale at £5 each which be your entry ticket. This is a fun evening so please put the date in your diaries.

Parish Over 50's Club:

Our next afternoon tea will be Thursday 25th January 2024 at 2pm. As this is “Burns Night” we shall have a Scottish theme plus Haggis! Of course. See you there. This is an excellent occasion for our parish and is much appreciated. Your support and funding helps so that it remains a blessing to our parish.

Parish Quiz Night Friday April 12th 7pm - get your teams ready and the date in your diary for the second of our bi-annual quiz nights this time held at St Georges. Teams of 6 under children not included in team numbers. More details to follow.

Parish Charity Breakfast: Next Breakfast 28th Jan after St G's 9am mass - fundraising for Children's Respite Trust. All Welcome invite friends and family, they are welcome just to attend breakfast or join for mass also.

Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese ‘The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission’. As society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new Plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. The Pastoral Plan can be found on the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan

Please donate items such as unwanted gifts, stationary, books, jigsaws, nearly new toys or anything suitable for the St Georges Table Sale? Donations are needed urgently as stock is low, money raised is split between charity of month and parish youth activities/resources. Please leave labelled for St G Table Sale in the back of either church for collection. Or place under table or on it if space permits.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 21st Jan, 2-4pm - Parish Meeting, St W’s Church.
Tue 23rd Jan, 6pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W’s Hall.
Thur 25th Jan, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.
Fri 26th Jan, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W’s Hall.
Sun 28th Jan, 10am - Parish Charity Breakfast, St G’s Hall.
Fri 16th Feb, 7pm - Fundraising Race Night, St W’s Hall.
Tue 20th Feb, 6pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W’s Hall.
Tue 12th March, 6pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W’s Hall.
Fri 12th April, 7pm - Parish Quiz Night, St G’s Hall.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist, Sat 10 Feb. Free of charge. Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Eucharist at St Michael’s, High Salvington, Worthing 11-4pm. The day will include theological & practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and mass. Please register using the link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(10-Feb-2024\)](#) · ChurchSuite Events

Sunday 14th January - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid’s 96

St George’s 78