

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 80: 17

**He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.**

**THE COLLECT**

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****PSALM**

Ps 147:12-15.19-20.R.v12

**R) O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **(R)**

He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **(R)**

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Sequence**

Behold the bread of angels, sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant,  
That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine  
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jn 6:51-52

**I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,  
says the Lord.**

**Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.****Alleluia!****GOSPEL**

John 6:51-58

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace,  
whose signs are to be seen in mystery  
in the offerings we here present.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 6: 57

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may delight for all eternity  
in that share in your divine life,  
which is foreshadowed in the present age  
by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus makes it very clear in this passage from John's Gospel that if we want eternal life, then we must eat his body and drink his blood. He addresses

these words "to the Jews". In other words, these words are not spoken only to the apostles or the disciples, but to a much wider audience. Why? He wants everyone to have eternal life. We are all made for the life of heaven, no matter what our status in life, and Jesus wants to let everyone know the surest way of getting there. Jesus says that the only way to the Father is through him. So what about all those billions of people who don't know Jesus or don't even believe in God?

Can they also have eternal life? The answer is to be found in chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel (37-40) when people appear in front of the Lord at

the end of their lives and he welcomes them into the Kingdom: "Then the upright will say to him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we find you sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, 'In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'



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### BORDERS AND THEIR LIMITS

132. Even when they take such essential steps, states are not able, on their own, to implement adequate solutions, "since the consequences of the decisions made by each inevitably have repercussions on the entire international community". As a result, "our response can only be the fruit of a common effort"<sup>113</sup> to develop a form of global governance with regard to movements of migration. Thus, there is "a need for mid-term and long-term planning which is not limited to emergency responses. Such planning should include effective assistance for integrating migrants in their receiving countries, while also promoting the development of their countries of origin through policies inspired by solidarity, yet not linking assistance to ideological strategies and practices alien or contrary to the cultures of the peoples being assisted"<sup>114</sup>.

[113] Address to the Diplomatic Corps Accredited to the Holy See, 11 January 2016: AAS 108 (2016), 124.  
[114] Ibid., 122.

## Promise Of Good Things DETACHMENT FROM THE WORLD

And so, brothers and sisters, let us not be quite so much at home in this world, and let us do the will of him who called us. Nor should we fear leaving this world, for the Lord said: 'You will be as lambs in the middle of wolves'. Peter's answer was: 'And what if the wolves tear the lambs to pieces?' Jesus said to Peter: 'The lambs need have no fear of the wolves once they are dead. And you too need not fear those who put you to death, and can do nothing more to you. But the one you need to fear is he who, after taking away your life, has power over your soul and body, and can cast them into hell fire'.

Know for certain, my friends, that our abiding in this world in the flesh is a little thing and lasts only a short time, whereas Christ's promise is something great and wonderful. This is the repose of the coming Kingdom, of Life that has no end.

And so what shall we do to attain these things? We must lead a holy and just life, certainly, and not regard the things of the world as our own, or desire them in any way. For when we set our hearts and minds on these things, we wander from the way of righteousness.

*Clement's Second Letter to the Corinthians*



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Collection next Sunday for A Day for Life)

Sat 10th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
		<b>Corpus Christi</b>	
Sun 11th	9am	St George's —	Parish Confirmation Group Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Dorothy Blake RIP
Mon 12th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues 13th	10am	St George's—	Parish Communities' Intention
Wed 14th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Jim Ayres RIP
Thurs 15th	10am	St George's —	David Simmons RIP
Fri 16th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Knights of St Columba Intention

#### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for A Day for Life)

Sat 17th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 18th	9am	St George's —	John Court Stocken RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Confirmation Group 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#\\_=\\_](https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_)

**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.

Local Catholic Education Contacts: St Thomas a Becket Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977

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### 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

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](mailto: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

**POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER Contact:** Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell

Lily May, Julliette Lusted, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth, Laurey & Richard Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Jean Barham-Wyatt, Nellie Oakshott and Jean Molloy.

#### 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:

### Our Sponsored Walk Today

With the help of God, our walk will do me and indeed all of us some good. My ability to ask for sponsorship money does not bode well for its financial outcome; but its social value is of great importance. Quite a number of key persons for our cause are away, but hopefully it presents an important opportunity for our parish communities to reach out.

I am always impressed by Mary's Meals. As well as reaching more than 2.4 million hungry children every school day with our life-changing meals, we do everything we can to help in emergency situations. It is thanks to your kindness that Mary's Meals is a shining beacon of hope in dangerous and desperate times. Already this year we have responded with urgency to the earthquake in Syria and the cyclone in Malawi. We are also providing emergency aid to people in Tigray, a region in Ethiopia that was locked in brutal civil war for two years from November 2020.

Our Mary's Meals family longs for the day that it is safe for classrooms to reopen so that we can return to serving our school meals to children as they learn. In the meantime, your donations to our Crisis in Ethiopia Appeal will enable us to keep doing all we can to bring hope to the people of Tigray as they try to rebuild their lives.

Thank you for all you do for the world's poorest children.

*Fr Rory*

**Sponsored Walk:** This afternoon at 3pm our sponsored walk will take place from St George's Polegate to St Wilfrid's in Hailsham. If you have not yet sponsored anyone you can after Mass at St Wilfrid's you, have two options. To use the card machine in the porch or to add your name to Fr Rory's form which will be in the porch.

For those who are walking this afternoon please remember to bring a bottle of water with you and also to use sunscreen. Thank you to all those who are walking and who have sponsored them, who has supplied cakes and to those preparing and manning the hall for the get-together afterwards.

**'URGENT - HAILSHAM FOODBANK SUPPORTERS'** Hailsham foodbank recently became a charity in its' own right as the Crosslink Trust (Churches Together in Hailsham) will be no longer active. We need to close down our old Lloyds bank account and have opened a new CAF bank account but haven't been able to make contact with all of our regular givers to ask them to change their details if they still wish to give. If you do give monthly to our old Lloyds account and would like to continue supporting us please see our website for the new bank details or get in touch for a new form (and gift aid form if applicable). We very much appreciate the practical support and prayers of all the local churches. Thank you Julie, 01323 398358 or [info@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk)

**Parish Social Events** provide a life to our parish and its wider community beyond our spiritual devotions, however we need many more volunteers to reduce the workload of just a few. If you can offer even just occasionally to help, please give your name and details to Jean Barnham at St W or Sandra King at St G. We need as many willing helping hands as can be offered!

#### Dates for your Diary:

Sun 11th June, 3pm, Sponsored Walk, St G's to St W's Hall.  
Sun 18th June, 3pm, Confirmation, Arundel Cathedral.  
Sun 25th June, 10am - Charity B/fast - Foodbank/Parish, St G's  
Thur 29th June, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.  
Fri 30th June, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Church  
Sun 16th July, Parish Garden Party/BBQ, St W's Hall.

**Gazebo checking and Hall key holders.** On the 17th June at 10.30am we need volunteers to come along to the presbytery garden at St Wilfrid's to check the Gazebos for our garden party on 16th July. We are also asking that all key Holders of the Parish Hall come along for a meeting after at about 12pm.

**Please continue to pray** for all students currently finishing their GCSEs and A-Levels exams and our confirmation candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sun 18th June at 3pm in Arundel Cathedral. All welcome at the service.

**The Charity Breakfast:** Thank you to all those who supported last week's Parish Breakfast for Kipling Ward, we raised £150. Our next breakfast will be on Sunday 25th June, 10am after mass. Charity for June is Foodbank and Audio/Media technology for hall social activities. All Welcome.

#### Parish Over 50's Club:

Next afternoon tea will be Thurs 29th June, 2-4pm, St W's Hall. £5. We will have a French theme, as Annette & Joan will be back from their holiday in France. See you there!  
Our next outing is a trip to Staverton Nursery, Mon 26th June, £10 each. Leaves St Wilfrid's 10am return 4pm. contact Joan on 07873390944.

**St George's Table Sale:** needs more quality donations suitable to sell - puzzles, unwanted gifts, quality books, small nearly new toys, unused stationery, costume jewellery all sell well. Please leave at the back of the church or under the table in the hall.

#### Sunday 28th May - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 130                      St George's 110

#### Sunday 4th June - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 103                      St George's 70