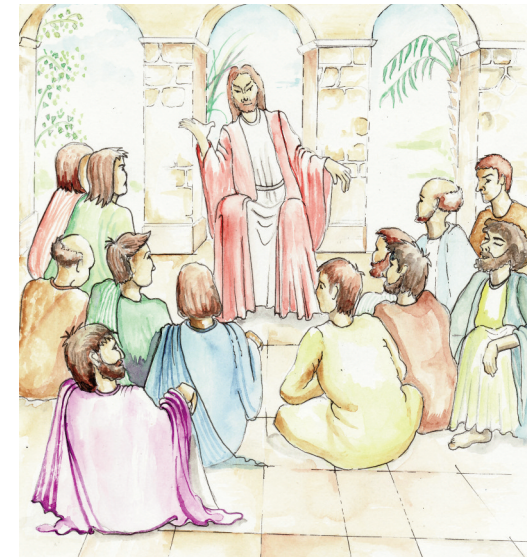




# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION




Too often our lives are ruled by fear or, more often, by worries. Of course it is normal when faced with difficult or painful situations

that we worry or feel afraid of what lies ahead for us, but Jesus wants to assure us that he has everything in hand. It is also natural that we want to do something to make things better or to prevent a difficult situation from becoming worse. But very often we understand that we can do very little, or nothing. Why does God allow this to happen? Why doesn't he intervene in this situation? In today's Gospel Jesus reassures us that he has everything in his hands and that we should not worry, but entrust it to him. We need to develop the habit of

working in 'tandem' with the Lord. In other words, I do what I can in a given situation and then entrust it to him. And every time I start to feel worried, I must offer it to him again, in the certain knowledge that he will look after that person, that family member, that friend who is suffering. God is our Father and he loves those who are dear to us infinitely more than we do.




POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL  
**FRATELLI TUTTI**  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



### RECIPROCAL GIFTS


134. Indeed, when we open our hearts to those who are different, this enables them, while continuing to be themselves, to develop in new ways. The different cultures that have flourished over the centuries need to be preserved, lest our world be impoverished. At the same time, those cultures should be encouraged to be open to new experiences through their encounter with other realities, for the risk of succumbing to cultural sclerosis is always present. That is why "we need to communicate with each other, to discover the gifts of each person, to promote that which unites us, and to regard our differences as an opportunity to grow in mutual respect. Patience and trust are called for in such dialogue, permitting individuals, families and communities to hand on the values of their own culture and welcome the good that comes from others' experiences".<sup>117</sup>

117. Address to Authorities, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (6 June 2015): L'Osservatore Romano, 7 June 2015, p. 7.



### Promise Of Good Things

THE VIRTUE OF REPENTANCE



While we are still on earth, let us have a change of heart. We are clay in the hands of the workman. When the potter makes his vessel, he sometimes finds that it bends or breaks in his hands. When this happens, he immediately sets about remodelling it. But he can do nothing more for it once he has put it into the oven and applied heat to it. So too let us grasp our chance while we are in this world. Let us repent whole-heartedly of all the evil we have done in the flesh, so the Lord may save us while we still have time for repentance. Once we have gone from this world, we can never make our confession or change direction again in the place that awaits us there.

So then, my friends, if we have accomplished the Father's will, keeping our fleshly selves pure and following the Lord's commands, we shall obtain eternal life. As the Lord says in the Gospel: 'If you do not guard something which is small, who will give you something that is really important? I tell you that the one who is faithful in little things is faithful also in great things'.

What he is saying is this: Keep the flesh pure and the seal of baptism undefiled, so that we may gain eternal life.

*Clement's Second Letter to the Corinthians*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.**

Cf. Ps 27: 8-9

### THE COLLECT

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love your holy name,  
for you never deprive of your guidance  
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.  
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 Jeremiah  
Jeremiah said:

20:10-13

I hear so many disparaging me,  
"Terror from every side!"  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!'  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

68:8-10.14.17.33-35 R v14

**R) In your great love, answer me, O God.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R)**

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!**

Jn1:14.12

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise  
and grant that, cleansed by its action,  
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

Ps 144: 15

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished  
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,  
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,  
that what we celebrate with constant devotion  
may be our sure pledge of redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection next Sunday for Peter's Pence)

Sat	24th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	25th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Alan O'Rourke RIP
Mon	26th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	27th	10am	St George's—	St Anthony & Thanksgiving
Wed	28th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	In Honour of Our Lady
Wed	28th	7pm	St George's —	<b>Vigil Mass for Ss Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b> For my Sister Mel
Fri	30th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Thomas & Anna RIP

#### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for Peter's Pence)

##### (Collection next Sunday for the Apostleship of the Sea)

Sat	1st	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	2nd	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Juliette Lusted RIP

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

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 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, 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

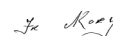
**A WARM WELCOME:** to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors.

**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:****‘Beautiful Food’**

Our outing on Monday morning to Staverton Nursery. I really enjoyed their food, and I was very impressed by the way they run this enterprise. What is on offer is excellent, top of the range with an almost limitless supply of trees, shrubs and flowers; although all quite expensive, so it is only those who are serious about their shopping are catered for. There was not a lot of seats for lounging about, hence I was impressed with the food, I even had some left over for my supper. If you wanted to socialise you would be better going to a restaurant. So obviously when the fire destroyed the building they have re-scheduled it very purposefully. We reduced our allocated time, and I truly appreciated and enjoyed our outing. Sincere thanks; as Annette did her mum proud by looking after us in the way that only Joan can do.

How about our own affairs, how fares our parish communities? Two outstanding events. First our Corpus Christi, sponsored walk, and then last week our young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral. Signed by the Holy Spirit, to rise as a new generation; backed up by all the hard work that has taken place over the last couple of years. Our parish council is beginning to emerge, we can truly look forward to the work that they will do for our future. My Sister Mary's book "Love Speaks" provides more beautiful food, divine nourishment. Margaret Nevill, when she returned the book she said "Thanks so much, Father; so well researched and beautifully written".


**Sea Sunday - 9th July 2023**

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

**The Charity Breakfast:** Our next breakfast will be Today, Sun 25th June, 10am after mass. Charity for June is Foodbank and Audio/Media technology for hall social activities. All Welcome.

**‘The Life of Christ’ showing at Wintershall** 28th - 1 July 2023, 10am - 3.30pm. Adults £25, bring your own food and drinks.

**Eastbourne Hospital Mass** is celebrated in the chapel on the last Tuesday of each month at 12noon. The next Mass is on June 27th. All welcome as we pray for patients, staff and their families.

**Parish Youth Group** - to all our 13+ youth and their parents/carers we hope to plan a couple of good events in autumn please contact Sandra on 07791 627368 / [sandraforte40@gmail.com](mailto:sandraforte40@gmail.com) if you want to be part of this group and were not at the meeting last October.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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 9th July, 4pm - Mass for Confirmation Candidates, St G's  
 Sun 16th July, 12pm - Parish Garden Party/BBQ, St W's Hall.  
 Fri 28th July, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.  
 Sun 30th July, 10am - Charity B/fast, St G's Hall.

**Parish Garden Party/BBQ** on 16th July at 12pm after Mass. We will be having a Tombola so are asking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic or not) unwanted gifts in good condition (no bric a brac please). The tickets are £8 adults, Family ticket £18. Food will be provided as will soft drinks, tea/coffee. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks.

**Friends of St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School** proudly presents Big Top Bonanza, Summer Fair & Circus on Saturday July 15th, 10.30am-4.00pm. For tickets please purchase from [www.pta-events.co.uk/stab](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stab) Support our local Catholic primary school, please tell family, friends and neighbours.

**Parish Over 50's Club:** Next afternoon tea will be Thurs 29th June, 2-4pm, St W's Hall. £5. A very French theme after our visit to France. Do come and join us.

**Table Sale** - St George's table sale is in need of more donations of new/nearly new items that can easily be placed on the table, please leave at the back of the church or under the table in the hall. Or even placed directly on table if space permits. Thank you

**Sunday 18th June - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid's 109                      St George's 85