

2ND JULY 2023

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of the Kings 4:8-11.14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi, his servant, answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said, 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

88:2-3.16-19. R v2

R) I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R)**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4.8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ

Ps 46: 2

was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

cf.Ac16:14

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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

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

Cf. Ps 102: 1

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.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Some passages of the Gospel have a very harsh sound to them. The first part of today's Gospel is one such passage. Jesus, who peaks

constantly about love, seems to be castigating us for loving our own family members. But what he is actually doing is telling us where our priorities should lie. Love of God is paramount and nothing else should stand in its way. If we 'idolize' other human beings, whether it be a son a daughter, a footballer or film star, then we have got it wrong. Putting other human beings on a pedestal is dangerous not only for us but for those we put there. Only God is worthy of worship. And yet, Jesus, once again, reminds us of the link between loving God and loving our neighbour: "If

anyone so much as gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones..." Jesus very much wants us to love others, but in the right way. He wants us to serve them, just as he served them when he was on this earth. If we want to know whether or not we loving others in the 'right' way, we need to ask ourselves the question "Am I prepared to love everyone in the same way?"



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

**RECIPROCAL GIFTS**

135. Here I would mention some examples that I have used in the past. Latino culture is "a ferment of values and possibilities that can greatly enrich the United States", for "intense immigration always ends up influencing and transforming the culture of a place... In Argentina, intense immigration from Italy has left a mark on the culture of the society, and the presence of some 200,000 Jews has a great effect on the cultural 'style' of Buenos Aires. Immigrants, if they are helped to integrate, are a blessing, a source of enrichment and new gift that encourages a society to grow".¹¹⁸

118. Latinoamérica. Conversaciones con Hernán Reyes Alcáide, ed. Planeta, Buenos Aires, 2017, 105.[119] Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, Abu Dhabi (4 February 2019); L'Osservatore Romano, 4-5 February 2019, p. 7.

Promise Of Good Things GOD THE HEALER

Let none of you say that this flesh is not judged and does not rise again. Discern for yourself: in what state did you receive salvation, in what state did you receive your sight, if not in this flesh? It is our duty to guard the flesh as God's own temple, because as you were called in the flesh, so shall you come to complete salvation in the flesh. If Christ, the Lord who saved us, in fact became flesh even though he was originally spirit, and in this state called us, then we too are to receive our reward in this very same flesh. So let us love one another and thus we shall, each and every one of us, come to God's kingdom.

While there is still time for us to be healed, let us entrust ourselves to the God who makes us whole, giving him his due as a healer. And what is it that we owe him? Repentance from a sincere heart. He has knowledge of every single thing before it happens, and he certainly knows what lies hidden in our hearts. So let us give him praise, not only with our lips, but also with our hearts. In this way he will receive us as his children. The Lord himself said: 'My brothers and sisters are those who do the will of my Father'.

Clement's Second Letter to the Corinthians



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WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon	3rd	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	4th	10am	St George's—	Special Intention
Wed	5th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Encinas Family Intention
Thur	6th	10am	St George's —	
Fri	7th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Moira Carleton RIP

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection next Sunday for the Apostleship of the Sea)

Sat	8th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	9th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Bill O'Rourke 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#_=_

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 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.
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.

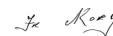
New to the Parish/would like to get back in touch but not sure how? Please complete the welcome form in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.

Fr Rory Writes:

Looking forward to my next trip home.

With our activities for the year coming to an end, a certain “thanks be to God”. This time last year our focus was on our preparations to celebrate our centenary year at St Wilfrid’s, which worked out very good. Hard to credit that was a year ago. Our focus this year is our parish council and the options and opportunities it presents.

Deacon John has been a constant source of help and I am sure it will remain a great help. He raised the question, while Fr Rory is away, who should write his piece? he suggested that the parish council could do this, this time. This is very much in keeping with the preparation of our prayers of the faithful, which provided us with a distinct blessing over the months and years.



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, 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.

Sponsored Walk: So far has raised £1,131 with a small amount still to come. Well done to all who helped raise this wonderful amount.

The Charity Breakfast:

Last week's parish charity breakfast at St George's raised £180 for Eastbourne food bank, our thanks to all who supported. The July breakfast will be held on Sunday 30th and will be raising money to help pay for Stations of the Cross in St Richards Catholic College Chapel which has recently been built to help with spiritual growth of the pupils.

St George's Remembrance Book: This has been removed for up-dating and will be returned as soon as possible.

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 if you want to be part of this group and were not at the meeting last October.

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7-8:30pm**. Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 16th July, 12pm - Parish Garden Party/BBQ, St W's Hall.
Thur 27th July, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, 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.
Sun 3rd Sept, 4pm - Mass for Confirmation Candidates, St G's

Congratulations to all our confirmation candidates who took the lead at the recent mass with Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral. We are so very proud of them. They will celebrate mass on 3rd September at 4pm at St George's to receive their certificates and gifts from the parish. After mass we will have a party in St George's hall. All welcome.

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 Support our local Catholic primary school, please tell family, friends and neighbours.

Parish Over 50's Club: Our next afternoon tea will be Thurs 27th July, 2-4pm, St W's Hall. £5. 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 25th June - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 103 St George's TBC