

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

THE COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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 book of Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never
judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign
power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps.85:5-6.9-10.15-16. R.v5

R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R)

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R)

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we
cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself
expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words,
and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly
well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed
by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Eph 1:17.18
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Ps 53: 6, 8

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-43

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

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.
While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all
among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted
and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants
went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed
in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some
enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do
you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because
when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with
it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall
say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to
be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." '

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven
is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field.
It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the
biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the
air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like
the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of
flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he
would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill
the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound
things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples
came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the
field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the
Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects
of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy
who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the
reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered
up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of
Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom
all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them
into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding
of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of
their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

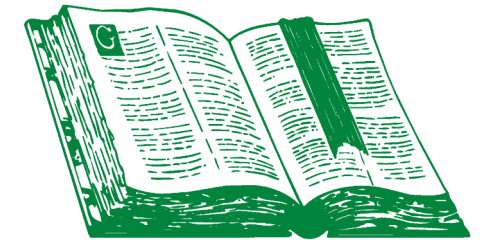
GOSPEL REFLECTION



Seeds again! Jesus clearly loved
parables, loved teaching by stories.
The disciples clearly found them
difficult to understand. Jesus admits
this; he said on another occasion,
"They will listen and listen and not

Creator in all his works, even the
least and most insignificant. From a
purely human point of view,
'creator' means *discoverer-maker-
inventor*. Creator with a capital C
refers to God and means literally

understand." The parables
are revealing, he says today,
"things hidden since the
foundation of the world".
Through the things they
lived with, that they
experienced every day,
Jesus was opening the eyes
of the disciples – and
through them, of his
followers throughout time
– to the work, the
intelligent presence of the
Creator in all his works, even the
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FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



A FRUITFUL EXCHANGE

138. Although this has always been true,
never has it been more evident than in our
own day, when the world is interconnected
by globalization. We need to attain a global
juridical, political and economic order
"which can increase and give direction to
international cooperation for the
development of all peoples in solidarity".¹²⁰
Ultimately, this will benefit the entire world,
since "development aid for poor countries"
implies "creating wealth for all".¹²¹ From the
standpoint of integral development, this
presupposes "giving poorer nations an
effective voice in shared decision-making"¹²²
and the capacity to "facilitate access to the
international market on the part of countries
suffering from poverty and
underdevelopment".¹²³

¹²⁰ BENEDICT XVI, Encyclical Letter Caritas in Veritate (29 June 2009), 67: AAS 101 (2009), 700.
¹²¹ Ibid., 60: AAS 101 (2009), 695.
¹²² Ibid., 67: AAS 101 (2009), 700.
¹²³ PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 447.



Promise Of Good Things
THE TRUE CHURCH



My friends, if we do the will of God our Father, we shall
be part of that first Church, the spiritual one, that was
created before the sun and the moon. But if, on the
other hand, we do not do the Lord's will, we shall fall
under that text of scripture which says: 'My house has
become a den of thieves'. So let us make a conscious
choice to belong to the Church of Life. This is how we
shall be saved....

If we say that the flesh is the Church, and that the Spirit
is Christ, then it follows, of course, that whoever has
abused the flesh has abused the Church. Such a person
will therefore have no share in the Spirit, which is
Christ. The very same flesh has the possibility of
receiving a tremendous gift of life and incorruption, if
the Holy Spirit is joined to it. And no one on earth can
express or even speak of the things the Lord has
prepared for his chosen ones.

Clement's Second Letter to the Corinthians



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ST WILFRID

South Road
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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 22nd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	
Sun 23rd	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon 24th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues 25th	10am	St George's—	Morning Service
Wed 26th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Morning Service
Thur 27th	10am	St George's —	Morning Service
Fri 28th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	No Service

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 29th	3pm	St Wilfrid's—	Celebration Mass in Memory of Josephine Denning
Sun 30th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Margaret Westcar RIP (3rd Anniversary)

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.

Deacon John Writes:

Recently I found this article on the Internet. I share it with you as it gives one much to think about in our life choices and can encourage us.

"Former President Jimmy Carter often reflects on the changes he sees in people's lives because of the work of Habitat for Humanity. "We see extraordinary commitments and lives changed among forgotten people," he says. "A Habitat family that lived near Washington had been living in an abandoned automobile. One of their children was an eight-year-old boy. He was very excited about getting a new house. When the family was chosen, he jumped up and down and said, 'We won, we won.' After the home was finished and the family had moved in, the little boy attended a different school. He had always been in a slow learners' class, but when he moved his records had been lost, and he was put into a regular class by mistake. No one noticed the error, and at the end of the first half of the year, his lowest grade was a B. Now he is still learning with the smartest of students. This is what having a decent home for the first time in life can do." [From the book Living Faith, by Jimmy Carter, Random House (Audio Books, 1996).] — Now, you tell me. Was it the change of houses that made a difference, or did the way he was treated in the new school cause the boy to change his view of himself, freeing him to be who he really was? How we view ourselves is often reflected in the choices we make. If we have a positive view of ourselves, we will make positive choices. If we have a negative view of ourselves, then watch out! "

Have a good week and think about the choices you have made in the past.

All my love to each and every one. DJ



Our Parish Children's Liturgy team would like to thank all our young children and their families who have joined us to regularly take part in the liturgy during 2022/23. We are now taking a break over the summer but look forward to welcoming all the children back on Sunday 10th of September. Please do continue when you can to attend our Church over the summer or if you are away perhaps you can send us a postcard bring back a souvenir you could tell us all about on your return.

Our Parish Children's liturgy runs weekly during both St George's and St Wilfrid's Sunday services during term time. If you know any families who live locally and may like to join us do encourage them, we welcome everyone with a friendly smile, child friendly teaching of Gods Word, creative opportunities to demonstrate understanding and lots of chances to have fun celebrating our faith with our friends. For more information on Children's Liturgy speak directly to any of the catechists or email Father Rory at the Parish Office for your details to be passed on to the team.

The Charity Breakfast:

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.

Harmonics Family Singing Group Music Recital Saturday 5th August at 3pm St George's Hall. Led by Marylou St George's organist and with some children from our parish and others locally this charity Music Recital is a chance to enjoy wonderful music/singing with delicious tea and cake. Free Entry, fundraising by donations for Linking Lives and Let's Talk Loneliness. For more information speak to Marylou or Merce.

Parish Over 50's Club: Unfortunately we will not be holding an afternoon tea in July, but will keep you posted about August.

Dates for your Diary:

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
Sun 10th Sept, Children's Liturgy Returns, St G's & St W's
Sun 17th Sept, 4pm - Songs of Praise, St G's Church

To celebrate all our Parishes confirmation candidates

from 2022 and 2023 there will be a special Going Forth service held at St George's on Sunday 3rd September at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to join this celebratory service when the Confirmation Candidates will all receive their certificates. A celebratory party in St George's hall.

Blackberry Picking - we hope to enjoy some blackberry picking on the weekend of 9th/10th Sept. This is something members of our parish have enjoyed doing together for several years and we want to extend the opportunity to everyone to enjoy some fun foraging and walking in nature. If you are interested in and want more details please contact Sandra by email sandraforte40@gmail.com or text/call on 07791 627368. This is an event for all ages particularly our children accompanied by parent/guardian.

A Day With Mary:

Saturday 12th August, Arundel Cathedral, 9.30am to 5pm. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message, given at Fatima in 1917. Please bring a packed lunch. Email: adwmary.uk@gmail.com, Tel: 020 8641 6418.

Marriage Anniversaries mass – Saturday 30th September 11.30am at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne

Marriage is a vocation to celebrate. Whether you have been married for a year or for 70, if this year is a special one for you, join Bishop Richard and many others from across the Diocese to celebrate. The booking link is attached here [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(30-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events A](#) poster is also attached for display in your parish. To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Sunday 16th July - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 92

St George's 60