

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 47: 10-11

**Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

THE COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
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 Zechariah

9:9-10

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 144:1-2.8-11.13-14. R.v1

**R) I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since
the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you
possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and
if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in
you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to
your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our
unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that
way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end
to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Mt 11:25

**Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to
mere children.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of
earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever
and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what
it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by
my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just
as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom
the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I
will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am
gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 11: 28

**Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



*in this life and rejoice with
Him forever in Heaven”?*
Unfortunately, we
human beings tend to see
intelligence as an end in
itself; the priests,
Sadducees and Pharisees
of Our Lord’s time seem
to have done just that.
Our Lord berates them
often: “ *They are blind
men leading blind men*”,
he said. “*Blind*” because
they pride themselves on

Why would the Father “hide
these things from the learned and
the clever”? Surely intelligence is
a gift from God? A gift given
precisely, so we understand, that
we may “*know , love and serve God*

their position and intelligence as
though that were all their religion
was about. Simeon, on the other
hand, who, at the Presentation in
the Temple, recognized the baby
Jesus as the promised Messiah, is



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RECIPROCAL GIFTS

136. . On an even broader scale, Grand Imam
Ahmad Al-Tayyeb and I have observed that
“good relations between East and West are
indisputably necessary for both. They must not
be neglected, so that each can be enriched by the
other’s culture through fruitful exchange and
dialogue. The West can discover in the East
remedies for those spiritual and religious
maladies that are caused by a prevailing
materialism. And the East can find in the West
many elements that can help free it from
weakness, division, conflict and scientific,
technical and cultural decline. It is important to
pay attention to religious, cultural and historical
differences that are a vital component in shaping
the character, culture and civilization of the East.
It is likewise important to reinforce the bond of
fundamental human rights in order to help
ensure a dignified life for all the men and women
of East and West, avoiding the politics of double
standards” .¹¹⁹

[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
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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection Today 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
Mon	10th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	11th	10am	St George's—	Private Intention
Wed	12th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Jim Ayres RIP
Thur	13th	10am	St George's —	Juliette Lusted RIP
Fri	14th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Safe delivery of 1st Great Grandchild
Fri	14th	2pm	Wealden Crem	Juliette Lusted's Funeral Service

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection next Sunday for the Apostleship of the Sea)

Sat	15th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	16th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Joan Covey's 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/>

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:

“Following the synodal path”

We have been following the synodal path that Pope Francis has proposed so that the church may be able to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying. I am confident that our work has been fit for purpose. Returning to my constant sources of reference; in the building, the greatest work is done while outlining the plans and building the foundations, with the least to show for the work that is done. It's the same way with farming or gardening. So please God, there are good signs that progress is being made and we can have confidence that things will continue to develop.

The first meeting of our parish council has been arranged and with it initial discussions of our way ahead. The role of ministries will be very important, also an awareness of how to work with surrounding parishes. An appreciation of progress made by children's liturgy and particularly the sacrament of confirmation and how we reach out to youth. As we go on we can be more attentive to other responsibilities that will help our church to develop and grow. *Fr Rory*

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.

Children's Liturgy Summer Break:

This Sunday is the last Children's Liturgy at St George's before the school summer holidays. Both St Wilfrid's and St George's Children's Liturgy groups will then be taking a summer break. Lessons will resume on September 10th. We wish all of our families a safe and happy summer.

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.

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

St Wilfrid's & St George's:

For many years Sophie has worked tirelessly keeping our website up-to-date. As most of you are aware she has now moved away and although she pops back now and then it is not so easy for her with her new work commitments. So we are looking for someone to take over this role. Sophie is very happy to guide and support for as long as necessary. Sophie assure me that it doesn't require advanced technical skills! Our hope going forward is that our website becomes less static and more fluid as our parish continues to flourish. We would ask you to seriously consider if this is a way that you could contribute to our parish life and if so please contact Maria Hills on 07873759962. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

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.
Sun 3rd Sept, 4pm - Mass for Confirmation Candidates, St G's
Sun 10th Sept, Children's Liturgy Returns, St G's & St W'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: Unfortunately we will not be holding an afternoon tea in July, but will keep you posted about August.

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 2nd July - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 125

St George's 56