

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

THE COLLECT
O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8. R.v4

R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R)**

SECOND READING
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save

Ps 83: 10-11
some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.
Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Mt 4:23
Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Receive our oblation, O Lord,
by which is brought about a glorious exchange,
that, by offering what you have given,
we may merit to receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 129: 7
With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Two important things emerge from this Sunday’s Gospel. The first is that it is clear that, at this stage in his life, Jesus still felt that he was “sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.” So, when this Canaanite woman approaches him, his first reaction is to send her away. However, the woman is not so easily put off. She continues to plead with Jesus. Jesus’ reply sounds extremely harsh comparing the woman to the house dogs. Still determined to get a positive reply from Jesus, she says that even the dogs “can eat scraps that fall from their master’s table”. In fact, the Jews often referred to the gentiles as ‘dogs’, and the woman would have been familiar with this seemingly derogatory expression. In

the end, the woman’s persistence is rewarded as Jesus recognizes that she is someone of great faith and heals her daughter. This episode is one of many recounted in the Gospels where Jesus finds a greater depth of faith in those not of the Jewish faith, than he does in those in the House of Israel. The same can sometimes be said of us, who claim to believe in Jesus, but whose faith is often much weaker than those outside the Church.



POPE FRANCIS’ ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



LOCAL AND UNIVERSAL

142. It should be kept in mind that “an innate tension exists between globalization and localization. We need to pay attention to the global so as to avoid narrowness and banality. Yet we also need to look to the local, which keeps our feet on the ground. Together, the two prevent us from falling into one of two extremes. In the first, people get caught up in an abstract, globalized universe... In the other, they turn into a museum of local folklore, a world apart, doomed to doing the same things over and over, incapable of being challenged by novelty or appreciating the beauty which God bestows beyond their borders”.¹²⁴ We need to have a global outlook to save ourselves from petty provincialism. When our house stops being a home and starts to become an enclosure, a cell, then the global comes to our rescue, like a “final cause” that draws us towards our fulfilment. At the same time, though, the local has to be eagerly embraced, for it possesses something that the global does not: it is capable of being a leaven, of bringing enrichment, of sparking mechanisms of subsidiarity. Universal fraternity and social friendship are thus two inseparable and equally vital poles in every society. To separate them would be to disfigure each and to create a dangerous polarization.

124. Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (24 November 2013), 234; AAS 105 (2013), 1115.

Promise Of Good Things UNITY OF THE BODY

Strive to be strong and firm in the things that the Lord and his apostles ordained for us. Then you will prosper in all you do, in mind and body, because you will be working from beginning to end in faith and love, in the Son and the Father and the Spirit, together with your revered bishop, the worthy crown of presbyters and the godly deacons.

Submit yourselves to the bishop and to one another, as Jesus was subject to the Father and the apostles were subject to Christ and to the Father. In this way, it will be possible to have unity of spirit and of body.

The Letters of Ignatius



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 19th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 20th	9am	St George's —	Margaret Nevill's Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Hazel Perez RIP
Mon 21st	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues 22nd	10am	St George's—	Patrick Ward's Intention
	11am	St George's -	Requiem Mass for Maureen Carpenter RIP
Wed 23rd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Michael Copper RIP
Thur 24th	10am	St George's —	Deceased Members of the Steele Family
Fri 25th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Holy Souls' Intention

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 26th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 27th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Willie & John Kelly'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/>

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

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St George's & St. Wilfrid's

Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

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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, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin and Peter Andrews.

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:

Remaining with grace and peace
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

As we continue with the holiday season, our hopes and prayers are that we may all benefit from this time. There are real signs that the worst of the pandemic has passed, but there will continue to be different variants and outbreaks.

So to remain cautious and careful is important, but to be positive and to be looking forward to a more normal and beneficial lifestyle is important.

Returning from a long stay in Ireland, lots of rain and some opportunities to catch up with, and benefit from meeting with family and friends with the future more hopeful and at ease. I attended a second funeral of priests who were truly inspirational when they were teaching us in the seminary. I always look back to a time of great hope, so their funeral brought great sadness. So many seminaries closed and hopes not realised. This time the priest Fr Denis Talbot got a good send off, acknowledging his life of service.

Fr Rory

PARISH ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER: Can you help? – As we begin again after August we have even more need than ever for help with our Youth Activities including Children's Liturgy, First Communion and Confirmation formation classes and Parish Social Activities. For more information on what is involved and/or to volunteer please email the parish office ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com.

Thank you for the Music at St George's - an overdue thank you is needed to Shirley for all she does to keep our music liturgy so beautifully prepared every Sunday. A particular highlight had to be last week when Shirley sang Ave Maria during communion, most moving and perfectly placed within our service.

Charity Breakfast: No breakfast in August but we return on the last Sunday of September when we will be raising money for the Love in a Boxes transportation at Christmas. It will also be our one year anniversary breakfast so we may even do something a little more special (watch this space!).

Mental Health training courses: Would you like to understand more about the challenges and reality of mental health on those around you? We continue to run courses focused on raising awareness of symptoms and the impact on people's lives along with ways to signpost those who are struggling. For more details see the Diocesan website or email Simon South, Formation Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Songs of Praise: Sunday 17th September at St George's Church. Starting at 4pm followed by refreshments. Donations to Eastbourne Foodbank.

Dates for your Diary:

Fri 25th Aug, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
Thurs 31st Aug, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W'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 10th Sept, After Mass - St Wilfrid's Parish Mtg,
Sun 17th Sept, 4pm - Songs of Praise, St G's Church
Sun 24th Sept, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Fri 13th Oct, 7pm - Family Quiz Night, St W's Hall.

First Communion Preparation:

Parents are invited to enrol their children for our First Holy Communion Programme 2023 - 24 (those entering Year 3 or above). Application forms to join the programme are available at the back of the church. The course will begin with an introductory meeting for parents and children on September 28th at 6.00pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Deadline for enrolment is September 22nd.

For more information please contact Teresa Palmer. 07951082592, tpalmer2205@gmail.com

Parish Over 50's Club: Our next afternoon tea will be Thursday 31st August, 2-4pm, St Wilfrid's Hall. £5. Our theme this month is London and we will be doing all the usual quizzes and bingo. Please do come and join us.

Marriage Anniversaries mass – Sat 30th September

11.30am at Our Lady of Ransom: 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](#) 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>

Altar Server Mass – Saturday 23rd September at

Arundel Cathedral: Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 23 September at 12 noon, led by Bishop Richard. The Mass is for all those who have served, all those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve - all are very welcome. Fr Aaron requests attendees bring a cassock/cotta or an alb (if possible), and a packed lunch. There is no need to register, though attendees are asked to E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk to confirm numbers.

Sunday 13th August - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 76 St George's 74