

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Mt 17:5

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

THE COLLECT

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration
of your Only Begotten Son
confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers
and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship,
grant, we pray, to your servants,
that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son,
we may merit to become coheirs with him.
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 Daniel

7:9-10.13-14

As I watched:
Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand
stood before him.
A court was held and the books were opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations
and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6,9. R.vv1,9

R)The Lord is king,
most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. (R)

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. (R)

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating
when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for
ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father,
when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is
my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this
ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the
holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and
you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp
for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and
the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, the Beloved,
he enjoys my favour;
listen to him.
Alleluia!

Mt 17.5

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and
led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There
in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the
sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly
Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.
Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us
to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you,
one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when
suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from
the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the
Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard
this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But
Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not
be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but
only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this
order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen
from the dead.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings here made to celebrate
the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son,
and by his radiant splendour
cleanse us from the stains of sin.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. 1 Jn 3:2

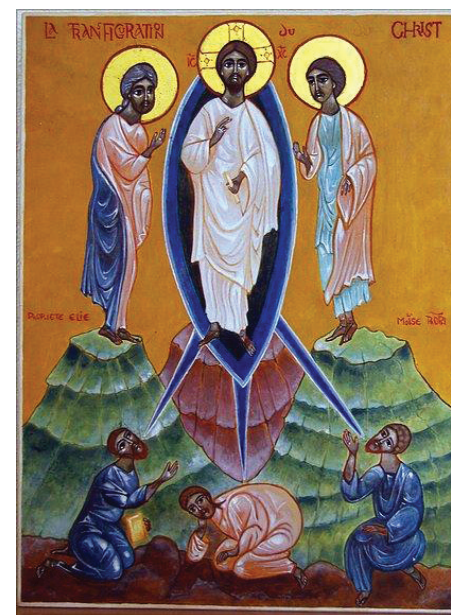
When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the heavenly nourishment we have received,
O Lord, we pray,
transform us into the likeness of your Son,
whose radiant splendour you willed to make manifest
in his glorious Transfiguration.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



"Listen to Him!" listen to Jesus.
Christians of today cannot, of

course, listen to Jesus speaking with
his physical voice as could Peter,
James and John. It did not always
follow that they always understood
what they heard; to hear is one
thing; to listen and understand,
another. It was only after the
resurrection and Pentecost, the
coming of the Holy Spirit, that
their listening became
understanding, comprehension.
The disciples were relieved at the
transfiguration when once again
"they saw no-one but only Jesus";
relieved, because they were back in
the familiar world with the man
whom they were gradually getting
to know; they were terrified at the

glory and the voice from Heaven, a
realm of things with which they
were entirely unfamiliar.
Christians, Catholics, of today hear
Jesus speaking through his priests
and through the teaching of the
Catholic Church. God is gentle
with His children and through His
Church he gently reveals through
His Holy Spirit his love and truth,
enabling them through hearing to
listen and understand.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
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A GRATUITOUSNESS OPEN TO OTHERS

140. Life without fraternal gratuitousness
becomes a form of frenetic commerce, in
which we are constantly weighing up what we
give and what we get back in return. God, on
the other hand, gives freely, to the point of
helping even those who are unfaithful; he
"makes his sun rise on the evil and on the
good" (Mt 5:45). There is a reason why Jesus
told us: "When you give alms, do not let your
right hand know what your left hand is doing,
so that your alms may be in secret" (Mt 6:3-
4). We received life freely; we paid nothing for
it. Consequently, all of us are able to give
without expecting anything in return, to do
good to others without demanding that they
treat us well in return. As Jesus told his
disciples: "Without cost you have received,
without cost you are to give" (Mt 10:8).

Promise Of Good Things WHEN SOMEONE TRIES TO CORRECT US

And we should not be foolishly irritated and annoyed when
someone corrects us and tries to turn us from the wrong to
the right path. We sometimes do things that are wrong
without being aware of it. This is the result of the inconstancy
and lack of faith which lies deep within us. Our minds are
indeed darkened by empty desires.

Let us then put our righteousness into practice, so that in the
end we may be saved. Those who obey these instructions are
blessed. Though they suffer for a short while in this world,
they shall gain the immortal fruit of the resurrection. So the
devout should not grieve if, for the time being, they seem to
have much to endure, for a time of blessedness awaits them.
That soul will live again on high with those who have gone
before, and its rejoicing will extend to an eternity free of
sorrow.

We must not be troubled by the fact that we see bad people
enjoying great riches, while God's servants are reduced to the
bare necessities. Brothers and sisters, we must have faith. We
are competing in the contest of the living God, and we are in
training in this present life so that we shall win our crown in
the next.

Clement's Second Letter to the Corinthians



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ST WILFRID

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WEEKLY SERVICES

The Transfiguration of the Lord			
Sat	5th		St Wilfrid's—
Sun	6th	9am	St George's — Pat Burke RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's — Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	7th	2.30pm	St George's — Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	8th	10am	St George's— Morning Service
Wed	9th	10am	St Wilfrid's— Parish Communities' Intention
Thur	10th	10am	St George's — Morning Service
Fri	11th	10am	St Wilfrid's —
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sat	12th	10am	St Wilfrid's— Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	13th	9am	St George's — David Forte RIP (1st Anniversary)
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's — Moira Carleton 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

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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, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith and Julie Martin.

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.

St George's and St Wilfrid's Parish Council

The role of the newly formed Parish Council is to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world. The Council will share in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of our faith community. We go forward together as one parish united within our two churches in Hailsham and Polegate. Together, our Council's aim is to provide support for everyone's efforts to live as followers of Christ.

We are a consultative body that will help the Parish Priest consider pastoral and other such works within the Parish. Also, to propose and co-ordinate practical measures in implementing them. The Parish Priest will take into account their opinions and recommendations. We are not involved in Finance or the affairs of other Parish Groups. Our members consist of the Parish Priest and an equal number of members from St George's and St Wilfrid's. Our current members are:

St George's: Mary Burbage, Nick Cooray, Mary O'Hanlan, Martin Falkner, Cathy Hollingdale, Joanne Knight, Liz Oram and from St Wilfrid's: Lesley Crowe, Morgan Mukitirwa, John Mullaney, James O'Brien, Teresa Palmer or Angela Squizzoni or Annette Wake (just one to attend each meeting) and Stephen Gartzten.

A big thank you to all who supported the Charity Breakfast last Sunday, we raised £135 to help pay for resources for St Richard's Art & DT students to design and make a set of Stations of the Cross for the new Chapel. Once made and installed we will be sure to see if we can have a visit to see the Chapel and the school.

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!).

Notice for all our Families with children or grandchildren under 18 and their friends - Children's Liturgy in both our churches will resume during the masses on Sunday 10th September, we would love to see even more children joining us so spread the word to any other families you know who may not currently regularly attend.

Our Parish Children's liturgy runs weekly during both St George's and St Wilfrid's Sunday services during term time. We welcome everyone with our friendly smiles, child friendly teaching of God's 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.

And there's more...as well as the weekly Children's Liturgy we run a First Communion Programme for all year 3 or above children, a confirmation programme for our older children and plan activities outside of mass several times a year, see our Newsletter for more details of what we will be doing next. Details of all will follow.

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:

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

St George's needs more help for social activities - we are trying hard to keep running activities alongside St Wilfrid's but our current team is formed of the CL team mainly and those who already do a lot in our Parish. If you can help us organise social events we would love your support.

Blackberry picking Saturday 9th September 12noon - if you would like to join us please let us know in advance so we can ensure we send all details to you as to venue, exact times and lift shares etc. Text Sandra on 07791 627368 or email sandraforte40@gmail.com. Following this outdoor adventure which will include a picnic (bring your own) we will then make jam with blackberries picked in St George's Hall Kitchen (reserve date if inclement weather Sunday 10th September).

Tea & Coffee at St George's - Sandra would like to step down from overseeing this if possible, it is a simple role only requiring stock checks and replenishment and if one of the weekly volunteers can't do their allocated slot helping to find a replacement. Each week of the month has two volunteers allocated and the last week is always the breakfast team.

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 30th July - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 87 St George's 76