

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.**

THE COLLECT

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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 Jeremiah

20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let
myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 62:2-6.8-9. R. v2

R) For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R)**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you,
in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living
bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model

yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let
your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the
only way to discover the will of God and know what is good,
what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Eph 1:11-18

**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!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was
destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands
of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death
and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside,
Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you,
Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and
said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my
path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a
follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross
and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose
it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What,
then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his
life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father
with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one
according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing of salvation,
that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 30: 20

**How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



No sooner has Jesus appointed
Peter to be the rock on which the
Church is founded and praised
him for recognizing him as "The
Christ, the Son of the living God",
than he castigates Peter for being
Satan, and obstacle in his path.

suffering has immense value in the
eyes of God. We may react
strongly to Jesus telling us that we
must take up our cross and follow
him, but he is not mincing his
words. What the experience of the
cross teaches us is that suffering



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144. It also gives rise to healthy and enriching
exchanges. The experience of being raised in a
particular place and sharing in a particular
culture gives us insight into aspects of reality
that others cannot so easily perceive. Universal
does not necessarily mean bland, uniform and
standardized, based on a single prevailing
cultural model, for this will ultimately lead to
the loss of a rich palette of shades and colours,
and result in utter monotony. Such was the
temptation referred to in the ancient account of
the Tower of Babel. The attempt to build a
tower that would reach to heaven was not an
expression of unity between various peoples
speaking to one another from their diversity.
Instead, it was a misguided attempt, born of
pride and ambition, to create a unity other than
that willed by God in his providential plan for
the nations (cf. Gen 11:1-9).



Promise Of Good Things
GOD'S WHEAT



I am writing to all the Churches and issuing instructions to all
that I am dying willingly for God and that you are not to
hinder this. I beg you not to help me with untimely kindness.
Let me be food for the wild beasts through whom I can come
to God. I am God's wheat, and I am ground down by the
teeth of wild animals, so that I may be made into the pure
bread of Christ.

I would prefer you to entice the wild animals to become my
tomb, leaving nothing of my bodily remains behind, so that I
shall not be a burden to anyone after I am gone. Then I shall
truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world can no
longer even see my body.

Pray to Christ for me that I may be a worthy sacrifice through
these instruments. I am not ordering you as did Peter and
Paul, for they were apostles while I am a convict; they were
free while I am still a slave. But if I suffer, I shall be Jesus
Christ's own freedman, and in him I shall rise again in
freedom.

What I am learning from my chains at present is not to desire
anything.

The Letters of Ignatius



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ST WILFRID

South Road
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WEEKLY SERVICES

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection next Sunday for Catholic Education)

Sat	2nd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	3rd	9am	St George's —	Margaret Boots Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Michael Bradley RIP
		4pm	St George's—	Going Forth Celebration Service
Mon	4th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	5th	10am	St George's—	Parish Communities' Intention
		12noon	St George's—	Requiem Mass for Bernard Brady RIP
Wed	6th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Peter Hyland RIP
Thur	7th	10am	St George's —	Jenni Duder-Rumsey RIP (7th Anniversary)
Fri	8th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Holy Souls' Intention

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for Catholic Education)

Sat	9th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	10th	9am	St George's —	Niamh Layberry Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' 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

St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 487212

St George's & St. Wilfrid's

Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver

Chairperson of the Finance Committee Gerry Palmer

ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

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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, 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:

Help and with the help of God that help is on its way.

We always have that assurance from God.

The harvest is ready but the labourers are few. For the past couple of years some of our parishioners have worked very hard to prepare a foundation for the future life of our parish.

Now is the time to begin, because the reality is urgent. Again, a body is made up of many parts working together. As we begin a new year in our life of faith. The beginning is called the time of enquiry.

We see in the newsletter who needs to be prepared for the Sacraments, First Holy Communion, Confession, Reconciliation and Confirmation. This needs to be extended to the ministries and to all the needs that are essential and vital to the future of our parish. Please God, in the weeks to come we will really address those needs.

Fr Rory

Parish Quiz Night - Friday October 13th 7pm St Wilfrid's Hall
This will be the first of two annual parish quiz nights, St George's will host the second in their Hall next Spring. So find yourselves a team of maximum six and put the date in your diary, £5 per person there will be a coveted trophy and a cash prize for the winning team - family and friends most welcome. Quiz masters are in the process of preparing the rounds at presentbring your own nibbles and wine/beer, tea, coffee and juice will be on sale.

Charity Breakfast: Sunday 24th September. This time we will be raising money for the Love in a Boxes transportation at Christmas.

Songs of Praise: Sunday 17th September at St George's Church. Starting at 4pm followed by refreshments. This event will see us once again host the annual service where all Polegate churches join together in song and prayer. All are welcome. Our Parish Children and the Youth team have kindly offered to serve refreshments afterwards and we will be treated to homemade Blackberry jam and scones along with other cake offerings. Donations of cakes welcome please leave in hall after Sunday mass that day or bring along before the service.

Children's Liturgy will return in both our churches next Sunday 10th Sept. This is a wonderful offer for our young Catholic families who wish their child/ren of nursery and primary school age to benefit from our child-friendly focus on the daily Readings and Gospel. Attending a children's liturgy group is an essential part of all young people's journey in faith, and we are lucky to have committed teams at both our churches to offer this still - if you know other families who might like to bring their children they are all welcome to join. To help us to ensure the safety of our children, we ask all parents to complete a registration form. Please remember to return your completed forms to a member of the children's liturgy team.

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 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.
Sun 24th Sept, - Harvest Sunday, St W's Church.
Thur 28th Sept, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.

Confirmands Going Forth Celebration - all welcome.
Today - Sunday 3rd September we are holding an additional Sunday service at 4pm at St George's which will include the presentation of certificates to all the confirmands prepared by us in 2022 and 2023. After the service there will be a celebration in the hall. All welcome.

Womble Day (The Parish big help out) Sat Sept 30th 10-4pm. Both St Wilfrid and St George's desperately need your help to garden, clean, tidy etc. There are also several maintenance tasks for those who are good with tools and paint brushes. We are currently creating a list of jobs: some small, some a little bigger, but enough for us all to have something to volunteer for on the day. More details to follow but please save the date and ask your family to join us if they can- even if only for half an hour. Many hands make light work - don't assume others will do it. Refreshments will be provided.

Harvest Sunday - Sunday 24th September. We give thanks for all God's generous gifts at our family masses. We remember those in our community who are struggling to put food on the table and ask for donations for our local Foodbank. Please bring along your donations for the next three weeks and leave them in the labelled box in the porch. You will find lists of what is needed in the hall or the back of the church.

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 and on the parish website. 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

Sunday 27th August - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid's 84 St George's 74