

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

THE COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
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

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

R) In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R)

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R)

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R)

Ps 129: 3-4

25:6-10

22 R. v6

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
4:12-14.19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have  
been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything  
anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.  
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who  
gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with  
me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs,  
in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our  
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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!

GOSPEL

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

For shorter form, 22:1-10, read between [ ]

[Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The  
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast  
for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had  
been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more  
servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have  
my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been  
slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they  
were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his  
business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and  
killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops,  
destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said  
to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were  
invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town  
and invite everyone you can find to come to the wedding." So  
these servants went out on to the roads and collected together  
everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding  
hall was filled with guests.] When the king came in to look at the  
guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding  
garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend,  
without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the  
king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw  
him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding  
of teeth." For many are called but few are chosen.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that, through these acts of devotedness,  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,  
that, as you feed us with the nourishment  
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Cf. Ps 33: 11

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel is another version  
of last Sunday's. This time,  
instead of the example being of of  
workers in the vineyard, it is  
people who have been invited to a  
wedding. Amazingly, those

invited to the wedding, not  
only didn't come, but some  
of them actually beat up and  
killed those sent to invite them.  
They were then dealt very  
severely by the the king's  
troops. He then sends his  
servants out to invite anyone  
they could find to the wedding feast.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

STARTING WITH OUR  
OWN REGION

151. Thanks to regional exchanges, by which  
poorer countries become open to the wider  
world, universality does not necessarily water  
down their distinct features. An appropriate  
and authentic openness to the world  
presupposes the capacity to be open to one's  
neighbour within a family of nations.  
Cultural, economic and political integration  
with neighbouring peoples should therefore  
be accompanied by a process of education that  
promotes the value of love for one's  
neighbour, the first indispensable step towards  
attaining a healthy universal integration.

Promise Of Good Things  
THE MIND OF GOD

Make no mistake, even the things in heaven and the glory  
of the angels, all rulers visible and invisible, face judgement  
if they do not believe in the blood of Christ. 'He who is able  
to receive this, let him receive it'. Let no one become puffed  
up because of the office they hold.

Faith and love are everything, to which nothing has been  
preferred. But note carefully those who hold unorthodox  
views concerning the grace of Jesus Christ which has come  
to us, how different they are from the mind of God. They  
are not concerned with love, with widows, orphans, the  
afflicted, those who have been imprisoned or released from  
prison, those who hunger or thirst.

The Letters of Ignatius



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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for Prisons Sunday)

Sat	14th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	15th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Encinas & Wade Families
		3pm	St Wilfrid's—	Bereavement Mass - Deceased Members & Benefactors of St W's Church
Mon	16th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	17th	10am	St George's—	Mary Walsh RIP
Wed	18th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Gretta Mary Adkins
Thur	19th	10am	St George's —	Frank Restivo RIP
Fri	20th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Elizabeth Kurian RIP

#### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for World Missions)

Sat	21st	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	22nd	9am	St George's —	Giovanni Aiello RIP
		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#\\_=\\_](https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_)

**Newsletter items:** Please send to Jackie at [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto: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**

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](mailto: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, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Peter Andrews, Holly Leone and Deborah Osbourne Walker.

#### 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:**

**I received a star quality letter that I believe is right to share**

Dear Fr Rory

Thank you for inviting us to the Bereavement Mass on Sunday 15th at St Wilfrid's. Unfortunately we shall still be away on that date, so regretfully cannot be present.

The children's liturgists are doing sterling work with our young people, but the lack of adult formation courses has resulted in a lack of knowledge in our grown up population, an area for our Bishop to address.

And yes, an area for me to address with the parish council who have taken this onboard. In fact they had brilliantly attended to this at their first parish council, which I could not attend because I was in Ireland.

I have full confidence and gratefully thankful to them. They have established a response to our journey; building up all the ministries, that will establish a body made up of many parts working together. Beginning with welcomers and referring to the fact that the Knights of St Columba had years of experience. Turning to the readers and drawing our attention to the legion of Mary who gave active witness to the implications of this ministry. The St Vincent de Paul could bring a depth of riches to how this ministry of the eucharist could be effected. The children's liturgy gives us a great example of the progress that can be made. I continually return my attention to lighting the first advent candle, the candle of hope. Please God, these ministries will revive my drooping spirits unlike all the deanery meetings that I attend.

*Fr Rory*

**Knights of St Columba:** The KSC is an Order of Catholic men who try to serve God by serving others. The Knights have been supporting our Parish for over 70 years as well as carrying out duties for the Diocese and are also involved in National events. We also distribute our Holy Week posters and also the Christmas posters (part of our campaign to keep Christ in Christmas). There are now only 2 members left in our Parish so we do need more men to join us, please. If you would like more information please contact Bob Waters on 07752043009.

**Eastbourne Deanery Baby Loss Prayer Service:** Today at OLR - Eastbourne, 6.45pm. A prayer service will be held for those who have lost children - pre or post natal, young or adult. All welcome.

**WANTED at HMP Lewes** for 9am Mass on Saturday mornings: Volunteers to join the Chaplaincy team and provide support to the Catholic community – 20-30 prisoners, two Chaplaincy team members, a rota of three priests and three musicians. The commitment – that you can attend the Saturday Mass on an approximate monthly basis or more frequently as you wish; you will be collected at the gate at 8:20am and escorted back at 10:30. If you are interested please let Fr Rory know and he will put you in touch with one of the Chaplaincy team for an informal and no-obligation conversation. Parking available.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sun 15th Oct, 4pm – Confirmation Info Session, St G's Hall.  
Thur 26th Oct, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.  
Fri 27th Oct, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.  
Sun 29th Oct, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.  
Tue 7th Nov, 6pm - Holy Communion Session, St W's Hall.  
Sat 18th Nov, Time TBC - Preparing for Advent W/Shop, St W's  
Sun 26th Nov, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.  
Tue 28th Nov, 6pm - Holy Communion Session, St W's Hall.  
Sat 16th Dec, Time TBC - Nine Lessons & Carols, St W's Church.

**St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School Open Day:** On Thursday 16th November, we are running 3 sessions, 9.00am, 2.00pm and 6.30pm, please can prospective parents contact the office to book onto one of these sessions. The Sessions will be a "Taste of what the school offers" Please can they book by phone 01323 737221 or email [office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk)

**Love In A Box:** Please remember to purchase items to fill shoe boxes for Love in a Box to be collected in November. If you can't fill a whole box, donations of items for the St G Children's Liturgy to fill as many as possible would be appreciated. Please see leaflets at the back of church for items needed. Contact Mary Burbage for more information.

**Your parish/deanery** urgently need parishioners to help run a short Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples. The course is one designed by the diocese that couples preparing to marry have to attend as a condition prior to marriage and all materials are provided. If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact Fr Rory.

**Parish Events - Save the Date:** Sat 18th Nov PM (time TBC) St W's Hall - Preparing for Advent Workshop and Service - more details to follow. Helpers needed please, volunteer with CL teams if you can help.

**Christmas Cards**

Will be on sale at the back of St George's Church.

**Book of Remembrance:** This is now back in the cabinet at St George's.

**Sunday 8th October - Mass Attendance:**  
St Wilfrid's 99 St George's 72