

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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

5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 79:9.12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7

R) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R)

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R)

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Jn 15:16

I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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

Lam 3: 25

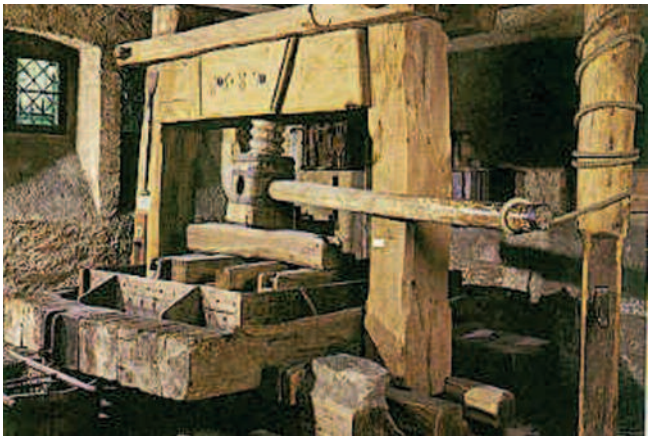
The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The fact that many of the Jews rejected Jesus and refused to accept him as the Messiah is reflected in different ways in the Gospels. In today's reading in particular, Jesus recounts a parable which leaves us in no doubt about

its teaching is not just for the the Jewish people of the time. We too, Christians of the 21st century can be guilty of rejecting Jesus and his teaching. What Jesus brought into the world, was not a complex set of laws, but a very



EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



## A UNIVERSAL HORIZON

150. To see things in this way brings the joyful realization that no one people, culture or individual can achieve everything on its own: to attain fulfilment in life we need others. An awareness of our own limitations and incompleteness, far from being a threat, becomes the key to envisaging and pursuing a common project. For "man is a limited being who is himself limitless".<sup>130</sup>

130. GEORG SIMMEL, *Brücke und Tür. Essays des Philosophen zur Geschichte, Religion, Kunst und Gesellschaft*, ed. Michael Landmann, Köhler-Verlag, Stuttgart, 1957, 6.

## Promise Of Good Things

### WORDS TO POLYCARP'S COMMUNITY

Listen well to your bishop and God will listen to you. I am devoted to those who are subject to the bishop, presbyters and deacons, and I pray that I may have my portion and part with them in God.

Work together, side by side, struggle together, run together, suffer together, rest together, rise up together as God's stewards, administrators and servants. Strive to please him in whose ranks you serve. It is from him that you will receive your pay.

Not one of you must be caught deserting. Let your baptism always be your weaponry, faith the helmet about your head, love your spear and endurance your armour. Lay up good deeds as a soldier deposits his savings, so that you can eventually receive the credit that is due to you.

Be patient with one another in gentleness therefore, as God is with you. May I have joy in you always.

*The Letters of Ignatius*



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day)

Sat	7th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	8th	9am	St George's —	Margaret Piegrome RIP 1st Anniversary
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	9th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	10th	10am	St George's—	Edna Andrews RIP
Wed	11th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Jim Ayres RIP
Thur	12th	10am	St George's —	Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Fri	13th	11am	St Wilfrid's —	Requiem Mass for Patricia Ann Cleary

#### 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 & Wadey Families
		3pm	St Wilfrid's -	Bereavement Mass - Thanksgiving for Treasured Memories.

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 and Holly Leone.

#### 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:**

Second meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council with Fr Rory present

Following up on the first parish meeting which laid down excellent foundations; Fr Rory continued by placing a clear focus on the word "Synod" and the hopes that are placed in the forthcoming Rome Synod, with the focus "for accountability" will be taken seriously. We will be keeping our attention focus on this.

Then very important; the Bereavement Mass on Sunday at 3pm. We are trying to establish the most important of our treasured memories, especially the contributions that were made by those who are gone before us. Knowledge concerning the Altar, Statues, Stations of the Cross, the new Crucifix, and all that is important that is to be remembered to pass on to future generations. This is so that they continue to build upon the legacy that these good people left behind them. Hopefully we will all continue to make our own contributions. The stories and the contributions of the priests would also be helpful.


**Harvest Thanks**

A big thank you to everyone who brought produce in for the Harvest Festival Mass. We had a magnificent display of our abundance. Over 15 boxes and bags of food were donated to Hailsham Foodbank. They were extremely grateful and said that this year it was needed more than ever as they are unable to keep up with the demand. Going forward, we need to think of a strategy to adopt as a parish to support the needs of our local community more effectively. The sale of fresh produce raised £200 for CAFOD. If you have not yet contributed to our harvest appeal there is a further opportunity. This weekend we are collecting the envelopes for CAFOD Family Fast day which took place on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are a UK Tax Payer, please remember to complete the Gift Aid form on the envelope as you can increase the value of your gift by 25p for every £1 you give – at no extra cost to you!

Thank you to everyone who signed the CAFOD Seeds for all campaign letter. This will be presented to the World bank on 11<sup>th</sup> October along with a further 60,000 signatures gathered from 700 parishes.

Thank you again to everyone who has made a contribution – we are very proud of our generous community.

**A big thank you** to Lesley, Maeve, Lorretta and their team of helpers who produced a magnificent display of sweet and savoury treats to celebrate Father Rory's birthday. It was very well attended and we all had a good time

**Parish Charity Breakfast:** Sunday 29th October Breakfast will support CAFOD and 26th November the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (these charities will remain annually). We are seeking suggestions of other local/Catholic charities, please just let us know who you might like us to support.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:**

The Parish of St George & St Wilfrid invites all year 9 - 13 young people who live and worship within our Deanery to consider joining its programme Faith & Fellowship with a view to prepare themselves for the Sacrament of Confirmation. An introductory meeting for parents/carers and young people about the formation programme will be held on Sunday October 15th at 4pm St George's Church Hall, 110 Eastbourne Road Polegate BN26 5DF. Please email [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com) for an application form or call 07791 627368 if you would like further information.

**Christmas Cards:** will be on sale at the back of St George's Church.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Tue 10th Oct, 6pm - Holy Communion Session, St W's Hall.  
 Fri 13th Oct, 7pm - Family Quiz Night, St W's Hall.  
 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.  
 Sat 18th Nov, Time TBC - Preparing for Advent W/Shop, St W's  
 Sun 26th Nov, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G'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)

**Your parish and the 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. It is run over four 2 hour sessions on the dates and times that you would choose. You can be couples or individuals to run the course and all training would be given. It is an enjoyable course and one where you, with your experience of marriage, have a great deal to offer the couples looking to spend the rest of their lives together.

If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact Fr Rory

**Parish Quiz Night** - Fri Oct 13th 7pm St W's Hall. This will be the first of two annual parish quiz nights, St G's will host the second next Spring.

**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.

**Sunday 1st October - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid's 102 St George's 67