

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 26:7,9

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!**

**THE COLLECT**

O God, strength of those who hope in you,  
graciously hear our pleas,  
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,  
grant us always the help of your grace,  
that in following your commands  
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.  
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**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Ps 91:2-3,13-16.R.cf.v2

**R) It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R)**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R)**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in  
the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith  
and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually  
want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord.  
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent

on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the  
law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for  
the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The seed is the word of God, Christ the Sower;**  
**whoever finds the seed will remain for ever.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Mark 4:26-34

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

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like.  
A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,  
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he  
does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the  
shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the  
crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the  
harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like?  
What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at  
the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on  
earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them  
all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can  
shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so  
far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak  
to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his dis-  
ciples when they were alone.

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who in the offerings presented here  
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,  
nourishing us with food  
and renewing us with your Sacrament,  
grant, we pray,  
that the sustenance they provide  
may not fail us in body or in spirit.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 17:11

**Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me,  
that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,  
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,  
so may it bring about unity in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Sometimes when we look at the  
shortage of priests and shrinking

mass attendances we easily  
become discouraged. The future  
does not look great. However,  
today's Gospel may give us some  
consolation. Every individual  
Christian and every parish  
community, if they try sincerely  
to live the Gospel and love their  
neighbours are like the seeds  
thrown on to the land. The seeds  
are not aware of what is  
happening, in fact they spend  
much of their existence in the  
dark, underground. Eventually  
the plant grows, and when the  
time is ripe, they are harvested.  
This process describes the  
experience that many of us are

going through today in the  
Church. Like the seed in the  
parable, when we live the  
Gospel, we sprout and grow  
without realising it. Of course  
we have to guard against  
complacency, but we have to  
understand that most of the  
work is done by God. Our part  
is to follow his will.



### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



### EFFECTIVE LOVE

184. Charity is at the heart of every healthy  
and open society, yet today "it is easily  
dismissed as irrelevant for interpreting and  
giving direction to moral responsibility".<sup>175</sup>  
Charity, when accompanied by a commitment  
to the truth, is much more than personal  
feeling, and consequently need not "fall prey to  
contingent subjective emotions and opinions".<sup>176</sup>  
Indeed its close relation to truth fosters its  
universality and preserves it from being  
"confined to a narrow field devoid of  
relationships".<sup>177</sup> Otherwise, it would be  
"excluded from the plans and processes of  
promoting human development of universal  
range, in dialogue between knowledge and  
praxis".<sup>178</sup> Without truth, emotion lacks  
relational and social content. Charity's  
openness to truth thus protects it from "a  
fideism that deprives it of its human and  
universal breadth".<sup>179</sup>

[175] Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter Caritas in Veritate (29 June 2009), 2: AAS  
101 (2009), 642.

[176] Ibid., 3: AAS 101 (2009), 643.

[177] Ibid., 4: AAS 101 (2009), 643.

[178] Ibid.

[179] Ibid., 3: AAS 101 (2009), 643.



### The Fire of Love\* ANGELIC SWEETNESS IN OUR SOUL



Lovers of the Godhead, whose whole being is shot  
through with love for the unseen beauty, rejoice in the  
deep recesses of their soul. They are gladdened by the  
most delightful fire, for they have given themselves to  
God with utter devotion. And so, when the time is right,  
and not necessarily when we think we deserve it, we will  
receive into our hearts a sound sent from heaven. Then  
meditation will turn into melody and the mind dwell in  
marvellous harmony.

At this point, we have received angelic sweetness in our  
soul, such as the praises sung by the angels in heaven.  
Sweetness and song are linked when they are experienced.  
In this case it is the tune that makes the song, not any  
words that are chanted. We can sing praises then in  
heavenly sweetness, not wanting to mix with other  
singers but desiring to be alone, led by the Holy Spirit.  
The cry of love that is expressed in this kind of song is a  
craving for Christ. Our inner being is consumed with  
love. Our heart is alight and burning. We do not engage  
in any outward work except work that can be turned to  
good. We praise God in song but the song is silent to  
human ears and is heard only in the heart of God.

\*The Fire of Love by Richard Rolle Published by Aeterna Press



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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### (Collection Today for A Day for Life)

Sat 15th		St Wilfrid's —	
Sun 16th	9am	St George's —	Deanery Confirmandi Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon 17th		St George's —	
Tues 18th		St George's —	No Service
Wed 19th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Jacqueline Humphries RIP
Thurs 20th		St George's —	No Service
Fri 21st		St Wilfrid's —	

#### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### (Collection next Sunday for Peter's Pence)

Sat 22nd		St Wilfrid's —	
Sun 23rd	9am	St George's —	
	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

**Churches Together in Polegate/Willingdon/Hampden Park/Hydneye 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, Letty Booth, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Sue Nye, Gill Standen, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney, Peter Andrews, Graham, Pamela Swanston and Jean.

#### 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.

**Martin Falkner Writes:**

For myself and I am sure I speak for my fellow parishioners in St George’s and St Wilfrid’s, I want to express heartfelt thanks and our deepest gratitude to our very own Fr Rory. Also, many congratulations upon achieving 50 years of devoted service.

For over 18 years, Fr Rory has given an unwavering dedication to our community and continues to be a shining example of faith. His guidance and support have touched the lives of countless individuals. We are truly blessed to have him as a spiritual leader. Fr Rory’s compassion, wisdom and selfless service have made a profound impact upon our parish and we are forever grateful for his presence in our lives. Thankyou Fr Rory for your steadfast commitment to spreading love, hope and grace to all of those around you. You are truly a man of faith and we are honoured to have you as our Catholic priest. You have been a guiding light in our spiritual journey. You have left a lasting impact upon our spiritual journey together.

We should all strive to serve each other by recalling Our Lord’s example. John described this when he wrote in his gospel, “If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them”. (John 13:14-17).

Finally, on behalf of all those whom have known Fr Rory over his 50 years since he became a priest in 1974, a message from me:

Mile buiochas Rory as gach a dheanann tu duinn. Go mbeannaitear thu le blianta fada eile na dea-shlainte. Bain sult as do jubilee.

Go mbeannai Dia.

**Fr Rory’s Golden Jubilee Celebration:**

Fr Rory’s Golden Jubilee Celebration: 14th July 2024, by now you should all have hopefully received a printed invite, if you haven't collect one after mass. If you have not already please ensure you let us know if you, and if relevant how many people from your household, will be attending via the list at the back of the church or email to the parish office ([ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com)). Deadline for RSVPs Sunday 30th June.

**First Communion:**

Please pray for all our parish children due to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at mass in St Wilfrid's today 16th June: Juan Escaner, Jack Mullan, Rosemary Selby and Taira Shinto. Please also continue to pray for Phoebe Munro - Bishop and Lillian Codling who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday at St Georges. Once all of the children have received their first communion, they will all come together on Sunday, June 23rd at St Wilfrid's 10.30 mass to celebrate their 'Going Forth' mass and to share a communion breakfast.

**Table Sale St George's** - We urgently need quality items for our table sale, new and nearly new. This table sale raises significant amounts to our monthly charity and also to assist in Youth Activities throughout the year. Please leave bags marked table sale at the back of St George's church.

**Parish Over 50’s Club:** Our next afternoon tea will be Thurs 20th June at 2-4pm. No tea in July, back again in August.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sun 16th June, 10.30am - 1st Holy Communion, St W’s Church.  
Thur 20th June, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.  
Fri 28th June, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W’s Hall.  
Sun 30th June, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s.  
Sun 14th July, Golden Jubilee Celebration, St W’s & St G’s.

**The diocese Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin,** has worked with a range of contributors to create a fantastic brand-new newsletter aimed at diocesan grandparents. We have made several copies of the newsletter available at the back of church for anyone wishing to read it. Please do leave them for others to read after you.

**A prayer for Father's Day Sunday 16th June.**  
Dear God, Thank you for loving us with your perfect heart of a father. We ask you this Father's Day and always to guide and protect the hearts of all men in fatherly roles who are striving to love with your heart and do your work. Give them pure, chaste, courageous, and creative hearts like Saint Joseph.

**Soon to become a new parish** - What’s Next? A talk by Fr Kevin at Our Lady of Ransom, Thurs 18th July at 7pm. Exploring the plans for the coming months on becoming a new Mega (moderated) Parish, from Eastbourne to Rye! What part will you play in this? Refreshments available. All are welcome.

**Parish Charity Breakfast:** Next breakfast is Sunday 30th June after St G's 9am mass - All welcome. This month we will be supporting Eastbourne Foodbank.

**Sunday 9th June - Mass Attendance:**  
St Wilfrid’s TBC St George’s TBC