

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 26: 1-2

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?
When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.**

THE COLLECT

O God, from whom all good things come,
grant that we, who call on you in our need,
may at your prompting discern what is right,
and by your guidance do it.
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

Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 129(130) R.v7

R) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive o the voice of my pleading. (R)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R)

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (R)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Corinthians

4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a

weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn14:23

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look kindly upon our service, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer
may be an acceptable oblation to you
and lead us to grow in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 17: 3

**The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God is my saving strength.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your healing work, O Lord,
free us, we pray, from doing evil
and lead us to what is right.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In today's Gospel, Jesus says that all sins will be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. This has caused many Christians to ask what exactly this unforgivable sin is. Bill Graham, the great American evangelist explains:

"The unpardonable sin is not some particularly grievous sin committed by a Christian before or after accepting Christ, nor is it thinking or saying something terrible about the Holy Spirit. Rather, it is deliberately resisting the Holy Spirit's witness and invitation to turn to Jesus

until death ends all opportunity." In other words, it is total refusal by someone of God's love and God's forgiveness. This refusal is not wrought by God, but the person themselves. God does not force his forgiveness upon us. He has given

us free will. Our free will allows us to love, but it also gives the freedom to reject God's love. Of course we can never judge how anyone stands before God, no matter how much evil they have committed during their lives. We can pray that at the hour of their departing from this life, they will open their hearts to his mercy.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

EFFECTIVE LOVE

183. "Social love"¹⁷² makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. Charity, with its impulse to universality, is capable of building a new world.¹⁷³ No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone. Social love is a "force capable of inspiring new ways of approaching the problems of today's world, of profoundly renewing structures, social organizations and legal systems from within".¹⁷⁴

172. SAINT JOHN PAUL II, Encyclical Letter Redemptor Hominis (4 March 1979), 15: AAS 71 (1979), 288.

173. Cf. SAINT PAUL VI, Encyclical Letter Populorum Progressio (26 March 1967), 44: AAS 59 (1967), 279.

174. Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 207.

The Fire of Love*

INSTRUCTION IN THE
CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

If we want to belong to Christ and become absorbed in love of him, we are gradually transformed into the beloved. We have neither worldly possessions nor the wish for them. We are happy to live on the generous alms of others, keeping a clear conscience, pouring out our whole heart in love for our maker, striving to grow every day in longing for heaven.

No one who renounces this world in the zeal to be set alight by the Holy Spirit will allow the practice of prayer and meditation to cease. For it is in this way, and by the favour of Christ, that our mind is kindled in love and thus rises to the life of contemplation.

But before we can fly heavenwards we have to exercise ourselves in prayer and meditation for some years, heedless of our bodily needs. Love needs to be freshly rekindled every day so that the love of God becomes sweet – a reality and not something that exists merely in the imagination.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection next week for A Day for Life)

Sat 8th		St Wilfrid's —	
Sun 9th	9am	St George's —	Giulio Forte RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon 10th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 11th	10am	St George's—	Jim Ayres RIP
Wed 12th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Ada Mary Garna RIP
Thurs 13th	10am	St George's —	Liturgy of the Word
Fri 14th		St Wilfrid's —	

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

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

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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

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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.

Deacon John Writes:

Last week I wrote about the Holy Spirit and how we should make the ‘Word go forth’ as President Kennedy spoke about in his speech to the nation in 1961. It is a daunting prospect. But there are many ways, large and small, that we can keep the flames of that first Pentecost burning. These include the following:

Start with Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman’s favourite prayer: “Come Holy Spirit Make our ears to hear, Make our eyes to see, Make our mouths to speak, Make our hearts to seek, Make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. AMEN.”

We do it every time we whisper a prayer for peace.

We do it when we volunteer at a food kitchen, or give to a charity, or donate to missionaries overseas.

We do it when we support the work being done closer to home, in this parish, such as the food bank.

We do it every time we choose to spend our Sunday mornings praising God, instead of finishing the sports pages or the crossword.

We do it when we hold the hand of a friend who is hurting, or bring a smile to someone who is lonely.

We do it when we strive to love, to give, and to hope.

Pentecost marks the coming of the Spirit to empower the church to carry out the Great Commission. As a result, every Christian today is baptised with the Holy Spirit when they are baptised. Every day we need to pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. “Come Holy Spirit Make our ears to hear, Make our eyes to see, Make our mouths to speak, Make our hearts to seek, Make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. AMEN.”

Deacon John

Fr Rory’s Golden Jubilee Celebration:

After mass today new invites will be issued with the adjusted timings for the afternoon. This has been needed due to the postponement of sponsored walk that day as the Cuckoo Trail will be closed. The walk will happen in September instead, we hope.

All parishioners, adults and children at St George's and St Wilfrid's are welcome to all or part of the day's events. We really do encourage as many of you as possible to join Father in celebrating his Golden Jubilee of his ordination, a most special occasion for him and us. Please give numbers for attendance via the list at the back of church or email to the parish office (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 this month: Phoebe Munro - Bishop and Lillian Codling who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sun, 9th June at 9.00am at St G’s. Juan Escaner, Jack Mullan, Rosemary Selby and Taira Shinto who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sun, 16th June at St W’s 10.30 mass. Once all of the children have received their first communion, they will all come together on Sun, June 23rd at St Wilfrid's 10.30 mass to celebrate their 'Going Forth' mass and to share a communion breakfast.

Womble Day: Thank you to everyone who took part in the womble day at both our churches, we achieved lots, not everything and more help would have been good, but a work in progress! We intend to have two of these Big Help days a year; the next will be in September/October. As parishioners we hope that you consider our churches and the gardens as an extension to your own home, so if you ever see anything needing doing, especially something simple like a little weeding or gardening or dusting/de-cobwebbing etc. please do take any time you like to do it. Thank you to everyone for all the help given both on Womble Day and any other time.

Fr Rory and Deacon John also wish to pass on their thanks, your work was noticed on Sunday and much appreciated. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

- Sun 9th June, 9am - 1st Holy Communion, St G’s Church.
- Sat 15th June, 11am - Confirmation, OLR
- 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.

Welcome To Our Newly Baptised Children:

We warmly welcome the following children into the family of God and the community of St Wilfrid's, who were baptised during the last month. Please pray for them and their families: Oliver Bogacki and Alexander Jedrzejewski

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

Parish Charity Breakfast: The last Sunday parish breakfast in May raised over £150 for the RNLI, thank you to all who supported. Our June Charity Breakfast will be on the Sunday 30th in St George's Hall after mass and is in aid of the Foodbank. Please join us and bring friends and family - All are welcome.

St George's Charity Table is urgently in need of suitable items to sell. New and nearly new items suitable for placing on the table are welcomed and can be donated by leaving them on the stage in the hall or at the back of the church.

Sunday 2nd June - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid’s 111 St George’s 68