

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 16:15

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

## THE COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 Amos

7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah. 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

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

## PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R.v8

**R) Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R)**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*For shorter form, read between [...]*

1:3-14

[Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us

in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth]

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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**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 your mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mark 6:7-13

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

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 6:57

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

## Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Every Gospel is the Word of God and not just an interesting story from more than 2,000 years ago. Every time we attend mass and

listen to the Gospel we need to ask ourselves "What is this Gospel saying to me today?" Jesus sends the Twelve out in pairs to share the Good News. He gives them very clear instructions as to how to do this. The first thing to remember is that all baptised Christians are called give witness to others about the Good News of Jesus. We don't anything special to do this. We don't have to be anyone special. We will find many people who are, or at least seem to be, not in the least interested in hearing

about the Christian life. Fine, we shouldn't waste our energy with them. But when we do get a good response from someone, it is our responsibility to 'stay' with them. In other words, we need to keep in touch with them, and if and when the time is right, invite them to come along to meet your local community.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

## SACRIFICES BORN OF LOVE

188. These considerations help us recognize the urgent need to combat all that threatens or violates fundamental human rights. Politicians are called to "tend to the needs of individuals and peoples. To tend those in need takes strength and tenderness, effort and generosity in the midst of a functionalistic and privatized mindset that inexorably leads to a 'throwaway culture'... It involves taking responsibility for the present with its situations of utter marginalization and anguish, and being capable of bestowing dignity upon it".<sup>185</sup> It will likewise inspire intense efforts to ensure that "everything be done to protect the status and dignity of the human person".<sup>186</sup> Politicians are doers, builders with ambitious goals, possessed of a broad, realistic and pragmatic gaze that looks beyond their own borders. Their biggest concern should not be about a drop in the polls, but about finding effective solutions to "the phenomenon of social and economic exclusion, with its baneful consequences: human trafficking, the marketing of human organs and tissues, the sexual exploitation of boys and girls, slave labour, including prostitution, the drug and weapons trade, terrorism and international organized crime. Such is the magnitude of these situations, and their toll in innocent lives, that we must avoid every temptation to fall into a declarationist nominalism that would assuage our consciences. We need to ensure that our institutions are truly effective in the struggle against all these scourges".<sup>187</sup> This includes taking intelligent advantage of the immense resources offered by technological development.

<sup>185</sup>. Address to the European Parliament, Strasbourg (25 November 2014): AAS 106 (2014), 999.

<sup>186</sup>. Address at the Meeting with Authorities and the Diplomatic Corps in the Central African Republic, Bangui (29 November 2015): AAS 107 (2015), 1320.

<sup>187</sup>. Address to the United Nations Organization, New York (25 September 2015): AAS 107 (2015), 1039.

The Fire of Love\*  
TRUE FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is a linking of wills, a mutual agreement on likes and dislikes. Friendships can exist between good people and bad people, although the motives are different. But the greatest friendship should be between ourselves and God. For this friendship to flourish, we should want what God wants and put aside whatever God does not want. This means that our will and God's will are in conformity.

In our human friendships, physical separation can be painful. But an unbreakable bond of close friendship ought to lighten the sorrow of physical absence. A friendship can still flourish when we are apart, provided we still will the same things, and the other is loved for his or her own sake.

True friendship is not dependent on the friend always acting nicely and according to our own values. If we are a true friend, we want good for the other. That alone deserves the name of love. It is natural to want to have a loyal friend, and a true friend in God is a gift to treasure, our 'other self'. However, these sorts of friends are few and far between.

\*Augustine of Hippo Edited by Oliver Davies Published by New City



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### (Collection Today for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea))

Sat 13th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 14th	<b>9am</b>	St George's —	Thanksgiving Mass
	<b>11.30am</b>	St Wilfrid's —	Thanksgiving Mass
Mon 15th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 16th	10am	St George's—	Requiem Mass for Ellen Bonner RIP
Wed 17th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	David & Constance Colegate RIP
Thurs 18th	10am	St George's —	Mary Conlan RIP
Fri 19th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Elsa Flint Intention

#### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 20th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 21st	9am	St George's —	Repose Soul of Sonia Pabilona
	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

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### 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

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**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, Jean and Chris Littlewood.

#### 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:

Grace and Peace

A heart felt thank you for all your care and kindness over the years  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

I deeply appreciate all the care and kindness over all the years that I have been here, and these celebrations are the icing on the cake.

Please God, over the years to come, this will provide us with a source of strength and the grace to persevere through the trials of life.

No Cross No Crown, so may we all continue to persevere until we enter Our Fathers house.  
Our true home kept for us in heaven.

**Love Speaks (Messages to the Heart)**

**By Mary Harrington**

**Love Speaks** is a timely book, appearing at a time when all God’s people are asked to embark on a spiritual journey marked by two important elements: listening and sharing. This journey is the synodal path that Pope Francis has proposed for our times so that the Church can listen profoundly to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. However, an aspect of this listening which can too often be neglected is attentiveness to the inner voice in our own hearts, that still small voice of the Spirit in us. Our author has shared generously the fruits of such attentive listening and by so doing invites us to ponder the words of love that sustains our journey in the spiritual life.

**Sea Sunday 2024**

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 14th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

**Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team:** Do you have compassion for the lost and broken? Would you be able to give 5 hours a week? Get involved as a Volunteer Chaplain. Find out more about the work of Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team at [www.bhct.org.uk](http://www.bhct.org.uk) or contact [gail.whittington@bhct.org.uk](mailto:gail.whittington@bhct.org.uk) for more information.

**St George's Hall:** This is a polite reminder that when the hall is in use by a hirer, no access is allowed for any reason. Please respect those who have paid to use our hall and, when in use as a Polling Station, it is illegal to enter unless you are voting. Thank you.

**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.

**The Parish Rosary Group** meets every Monday at 2pm in St G's Hall (not bank holidays). Everyone is welcome to join as a regular or occasional member to Pray the Rosary a most wonderful devotion together.

**Parish Over 50's Club:** Don't forget no tea in July, back again Thursday 29th August, 2pm. Theme is French of course "oo la la". If you would like to join us please see Joan 07873390944.

**St Wilfrid's:** We urgently need more volunteers to help with keeping our beautiful church spick and span. We are looking for 2 hours of your time once a month. Even whole families could take this on as there are plenty of tasks children can be involved in. Please see Maria Hills at the back of the church on Sunday or ring on 07873759962. Thank you.

**Parish Charity Breakfast:** Next breakfast is, Sunday 28th July after St G's 9am mass - All welcome. This month we will be supporting Love in a Box.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sun 14th July, Golden Jubilee Celebration, St W's & St G's.  
Fri 26th July, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.  
Sun 28th July, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's.  
Thur 29th Aug, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.

**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.

**Sunday 7th July - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid's 105                      St George's 70