

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

THE COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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 Jeremiah

23:1-6

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord
who speaks –
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,
who will reign as true king and be wise,
practising honesty and integrity in the land.
In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel dwell in confidence.
And this is the name he will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 22. R.v1

**R) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

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 53:6,8

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 10:27
**The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Rv 3:20

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In today's Gospel we see that Jesus has realised that Apostles are tired, both spiritually and physically. So they set off “to go to a lonely place where they can be by themselves.

The Apostles must have been delighted at the thought of taking a break and spending some quality time with Jesus. However, their cover was blown and crowds of people had already arrived at the ‘lonely’ place before them. The reading doesn't describe the reaction of the Apostles, but more than likely they were disappointed, or even angry, to find that their mini-retreat with Jesus was no longer going to take place. It can often happen that we make plans to do something restful

and relaxing, a short holiday, a weekend away, when something happens and our break can no longer take place. This would be an example of an “unexpected will of God”. We can have one of two reactions, to get angry, or to accept that Jesus has other ideas for us. The former reaction will leave us regretful and simmering. The latter will bring us true joy.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



SACRIFICES BORN OF LOVE

189. We are still far from a globalization of the most basic of human rights. That is why world politics needs to make the effective elimination of hunger one of its foremost and imperative goals. Indeed, “when financial speculation manipulates the price of food, treating it as just another commodity, millions of people suffer and die from hunger. At the same time, tons of food are thrown away. This constitutes a genuine scandal. Hunger is criminal; food is an inalienable right”.¹⁸⁸ Often, as we carry on our semantic or ideological disputes, we allow our brothers and sisters to die of hunger and thirst, without shelter or access to health care. Alongside these basic needs that remain unmet, trafficking in persons represents another source of shame for humanity, one that international politics, moving beyond fine speeches and good intentions, must no longer tolerate. These things are essential; they can no longer be deferred.

188. Address to Participants in the World Meeting of Popular Movements (28 October 2014): AAS 106 (2014), 853.

The Fire of Love* FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN

Nature seeks a loyal friend, for it is natural to want to keep loyalty and gratitude. A friendship that is natural and based on reason is not put off by poverty, or abandoned because of error, or cancelled by deformity. There is mutual enjoyment, pleasant companionship, helpful conversation. And if this friendship is also founded on God's grace, directed and related to him, it can then be called a holy friendship which is truly rewarding.

Friendship between men and women can be a tricky business. A pretty face easily attracts a weak man. What we see in the physical beauty of others can lead to lustful thoughts and behaviour. However, although a friendship like this can have its disadvantages, it can be very rewarding if practised with a good intention and the other is loved for God's sake, not just for physical delight. Men and women need one another, as sanctioned by God who created both male and female. It is when things go wrong and priests use their power to abuse and despise women that God is offended.

Everyone, no matter how holy, needs the companionship and comfort of friends. This is ordained by God. Beauty passes with time, but the love of God and friendship are based on what lasts in eternity.

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon 22nd	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 23rd	10am	St George's—	Margaret Nevill Birthday Intention
Wed 24th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Jim Carey RIP
Thurs 25th	10am	St George's —	Deki Pulgar-Frame RIP
Fri 26th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	June Bell RIP

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 27th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 28th	9am	St George's —	Eoghian & Marie Ollerenshaw Golden Wedding Anniversary
	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.

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Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

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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, 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:

When God’s glory is revealed, our joy will be full.

“**Superb**” was my immediate response on the day. I was overwhelmed and more conscious as the day was going on, my failure to give sufficient recognition and thanks to those who were contributing to the day. The music was a blast from the past, the Irish dancing from early days and a new contribution from the Indian community.

One name stands out among many, Sandra, but a great big thank you to so many to make it such a great day. Please God, it will provide inspiration for the challenges ahead, and I think a good return to the music; without a colossal amount of work would be nice to see on the horizon.

Fr Rory

Fr Rory’s Golden Jubilee

What a wonderful day it was. First the “Good Lord” sent a beautiful sunny day. Mass at St George’s & St Wilfrid’s was very special and started off this very extraordinary occasion. Celebrations all day in both halls suitably decorated. Fr Rory enjoyed it all on his very happy day. It was so lovely to have his family around him. The banquets of food were overwhelming and the entertainment; Storyteller, Magician, Irish Dancers, Indian Dancers and Great Band where we all let ourselves go! With singing, some dancing and the “conga” , others taping our feet under the table. The atmosphere was electric. A very big thank you to all the committee who organized the event and an extra special thank you to Sandra (amazing party planner) and her family for making the day run so smoothly. We are blessed in both communities with many good helpers and we do appreciate all the work that goes on behind the scenes and on the day itself, without your hard work and time given freely, none of these wonderful celebrations would happen. Well done all of you, Fr Rory himself was so happy and proud of all the work that was done on his behalf. A Big Thank You to our Fr Rory. You may not be the most practical person! But to us you are a wonderful priest carrying out your duties from the day you were ordained. You have a special gift of making a person feel special and when saying mass the person thinks it is said just for them. Please continue to be you Fr Rory and stay with us for as long as our Bishop will allow. God bless you always.

Thank You: Jean and Ernie Wyatt thank both communities at St Wilfrid’s and St George’s for the prayers, cards and good wishes during their recent illness. We are recovering slowly and hope to be back to full health very soon. God bless you all.

Sunday 28th July Charity Breakfast at St George's - after Mass. Mario and Richard are taking the lead this month and will be cooking up delicious sausage and bacon baps for everyone. We are very lucky to have these two smiling happy chappies with us so make it worth their effort and take time to join, donate for the food and enjoy - bring your friends and family as well. All are welcome. This month we are raising money for Love in a Box. This charity desperately needs as much support as it can get to provide Christmas gifts in boxes to children in Romania, many of whom live in Orphanages. It costs over £3000 per lorry alone to send everything to them. Please give generously. We will not have a charity breakfast in August but normal service will resume in September on Sunday 29th.

ST THOMAS A BECKET 50th ANNIVERSARY: Bishop Richard together with the whole school, staff, pupils and special friends celebrated a beautiful Mass at OLR on 2 July giving thanks and praise to God for the past 50 years and looking forward in hope to the future. We keep praying for the school in this important year.

Dates for your Diary:
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.
Sun 1st Sept, Lourdes Pilgrimage Reunion, St W’s Sch, Crawley
Sat 21st Sept, Catechists Day at Worth Abbey School.

A parishioner writes:

Fr Rory’s Celebration

As a relatively new member of the parish I feel compelled to say what a marvellous party the parish held in honour of Fr Rory.. I can only imagine the amount of planning and hard work this took. Everything was so well organised with plenty of food and drink, a toast, a cake as well as entertainment. There was a lovely atmosphere of joy.... and the sun shone. Congratulations to all those involved and thank you for your hard work and service. I feel so blessed to have come to such a parish.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 : Please pray for the 850 people from our Diocese that will Process on the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage this week. We pray especially for Laura, Claudia, Maria and Sandra from St Georges who will be going as helpers. They plan to light candles and request masses whilst they are in Lourdes for our whole Parish intentions. If anyone has anything in particular they may wish a mass to be offered or candles lit for please email Sandra sandraforte40@gmail.com or text 07791627368 with the details and she will ensure she does this for you.

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.

Sunday 14th July - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid’s 154 St George’s 80