

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

THE COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
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 Ezekiel

2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 122:2. R.v2

**R) Our eyes are on the Lord
till he show us his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. **(R)**

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy. **(R)**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians

12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough

for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lk 4:18
**The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

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 to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 11:28

**Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The Gospels are crammed with the teaching of Jesus and with the many miracles he worked, and yet the local people who knew as

'the carpenter' and the son of Mary, couldn't accept that he was anyone special. Familiarity breeds contempt, and here we see an extreme example of this. Who knows how we would have reacted ourselves has we been living in Nazareth at that time. This pattern of failure to recognise the special qualities in people is a common feature in the lives of saints. St Therese of Lisieux whose companions in the convent failed to notice any thing

special about someone who is now a saint and a Doctor of the Church. There will be people in our own neighbourhood or in our parish who are living deeply spiritual lives and are full of love for God and neighbour. Only if we ourselves are open the God's love will be able to see people of God sees them.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)SACRIFICES BORN
OF LOVE

187. This charity, which is the spiritual heart of politics, is always a preferential love shown to those in greatest need; it undergirds everything we do on their behalf. ¹⁸³ Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society. That gaze is at the heart of the authentic spirit of politics. It sees paths open up that are different from those of a soulless pragmatism. It makes us realize that "the scandal of poverty cannot be addressed by promoting strategies of containment that only tranquilize the poor and render them tame and inoffensive. How sad it is when we find, behind allegedly altruistic works, the other being reduced to passivity". ¹⁸⁴ What are needed are new pathways of self-expression and participation in society. Education serves these by making it possible for each human being to shape his or her own future. Here too we see the importance of the principle of subsidiarity, which is inseparable from the principle of solidarity.

¹⁸³ Cf. SAINT JOHN PAUL II, Encyclical Letter Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (30 December 1987), 42; AAS 80 (1988), 572-574; Encyclical Letter Centesimus Annus (1 May 1991), 11; AAS 83 (1991), 806-807.
¹⁸⁴ Address to Participants in the World Meeting of Popular Movements (28 October 2014): AAS 106 (2014), 852.

The Fire of Love*
FREE IN THE SPIRIT

Now the mind is freely borne to the beloved and the bond between the two is made firm and strong. We are now aware of possessing a heavenly secret, making us hasten even more swiftly towards heaven. We are absorbed in wonderful joy and song.

In this way, the whole of our thinking is made sweet as we serve God. Whether studying, writing, meditating on Scripture or expounding it to others, our thoughts are continually with the beloved, yet our normal measure of praise remains steadfast. We can be doing other things and yet the song in our heart never ceases.

The purer the love of the lover, the closer is God's presence. The purer our rejoicing in God, the more abundant our experience of God's goodness, kindness and sweetness. For God likes to infuse these very things in those who love him, and quietly to enter godly hearts to their incomparable delight. Love is truly pure when it is not diluted with a wish for anything else; when it seeks no pleasure in physical beauty. Free in the Spirit, we look longingly to 'those things that are above'. (Col. 3: 1)

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection next week for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea))

Sat 6th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 7th	9am	St George's —	Colin Bullock RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon 8th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 9th	10am	St George's—	John Kelly Intention
Wed 10th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Chris Fenn
Thurs 11th	11am	St George's —	Requiem Mass for Margaret Boots RIP
Fri 12th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Kelly Family Intention

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	9am	St George's —	Thanksgiving Mass
	11.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Thanksgiving Mass

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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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:

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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.

