

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

Ps 69:2,6

THE COLLECT

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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 book of Exodus

16:2-4.12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain
against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them,
‘Why did we not die at the Lord’s hand in the land of Egypt,
when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat
bread to our heart’s content! As it is, you have brought us to
this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now I will rain down bread for
you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and
gather the day’s portion; I propose to test them in this way to
see whether they will follow my law or not.’

‘I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to
them, “Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in
the morning you shall have bread to your heart’s content. Then
you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.”’ And so it came
about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the
camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the
camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of
the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost
on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to
one another, ‘What is that?’ not knowing what it was. ‘That,’
said Moses to them, ‘is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 77:3-4.23-25.54. R.v24

R) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R)**

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **(R)**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

4:17.20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living
the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the
way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him
properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You
must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old
self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your
mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can
put on the new self that has been created in God’s way, in the
goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mt 4:4

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were
there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for
Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to
him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’

Jesus answered:

‘I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because
you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread
you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that
endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is
offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set
his seal.’

Then they said to him, ‘What must we do if we are to do the
works that God wants?’ Jesus gave them this answer, ‘This is
working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.’ So
they said, ‘What sign will you give to show us that we should
believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna
to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread
from heaven to eat.’

Jesus answered:

‘I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread; for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’

‘Sir,’ they said ‘give us that bread always.’

Jesus answered:

‘I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 6:35

**I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today’s Gospel has an obvious
link with that of last Sunday with
its reference to bread, but Jesus
now starts to talk about another
kind of bread, one that will last.
Jesus is now talking about the

bread that comes from heaven
and which has been sent by his
Father. The people obviously
wanted that bread, but they fail to
see that Jesus is actually talking
about himself – he is the bread of
heaven sent by the Father. This is
a real test for those who up to
this moment have followed Jesus
because of the miracles he
worked. But what Jesus really
wants is for them, and for us, to
follow him for the ‘right’ reasons.
What are the right reasons? Jesus
wants us to recognise him as the
Son of the Father and as the

bread of life – the bread that lasts
forever. This is a key moment in
the life of Jesus because many of
those who had followed him
until then can’t accept these
words and go away. We too
need to keep asking ourselves if
we are following Jesus for the
‘right’ reasons.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



A LOVE THAT INTEGRATES AND UNITES

191. At a time when various forms of
fundamentalist intolerance are damaging
relationships between individuals, groups
and peoples, let us be committed to living
and teaching the value of respect for others,
a love capable of welcoming differences, and
the priority of the dignity of every human
being over his or her ideas, opinions,
practices and even sins. Even as forms of
fanaticism, closedmindedness and social and
cultural fragmentation proliferate in present-
day society, a good politician will take the
first step and insist that different voices be
heard. Disagreements may well give rise to
conflicts, but uniformity proves stifling and
leads to cultural decay. May we not be
content with being enclosed in one fragment
of reality.



The Fire of Love* AN INEXTINGUISHABLE FIRE



I liken the love of Jesus to an inextinguishable fire
which cannot be quenched. This love purges away our
sins and its immense heat consumes all obstacles in its
path. This flaming blaze of God’s love makes us purer
than gold and brighter than the sun. It brings us
spiritual healing. Nothing other people can tell us can
equal what ardent love teaches us. Not even the gift of
tears can cleanse us as this love does, which gains the
heart of the eternal king whom it contemplates in
joyous song.

The presence of the beloved produces immense joy and
enables us to sing with unspeakable happiness.
Rejoicing in Jesus we will be like the little bird that
sings until it dies. Love conquers all things. So let us
live and die in love.

I believe that the very best thing we can do is to fix Jesus
in our hearts and never want anything or anybody else.
It is to dance with Christ who leads the dance for us.
Christ yearns for our love, and has shown it by the way
he hastened to the cross in order to redeem us. It was
nothing but love that brought Christ so low.

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	3rd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun	4th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Margaret Murphy RIP
Mon	5th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	6th	10am	St George's—	Ros Burke Intention
Wed	7th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	In Thanksgiving
Thurs	8th	10am	St George's —	Vocations Intention
Fri	9th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Holy Souls' Intention

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday is the feast of the Assumption; Holyday of Obligation

Sat	10th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun	11th	9am	St George's —	Donato Forte RIP (2nd 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.

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.
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:

**“It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister. But it’s me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.**

Many years ago in the earlier days of my ministry, we were invited by the diocese to embark on a journey, the focus for the journey being “renew”. For the Jubilee Celebration Mass at St Wilfrid’s, just before the commencement of mass, an old photograph of my mum and dad was followed by a photograph of an oak tree with me standing under it. When the renew programme was introduced I had not long been at the parish, but I had planted potatoes which produced a very good crop that was quickly taken up by customers. Not so fortunate for the renew process. Some parishioners embraced it, and some put in a large amount of work to produce fruit for the harvest, and I have not seen any oak tress in the diocese like the one at St Pauls.

We are now on a new journey, very important to our lives and our communities. Fr Kevin has given us a very important introduction to attach to our newsletter this week, which has a most important bearing on our future. We must give it our very best effort. Here at St George’s and St Wilfrid’s a lot of preliminary work has taken place. At St George’s, Martin Falkner, over the Sundays of August will present us with early offshoots and I will follow them at St Wilfrid’s, which we pray will develop and grow. The welcome introduction prepared by Stephen is a very tangible, purposeful development that will, with the help of God, bear fruit; fruit that will last.

Fr Rory

BECOMING A MODERATED PARISH: Please **take and read** a copy of the **Letter from Fr Kevin Dring (Dean)**, at the back of Church. This gives an overview of the process we are on, as a Deanery of 8 parishes, to become a single Moderated Parish in November-December. It also outlines how YOU can be part of the process. We will all need to work closely together, clergy and laity. Understandably there will be concerns and questions about what will happen, but together we can approach the challenges positively and find solutions that support everybody in the best way.

Charity Breakfast at St George's - after Mass. Sunday 29th September. Bring your friends and family all are welcome. This month we are raising money for “You Raise Me Up Café”. We will not have a charity breakfast in August but normal service will resume in September.

Pantomime Planning - CTK/St Joachim's Parish is planning a Pantomime for the end of January 2025 and they have asked if any of our parishioners would like to join in as cast/backstage crew etc. If you are interested in finding out more please pass your name and contact details to Sandra (sandraforte40@gmail.com) in the first instance. A meeting will be held in September if enough interest is generated.

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. If you would like something collected please text Sandra on 07791627368 or email sandraforte40@gmail.com. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

Thur 29th Aug, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.
Fri 30th Aug, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W’s Hall.
Sun 1st Sept, Lourdes Pilgrimage Reunion, St W’s Sch, Crawley
Sat 21st Sept, Catechists Day at Worth Abbey School.
Sun 29th Sept, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s.

2025 – A YEAR OF JUBILEE The Holy Father has named 2025 as a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. “Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year. A time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. To prepare spiritually for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to focus on two key elements: a) To study the key documents from the Second Vatican Council, held between 1962-1965 which can be viewed on: <https://uscatholic.org/articles/201209/major-documents-of-vatican-ii/> b) To focus on prayer. The Jubilee of Hope will begin in December 2024 with Pope Francis opening the “holy door” in St. Peter’s Basilica, offering the world’s 1.3 billion Catholics the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces.

Parish Over 50’s Club: Our next tea is Thursday 29th August, 2pm. Theme is French of course “ooh la la”. If you would like to join us please see Joan 07873390944.

Sunday 28th July - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid’s 92 St George’s 92

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LETTER TO ALL PARISHIONERS OF THE DEANERY

July 2024

Dear Friends,

Becoming a Moderated Parish – How will it affect YOU?

As Dean of Eastbourne & St Leonard's Deanery, as we presently are, Bishop Richard has asked me to take on role of Moderator of the new Moderated Parish. In November we will formally begin to come together from what are currently 8 individual parishes, from Eastbourne to Rye, into a **SINGLE PARISH**. This will be a BIG Parish and a BIG challenge for all of us, clergy and laity together. But it will also create many new good opportunities to work more closely together as a "Community of Communities", under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I recently gave a **Presentation on this project in Eastbourne**, and around 150 people attended, mainly from the more local parishes. I talked about the background against which we have to work to bring our parishes together as one – the Scriptures and Church teaching through the ages on mission and evangelisation. We had a short time for questions at the end of the presentation. I want to thank all those who came and participated. I've received very helpful feedback and now want to give some reassurance to everyone on certain points.

Firstly, this is about all of us together discerning what we need to do to make this work well. We won't be looking at making any unnecessary changes ("change for change's sake") but instead, only what looks to be genuinely good and helpful for everybody in the parish. We won't be about "closing down" but building up what we already have, sharing all our good resources, especially our many good and gifted people. We'll do this by listening to people's views and concerns and then discerning the steps forward we need to take.

Secondly, the Diocese will begin working directly with us in November to guide us into the arrangements and structures we will need to operate as a single parish, cared for by a Team of Clergy in collaboration with lay representatives from across our communities. The Diocese is clear this is a work that will take a couple of years to embed, so we won't be rushing ahead of ourselves, but we will need to keep a positive momentum. As in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, our focus will be on building up our life of **Prayer**, on better **Formation** for all, and on our **Mission** to share the Joy of the Gospel with others.

Thirdly, looking ahead to the coming weeks and months: **[1]** after the summer we will begin bringing together catechists and other groups to begin reflecting on how to share and work together; **[2]** there will be a series of Open Meetings in September / October across the Deanery to address people's questions and concerns and provide updates on the process. If you have any questions now you would like to be answered please email them to me and they can be included in a Q & A info sheet we will make available at the Open Meetings (kevin.dring@abdiocese.org.uk) ; **[3]** then in November the Diocesan Team will be with us to begin formally inaugurating our new Parish.

There are inevitably still many uncertainties and unanswerable questions, but these will become clearer as we move forward, trusting always in the Lord – it's His Church!

Thank you for reading this letter and please do join the Open Meetings in September / October -further details to follow. If you wish to view my recent Presentation slides, please go to <http://ourladyofransom.org.uk> and follow the link. We will soon look forward to having a dedicated website for the new Moderated Parish to keep everyone up to date on developments. Above all let's keep all that needs to be done in our daily prayers. Have a restful month of August and I look forward to meeting with you soon and working together in the time ahead.

God bless,

Fr Kevin

[On behalf of the Deanery Clergy Team]