

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Cf. Sir 36:18

THE COLLECT

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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 Isaiah

50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings
against me?

Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R.v9

**R) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R)**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R)**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R)**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a
single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save

him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of
clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you
says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat
plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then
what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go
with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you
have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have
faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me
that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gal 6:14

**The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord,
through whom the world is crucified to me,
and I to the world.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

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

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea
Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do
people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said,
'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he
asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him,
'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell
anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined
to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief
priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three
days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking
him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning
and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him,
'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's
way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and
said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce
himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who
wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for
my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. 1 Cor 10:16

**The chalice of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Peter, the man Jesus will choose
to be the rock on which he will
build his Church, shows all his
strength of character and

spontaneity in today's
Gospel. And when Jesus
asks, "But you, who do you
say I am?" comes up with
the right answer: "You are
the Christ!" Peter comes up
immediately with the
'correct' answer, and I'm
sure that Peter felt very
pleased with himself for
saying it. Then Jesus tells
the disciples about his
suffering, rejection and death.
Peter is shocked by this and starts
to remonstrate with Jesus. But
rather than Jesus thanking him

for his attitude, Jesus rebukes
him. Jesus even calls him Satan.
There are many, many joyful
moments in being a follower of
Jesus, but there are also moments
when we have to face up to
suffering. These are special
moments and ones when we really
discover our commitment to
following him.

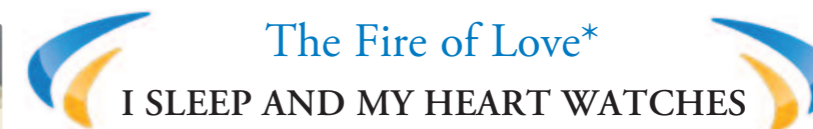


EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



FRUITFULNESS OVER RESULTS

197. 7. Viewed in this way, politics is
something more noble than posturing,
marketing and media spin. These sow
nothing but division, conflict and a bleak
cynicism incapable of mobilizing people to
pursue a common goal. At times, in thinking
of the future, we do well to ask ourselves,
"Why I am doing this?", "What is my real
aim?" For as time goes on, reflecting on the
past, the questions will not be: "How many
people endorsed me?", "How many voted for
me?", "How many had a positive image of
me?" The real, and potentially painful,
questions will be, "How much love did I put
into my work?" "What did I do for the
progress of our people?" "What mark did I
leave on the life of society?" "What real bonds
did I create?" "What positive forces did I
unleash?" "How much social peace did I
sow?" "What good did I achieve in the
position that was entrusted to me?"



The Fire of Love*

I SLEEP AND MY HEART WATCHES

(Written for a nun of Yedingham)

My dear sister in Christ, he desires the beauty of your soul and wants
you to give it to him with all your heart. I desire and preach only
that you might leave all earthly loves and every pleasure that holds
you back from truly loving Jesus Christ. For while your heart is held
by love of anything else, you are not able to be perfectly united to
God.

After our death we will be taken up to live with the angels. Those
who have loved the most will be with the highest order of angels, the
Seraphim, who are burning with the love of God. I write to you
most especially because I hope for more goodness in you than in any
other person. I want you to do whatever is the best and most
profitable for your soul by giving your life wholly to Jesus Christ and
not being occupied with the world. For the same degree of love from
which proud devils fell, meek men and women (Christ's doves) are
set to have endless rest and joy for the short time of penance and
hard work that they have suffered for God's love.

No doubt you find it hard now to empty your heart of all earthly
things, all idle and vain speech and all earthly loves, in order to
watch and pray, thinking of the joys of heaven and the passion of
our Lord Jesus Christ. But when you have attained to a certain
facility in this, you will think it lighter and sweeter than any earthly
comfort. Those who burn with love for God know happiness and
joy in the music and song of the angels, as you have already
experienced.

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ST WILFRID

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection Today for Home Missions)

Sat 14th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 15th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Mon 16th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 17th	10am	St George's—	Patrick Lissenburg RIP
Wed 18th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Louis Yves Dick & Marie Solange Dick RIP
Thurs 19th	10am	St George's —	Jenni Duder-Rumsey RIP
Fri 20th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Amani Abu Abdo RIP

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 21st	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 22nd	9am	St George's —	Rose & Joseph Falkner RIP
	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

Amy Jenkins, 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: Just received beautiful honey, grateful to David for the donation to our parish.
I believe some more jars are available.

Fr Rory's Birthday celebrations and CAFOD Harvest Appeal:

Come and join us in celebrating Fr Rory's special birthday on Sunday, September 29th. We all give thanks that he has chosen not to retire, just yet!

We are encouraging all parishioners to sponsor Father Rory as he walks between our two parish churches, departing from St Georges, Polegate at 3pm. Or, if you are able to join him along the walk, please collect your own sponsor forms and cheer him along. Sponsor forms are available at the back of the church. Following the walk, we will celebrate with a birthday tea and musical entertainment in St Wilfrid's hall from 4pm. If you are joining us for the walk **or** coming along to the birthday celebrations, don't forget to add your name to the list at the back of church. This will help us to cater for everyone's needs.

We have also created a Just Giving page for Fr Rory. Scan this QR code and follow the link to make your donation. Please share the link with your family and friends and help us to reach our target of £500 for the CAFOD Harvest Appeal (see below.)



CAFOD Harvest Appeal.

This year's appeal is focusing on supporting people like Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo. Daniel's family didn't always have enough to eat, despite both of his parents working. There was no money to send him to school. Now Daniel is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

Stewards/Cakes/Savouries and Helpers

We need several walking stewards, donations of cakes and savoury finger foods and helpers in St Wilfrid's hall. If you can help, please tick the sign-up sheet. Thank you.

Fr Rory

Service of Healing with Anointing of the Sick

Sunday 13th October 3pm—St Wilfrid's Hailsham

Everyone, especially those with responsibilities for sick and/or elderly Catholics, living within Polegate/Hailsham/Willingdon and surrounding areas, may wish to bring loved ones to our healing Service, with the Anointing of the Sick, so that they may be commended to the Lord and strengthened with the Sacraments. Please pass this notice on to all who should consider attending.

First Holy Communion: Parents are invited to enrol their children for our First Holy Communion Programme 2024/25 (Year 3 or above). Application forms for the programme are available at the back of the church and on the parish website. The course begins with an introductory meeting for parents on Wednesday 25th September 6pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. For more information contact Teresa Palmer. 07951082592, tpalmer2205@gmail.com.
Deadline for enrolment is Today September 15th.

Dates for your Diary:

- Sun 22nd Sept, St Wilfrid's Children's Liturgy Returns.
- Thur 26th Sept, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
- Fri 27th Sept, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
- Sun 29th Sept, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's.
- Sun 29th Sept, 10.30am - St W's Harvest Festival, St W's Church
- Sun 29th Sept, 3pm - Parish Walk St G's Car park - St W's (Fr's 75th)
- Sun 6th Oct, 9am - St G's Harvest Festival, St G's Church
- Sat 12th Oct, Significant Marriage Anniv. Mass, Arundel
- Sun 13th Oct, 3pm - Healing Service with Anointing, St W's Church.
- Fri 25th Oct, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
- Thur 31st Oct, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.

Harvest Mass September/October 2024

St Wilfrid's Sun 29th September: During the family mass we will be led by our children's liturgy in celebrating the harvest and give thanks to God for our food, our farmers, and all who produce and supply it. Please bring your offerings of fresh harvest produce to the church, at the Friday mass or on the day of the harvest mass. We will sell fresh produce afterwards to raise further funds for CAFOD. Gifts of tins & packet foods are requested during the month for Foodbank, please leave them in the labelled box in the porch, if possible before September 22nd. These will form part of our display. Most needed item list is at the back of church.

St Georges Sun 6th October: Same format as above except fresh produce donations requested by 8.45am at Sunday mass.

Thank you for your generosity.

St Wilfrid's: Teas/coffees, biscuits/cakes after Sunday and Wednesday masses in St Wilfrid's Hall. Thank you to the few people who have stepped in to fulfil the role, Anne & Francis are back, so all shall be well. If you have not come into our hall after mass please do so, you will be very welcome.

Sunday 1st September - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 129 St George's 64

Sunday 8th September - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 101 St George's 58