

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

**THE COLLECT**

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 Wisdom 2:12.17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

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

**PSALM**

Ps 53:3-6,8. R.v6

**R) The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth. **(R)**

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. **(R)**

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first

start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Cf. 2 Thess 2:14  
**Through the Good News God called us  
to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Mark 9:30-37

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

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your people,  
that what they profess with devotion and faith  
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 10:14

**I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously raise up, O Lord,  
those you renew with this Sacrament,  
that we may come to possess your redemption  
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



In last Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples about his impending arrest, suffering and death. Peter's reaction is anger. He can't accept that all this will happen to Jesus.

This Sunday we see Jesus trying once again telling them about his destiny "But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him." What happens next is rather comforting, in the sense that, having heard this incredible revelation from Jesus, they began to argue

with each other about which of them was the greatest. It is comforting to know that even those closest to Jesus, who has been with him for 3 years, behave in a such a

'human' way. Just as he was with the Apostles, Jesus was very aware of their faults and limitations. He surely found them frustrating, but it didn't stop him from trusting them. Exactly the same thing applies to us. Jesus knows full well we are far from perfect. He just wants to keep believing in his unconditional love for us.



### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



## DIALOGUE AND FRIENDSHIP IN SOCIETY

198. Approaching, speaking, listening, looking at, coming to know and understand one another, and to find common ground: all these things are summed up in the one word "dialogue". If we want to encounter and help one another, we have to dialogue. There is no need for me to stress the benefits of dialogue. I have only to think of what our world would be like without the patient dialogue of the many generous persons who keep families and communities together. Unlike disagreement and conflict, persistent and courageous dialogue does not make headlines, but quietly helps the world to live much better than we imagine.



### The Fire of Love\*

#### THE FIRST DEGREE OF LOVE



The first degree of love is when we keep the ten commandments, avoid the seven deadly sins, and are stable in the truths taught by holy Church. This is a stage when we will not offend God for any earthly reason, but are resolved to stand firm and persevere in God's service until death.

You cannot come to heaven unless you love God and your neighbour, avoiding pride, envy, backbiting and anger. You should be without serious sins like gluttony, lust or covetousness; for these vices cause death to the soul and separation from God, our true life. You may think sin is sweet, but its result is poison for the soul.

All that you can see with your eyes will pass away. Worldly wealth wanes, robes and riches rot in the ditch, delights and dainties soon stink. But those who have lived well in the ten commandments of God and put aside all mortal sin, will wish to do more and better in pleasing God and will desire to become perfect.

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



# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF



## ST GEORGE

Eastbourne Road  
Polegate



Parish Priest: Fr. Rory Kelly

South Road, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 3JG

Tel: (01323) 841504

(Answerphone service available)

Email: [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com)

Website: [www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk](http://www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk)

The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878

## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### 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
Mon 23rd	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 24th	10am	St George's—	Fr Rory's Intention
Wed 25th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Fr Rory's intention
Thurs 26th	10am	St George's —	Aine Eamer RIP
Fri 27th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Ruth & Eric Arndt RIP

#### Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Friday is Harvest Fast Day, Collection next Sunday)

Sat 28th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 29th	9am	St George's —	Sonia Villaluna RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Fernando & Encinas Families 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

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](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

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's Birthday celebrations and CAFOD Harvest Appeal:**

Come and join us in celebrating Fr Rory's special birthday next 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



**CAFOD Harvest Appeal:** CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day is on Friday 4th October, a day we can pray, give, and eat simply in solidarity with our global family. Thank you for your support of previous Fast Days and thank you for your generosity and prayers for our sisters and brothers in this Harvest Appeal. This year's appeal is focusing on supporting people like Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of 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.

Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope). The envelopes can be returned to church for the second collection on 6th October. They include a Gift Aid Declaration for use where appropriate.

**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 as soon as possible. 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.**

**Christ the King and St Joachim parish** is organising a Pantomime for January 2025 and would be happy if any of our parishioners wanted to join them as cast/crew. If you are interested there is a meeting **Today, Sept 22nd at 3.00pm** in the hall at CTK Langney. If you can not make the meeting but would like to be part of the show email Sandra [sandraforte40@gmail.com](mailto:sandraforte40@gmail.com)

**Dates for your Diary:**

- 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.

**First Holy Communion:** Deadline for enrolment has now passed. Our programme begins this week with an introductory meeting for parents on Wednesday 25th September 6pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. For more information contact Teresa Palmer. [tpalmer2205@gmail.com](mailto:tpalmer2205@gmail.com)

**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.

**Well done St George's parishioners** on an excellent fire drill last Sunday. Evacuation took 1.5 minutes which is well within the guidelines of 2.30/3 minutes. Thank you everyone for following instructions. It will keep everyone safe going forward. A huge thank you to the fire stewards - a vital part of the evacuation procedure and to the Children's Liturgy Leader for ensuring the children understood the drill and safely left the hall to join their parents at the evacuation point. During the coming months there will be a reminder during our parish notices of how and where to evacuate so it remains fresh in our minds.

**Sunday 15th September - Mass Attendance:**  
St Wilfrid's 102                      St George's 60