

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3: 31, 29, 20, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## THE COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power  
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us  
and make those hastening to attain your promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
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 Numbers

11: 25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Ps 18:8,10,12-14. R.v9

## R) The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R)

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. (R)

From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. (R)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and

eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Jn 17:17

Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God,  
that this our offering may find acceptance with you  
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing  
may be laid open before us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 Jn 3:16

By this we came to know the love of God:  
that Christ laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,  
restore us in mind and body,  
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,  
to whose suffering we are united  
whenever we proclaim his Death.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus' reply to the disciples' complaint could be taken as a description of ecumenism. "Anyone who is not against us, is for us." At the Last Supper Jesus said, "God sent his Son into the world, not to judge the world, but that through him the world might be saved." Jesus is out to win

men and women for God – to get them to God, somehow! In establishing his Church, founding it "upon rock", he offered and provided in Himself "the Way", the straight and safe Way, to union and life with God. If men and women glimpse only half the truth, and seize on it, to live by it, God is delighted; but of course, He wishes them to have the whole truth; expects them to be searching for the whole truth; would like them to be safely on the 'rock'. But if, as Jesus says, they at least acknowledge him and are grateful, then they have taken first steps on the way and Jesus welcomes them with open arms – as he did to so many non-Jews during his time on

earth. In the 1930s and 50s the Movement for Moral Rearmament, not a denominational movement, though founded by a Lutheran, taught that only personal, moral goodness can change the world and that God in Christ can bring it about. The movement spread world wide, even politically, brought many to Christ and had a positive effect on world affairs.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)SOCIAL DIALOGUE FOR  
A NEW CULTURE

199. Some people attempt to flee from reality, taking refuge in their own little world; others react to it with destructive violence. Yet "between selfish indifference and violent protest there is always another possible option: that of dialogue. Dialogue between generations; dialogue among our people, for we are that people; readiness to give and receive, while remaining open to the truth. A country flourishes when constructive dialogue occurs between its many rich cultural components: popular culture, university culture, youth culture, artistic culture, technological culture, economic culture, family culture and media culture".<sup>196</sup>

<sup>196</sup>. Meeting with Brazilian Political, Economic and Cultural Leaders, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (27 July 2013): AAS 105 (2013), 683-684.

## The Fire of Love\*

## THE SECOND DEGREE OF LOVE

After the first degree we enter into the second degree of love. That means forsaking the world, father, mother and family, and following Christ in poverty. In this degree you shall study how you may become clean of heart and chaste of body, giving yourself up to meekness, suffering and obedience. This leads to spiritual purity.

Never speak ill of your neighbour, nor return one evil word for another. Suffer everything without giving way to anger. Thus you will have inward and outward rest and come more easily to the spiritual life, which you will find sweeter than anything earth can offer.

Perfection means despising the world and all wicked desires of the flesh. It means not concerning yourself with your family except to thank God continually on their behalf and bless God in all that he does for them; for we cannot know in this world whether or not someone is destined for eternal bliss. Happiness here and now is no guarantee of happiness in heaven.

In this degree of love, you will overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. Nevertheless, you will still be always fighting until you die, so take good care of your thoughts, words and deeds. The devil is overcome by your standing firm against temptations in all charity and meekness.

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## ST WILFRID

South Road  
Hailsham



### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### 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
Mon 30th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 1st	10am	St George's—	Parish Communities' Intention
Wed 2nd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Vocations Intention
Thur 3rd	10am	St George's —	Bishop Richards Intention
Fri 4th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention

#### Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection Today for CAFOD's Harvest Fast, Collection next Sunday for Prisons Sunday )

Sat 5th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun 6th	9am	St George's —	Yvonne McNamee
	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#\\_=\\_](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.

**Deacon John Writes:**

Recently Martin appealed to you all to come forward and offer to become a welcomer, a reader or a Minister of Holy Communion. This was a reminder that there are many roles in our parish that are helpful, possibly critical, for any parish to function properly. It serves as a reminder that a parish is not just a priest. It takes all kinds of roles, and all these roles make up our parish. St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians makes this quite clear to all of us. Everyone has a role but not the same role. We are not all called to be ordained priests. Neither are we all called to be prophets. But we do all have one thing in common. We have all been baptised into one Body, and because of this we each have a necessary and relevant role that contributes to the well being of the whole.

So I ask you all to consider volunteering to help our parish in at least one of the roles I mentioned at the beginning of this letter. If you have already volunteered then I thank you on behalf of the whole parish. If you have not volunteered yet then perhaps you will consider it anew. There is nothing to stop you carrying out more than one role for the parish. You would not be asked to do more than one role at any mass except in unavoidable exceptional circumstances. Thank you again for your help and support.

*Deacon John*

**Fr Rory's Birthday celebrations and CAFOD Harvest Appeal:**

We all want to wish Fr Rory a very happy birthday. Come and celebrate with us this Sunday afternoon from 4pm at St Wilfrid's Hall for a birthday tea and musical entertainment.

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored Father Rory for his walk between our two churches. There is still time to sponsor him using the QR code below or the sponsor form at the back of church. Please share the link with your family and friends and help us to reach our target of £500 for the CAFOD Harvest Appeal. All sponsor money to be returned by Sunday, 13th October please. The walk leaves St Georges car park at 3pm. Please join us if you are able.



**CAFOD Harvest Appeal:** CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 4th October: a day we can pray, give, and eat simply in solidarity with our global family. This year's appeal is focusing on supporting people like Daniel, a 21-year-old, who lives in the 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. Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope). The envelopes can be returned to church for the second collection on 6th October.

**St George's Harvest Mass Sunday 6th October 2024**

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 by 8.45am at 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. **Thank you for your generosity.**

**St Wilfrid's Harvest Mass Today**

If you haven't done so already, please bring in your offerings of fresh harvest produce to the church before Mass on Sunday. These will be sold in the hall afterwards to raise further funds for CAFOD.

**Thank you for your generosity**

**A new edition of the Lectionary**, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024.

It will use the *English Standard Version – Catholic Edition* for the scripture readings and the *Psalms and Canticles* for the Responsorial Psalms.

The Parish has ordered a new 4 volume Lectionary for each church, costing £695, and one Book of the Gospels (to be shared), costing £234.

Each volume can be noted with the name of any person making a donation towards the cost. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Bob Waters on 01323 847014.

People's missals are also being changed to show the new translation of the Bible. Please contact Bob if you would like to order a new missal. The CTS price is £19.95 for a Sunday Missal or £9.95 for a Sunday Missal just for 2025. The Daily Missals won't be available until 2025.

**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.

**Dates for your Diary:**

- 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.
- Fri 25th Oct, 7pm - Parish Beetle Drive, St W's Hall.
- Thur 31st Oct, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.

**Sunday 22nd September - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid's 106                      St George's 75