

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

THE COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 89:12-17. R.v14

R) Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R)**

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any
double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the
place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the
marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No
created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and
open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of
ourselves.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
How happy the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia!

Mt 5:3

Ps 129:3-4

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-30

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

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt
before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must
I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me
good? No one is good but God alone. You know the command-
ments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must
not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud;
Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I
have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily
at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack.
Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But
his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a
man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is
for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The
disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted,
'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the
kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye
of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.'
They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case,' they said
to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For
men,' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because every-
thing is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him.
'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell
you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers,
sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of
the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses,
brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without
persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to
come, eternal life.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 Jn 3:2

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood
of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



"Good Master," says the young man,
"What must I do to inherit eternal
life?" He has understood God's
loving purpose for us all: eternal life.
Life, we could say, with a capital L,
for we know that that life will be a
share in God's own life of happiness
and glory. For this present life, God

has given us a plan of action, which
he reiterates for the young man; a
challenging plan of action, which the
young man has so far followed.
Now Jesus raises the challenge,
linking it strongly to himself. He has
already made it clear, by his words
and actions, that he has the right to
make this new challenge and the
power to enable its fulfilment. This
the Apostles and disciples have relied
on, in following Jesus. The young
man found the challenge too great;
but since that time, many men and
women, have received that same
invitation, to "leave house, brothers,
sisters, father children or land" and

follow Jesus. Some have followed the
disciples' example and have accepted
the challenge. They have "left all to
follow" Jesus: in the priesthood, in
the religious life. Their fear of
"persecution" has been overcome by
their trust in Our Lord's promise of
repayment "a hundred times over ...
now in this present time", and,
finally, "eternal life".



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



SOCIAL DIALOGUE FOR A NEW CULTURE

201. Indeed, the media's noisy potpourri of
facts and opinions is often an obstacle to
dialogue, since it lets everyone cling stubbornly
to his or her own ideas, interests and choices,
with the excuse that everyone else is wrong. It
becomes easier to discredit and insult
opponents from the outset than to open a
respectful dialogue aimed at achieving
agreement on a deeper level. Worse, this kind
of language, usually drawn from media
coverage of political campaigns, has become so
widespread as to be part of daily conversation.
Discussion is often manipulated by powerful
special interests that seek to tilt public opinion
unfairly in their favour. This kind of
manipulation can be exercised not only by
governments, but also in economics, politics,
communications, religion and in other spheres.
Attempts can be made to justify or excuse it
when it tends to serve one's own economic or
ideological interests, but sooner or later it turns
against those very interests.

The Fire of Love*

A SONG OF LOVE (1)

Now I write a song of love that you can delight in when
you are loving Jesus Christ.

My song is in sitting, my life is spent in longing for the
sight of my king, so fair is his brightness.

So fair is your Beauty! Lead me to your light and feed
me on your love! Make me grow swiftly in love, and be
yourself my prize.

When will you come, Jesus my joy, to save me from care
and give yourself to me, that I may see you ever more?

Could I but come to you all my desires would be
fulfilled! I seek nothing but you alone, you who are my
sole desire.

Jesus my Saviour! Jesus my Comforter! Flower of all
beauty! My help and my succour! When may I see you
in your majesty?

When will you call me? I faint and long for your
presence, to see you above all things! Let not your love
for me fail! In my heart I see the canopy that shall cover
us both.

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection Today for Prisons Sunday, Collection next Sunday for World Mission Sunday)

Sat	12th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Prayers and Confessions
Sun	13th	9am	St George's —	Peter Andrew's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		3.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Service of Healing
Mon	14th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	15th	10am	St George's—	Joan Emerton RIP
Wed	16th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Agnes Owens RIP
Thur	17th	10am	St George's —	Liturgy of the Word
Fri	18th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Rosary

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection Today for World Mission Sunday)

Sat	19th		St Wilfrid's—	
Sun	20th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Norman & Evelyn South RIP

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

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USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577

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St George's & St. Wilfrid's

Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

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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: galmer2703@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:

“So far so good, maybe, so good, so far”.

We will need to read the minutes of the deanery meeting, which will move us on to the usual November meeting, when we gather to say mass for the deceased priests from our deanery. We will be visited by the diocesan team, who have been mandated by Bishop Richard to see his plan for the diocese implemented by all the deaneries.

The time schedule to get all this done may be extended. My overriding concern at the moment is when we would be rostered to say mass at the different churches in the deanery. Needless to say it was echoed at the meeting and I am more at ease, that it will not begin immediately. So for the moment all our attention is drawn to Deacon John’s piece in the newsletter on Sunday 29th. This was excellent and deserves a lot of further attention. He focused our attention on Martin’s appeal for volunteers to help with the ministry of the church. It takes all kinds of roles that are helpful, possibly critical for any parish to function in the future. It serves as a reminder that a parish is not just a priest. 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 all do 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.

Fr Rory

Prisoners’ Sunday - 13th October 2024

Prisoners’ Sunday - 13th October. We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. There will be a second collection to support Pact’s important work. Please donate to this appeal at pact1.link/PS24donate or visit www.prisonadvice.org.uk. Thank you.

Service of Healing with Anointing of the Sick

Today 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.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR FOR OUR NEW PARISH Every Thurs from 10-11am , **beginning 3 October**, at Our Lady of Ransom, followed by Mass. Before the Blessed Sacrament, with times of quiet music, we will pray together each week asking the Holy Spirit’s guidance as we journey together to become a single New Parish. The hour will include a Rosary for Peace in our communities and the world. To join this time of prayer please go to: <http://ourladyofransom.org.uk> and click on the **YouTube** live stream icon. The Holy Hour is saved as a recording so you can participate at a later time of the day via the same link.

Charity Breakfast at St George's - after Mass. Sun 27th October.

Bring your friends and family all are welcome. This month we are raising money for “CAFOD”.

Renaissance Singers and Harmonics Family Singers in Concert supporting Linking Lives Eastbourne. Free Entry with Refreshments on Sun 13 October at 3.00pm, St. John’s Church, Meads, Eastbourne. Donations gratefully accepted. Thank you

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 13th Oct, 3pm - Healing Service with Anointing, St W’s Church.
Thur 24th Oct, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.
Fri 25th Oct, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W’s Hall.
Fri 25th Oct, 7pm - Parish Beetle Drive, St W’s Hall.
Sun 27th Oct, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s.
Sat 2nd Nov, 11.30am - Bereavement Mass, St G’s Church.

St George and St Wilfrid’s Youth Leaders invite all Year 9 to Year 13 parishioners and their friends to attend Flame 2025 at Wembley Arena on Saturday 15th March.

Tickets cost £29 plus travel tbc (fundraising pre-event is hoped to cover travel) **ACT NOW** – ticket application deadline Tuesday 22nd October, forms containing more details and how to apply are being given out after mass this week or can be obtained by emailing the parish office. More information contact Sandra 07791 627368. Flame is the biggest event for our Catholic youth in England and Wales, bringing together 10000 Catholic youth for a day of praise and worship like never experienced.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: Meets every Monday at 2.30pm in St G’s Hall. Everyone is welcome to join as a regular or occasional member to Pray the Rosary a most wonderful devotion together. In the new order this presents opportunities to increase prayers, novenas and devotions.

St George’s Church: Christmas Cards are now on sale at the back of the church.

Parish Over 50’s Club:

Please note the date for October is Thurs 24th not 31st. Theme is Halloween. Thurs 28th Nov. Theme Winter Wonderland. Thurs 19th Dec, our Christmas Party. Time 2-4pm, price £10 includes everything. If you would like to join us, you will be very welcome. Just come along and enjoy yourself. For more info. please contact Joan on 07873390944.

Sunday 6th October - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid’s 105 St George’s 70