

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 127. R.v5

R) May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

1 Jn 4:12

As long as we love one another God will live in us and this love will be complete in us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us,' they said, 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. 1 Cor 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



If we love him, Jesus says, we must keep his word; his word which is "not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me." Today's word is clear enough: divorce is contrary to God's will; to God's intention in creating. It sounds a negative

command, but it has a positive purpose. God's intention in creating is always positive, because "God is Love", as St. John tells us. God does not create without purpose; his purpose is the happiness and fulfilment of his creatures. "Let us make man," He said, "In our own image, in the likeness of ourselves." So He wills that in marriage a man and woman, both physically and spiritually, should be in love as one, in an image of the One-ness of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Good, positive relationships, are essential to the fruitfulness, happiness, continuance and finally fulfilment, of the human race. Relationships for

fallen human persons can be a challenge, but God does not abandon his creatures. He says through the prophet, ". "I am your God. I give you strength, truly I help you, truly I hold you firm with my saving right hand." He sent His Son as man to empower human love through the gift of grace and the friendship of the Holy Spirit.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



SOCIAL DIALOGUE FOR A NEW CULTURE

200. Dialogue is often confused with something quite different: the feverish exchange of opinions on social networks, frequently based on media information that is not always reliable. These exchanges are merely parallel monologues. They may attract some attention by their sharp and aggressive tone. But monologues engage no one, and their content is frequently self-serving and contradictory.



The Fire of Love*

THE THIRD DEGREE OF LOVE



In the third degree of love you will find great delight and comfort. Not everyone comes to this degree, for it is not within our own choice but God's, who is free to do as he pleases. Various graces and degrees of love will bring us to heaven; but whoever is in this third degree is brought to contemplation.

A contemplative love loves to be alone in silence. At the beginning you are taken up into the bliss of heaven, illumined by grace, kindled with the fire of Christ's love. You will feel the burning love of Christ in your heart, always lifting your thoughts to God, feeling love, joy and sweetness. In this state no sickness, anguish, shame or penance can grieve you. All your life will turn into joyful song and melody.

Then Jesus is all your desire and delight, all your comfort and solace. I know that, in him, all shall be everlasting song, and in him all rest. Then you may truly say: 'I sleep and my heart watches.'

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



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WEEKLY SERVICES

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 —	Kuet Chan Wan Fong RIP
Mon	7th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	8th	10am	St George's—	Holy Souls' Intention
Wed	9th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Alan Lissenburg RIP
Thur	10th	10am	St George's —	Frank Restivo RIP
Fri	11th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection Today for Prisons Sunday, Collection next week 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

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

St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 487212

St George's & St. Wilfrid's

Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

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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 Neyehuizen, 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: "Two important events on the way ahead"

The first one is at St Wilfrid's but unfortunately it is very soon. "The Celebrations for my Birthday and my Jubilee" which I deeply appreciate; were a distraction from this most important event. It is a mass for the Sacrament of Healing. In the past the focus of attention was on extreme unction; the primary tag "in danger of death". Also in confessions, now the sacrament of reconciliation has now replaced the emphasis upon confessions of mortal sins. Now is the time and is a great opportunity to begin again with the focus on pardon and peace, healing and forgiveness.

The second event is at St George's on Saturday morning with the Requiem Mass; a service of remembrance for our loved ones, **our treasured memories** and an important window to highlight our Gardens of Remembrance. *Fr Rory*

Fr Rory's Birthday Celebrations and CAFOD Harvest Appeal: A very big thank you to everyone who donated goods for the Harvest Festival Mass. Hailsham Foodbank were delighted to receive your much needed contributions. Another thank you goes to the 32 walkers who accompanied Fr Rory on the sponsored walk. Upon arrival at St Wilfrid's we were greeted by parishioners from both parishes and shared a lovely birthday tea with him. Big thanks go to all those who worked so hard to make this day a success. Fr Rory really enjoyed celebrating his 75th birthday with us. God bless him. All funds raised from the sale of fresh produce and the sponsored walk go towards CAFODS Harvest Appeal. Please return any outstanding sponsor money by October 13th. To date we have raised an amazing £1,250 but we hope to supplement this with the money raised for the Family Fast Day envelopes and St George's charity breakfast on October 27th. Thank you again to everyone who has made a contribution – we are very proud of our generous community.

St George's Harvest Mass Today
If you haven't done so already, please bring in your offerings of fresh harvest produce to the church by 8.45am on Sunday. These will be sold in the hall afterwards to raise further funds for CAFOD. **Thank you for your generosity**

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

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.

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 would like to thank St Wilfrid's for their hospitality on Sunday at Fr Rory's birthday celebrations. We were made to feel very welcome. The tables were beautifully presented and the food was delicious. Thank you to all those who worked hard to make this occasion a happy one for Fr and both of our communities. Well done.

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 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.
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.

Sunday 29th September - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid's 134 St George's 55