

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## THE COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,  
graciously keep from us all adversity,  
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,  
we may pursue in freedom of heart  
the things that are yours.  
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 first book of the Kings

17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R.v2

## R) My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on

our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mt 5:3

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

## GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,  
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,  
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,  
we may honour it with loving devotion.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the  
Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,  
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,  
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,  
the grace of integrity may endure  
in those your heavenly power has entered.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Fame and wealth may impress some people, but in front of God, it means nothing at all. The Gospel has many examples of rich people who are so attached to their wealth that they risk losing their souls. The rich young man who asks Jesus what he should do to be perfect turns away when he asked to give up his riches. By contrast, the story of the poor widow in Today's Gospel, shows us how Jesus really wants to live. He wants us to be detached from our wealth in order to be free to love God and neighbour. As to how we do this, each one of us has put ourselves in front of God and listen

to the voice of the Holy Spirit so that we understand how we are to live this detachment from things material. In our consumer society we are constantly being encouraged to have more, not less, and we often find it difficult to distinguish between 'needs' and 'wants'. We must pray that are able to make this important distinction in our lives.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

## BUILDING TOGETHER

205. In today's globalized world, "the media can help us to feel closer to one another, creating a sense of the unity of the human family which in turn can inspire solidarity and serious efforts to ensure a more dignified life for all... The media can help us greatly in this, especially nowadays, when the networks of human communication have made unprecedented advances. The internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. This is something truly good, a gift from God".<sup>199</sup> We need constantly to ensure that present-day forms of communication are in fact guiding us to generous encounter with others, to honest pursuit of the whole truth, to service, to closeness to the underprivileged and to the promotion of the common good. As the Bishops of Australia have pointed out, we cannot accept "a digital world designed to exploit our weaknesses and bring out the worst in people".<sup>200</sup>

[199] Message for the 2014 World Communications Day (24 January 2014): AAS 106 (2014), 113.  
[200] AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE, Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, Making It Real: Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World (November 2019).

Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia  
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

The majestic early chapters of Genesis present the human couple in its deepest reality. Those first pages of the Bible make a number of very clear statements. The first, which Jesus paraphrases, says that "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (1:27). It is striking that the "image of God" here refers to the couple, "male and female". Does this mean that sex is a property of God himself, or that God has a divine female companion, as some ancient religions held? Naturally, the answer is no. We know how clearly the Bible rejects as idolatrous such beliefs, found among the Canaanites of the Holy Land. God's transcendence is preserved, yet inasmuch as he is also the Creator, the fruitfulness of the human couple is a living and effective "image", a visible sign of his creative act.



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South Road  
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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Remembrance Sunday (Collection Today for the Retired Priests' Fund)

Sat	9th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	10th	9am	St George's —	Bernard Dobson RIP (50th Anniversary)
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	11th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	12th	10am	St George's—	Holy Souls' Intention
Wed	13th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Peter Hyland RIP
Thur	14th	10am	St George's —	Holy Souls' Intention
Fri	15th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Pauline Jobson RIP

#### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### (Collection next Sunday for Arundel Cathedral Maintenance)

Sat	16th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	17th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Dorothy Povey & Family 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#\\_=\\_](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, 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, Letty Booth, Thomas Pailey, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney, Graham, Pamela Swanston, Jean & Chris Littlewood, Michael O'Regan and George Eames.

#### 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.

**St Wilfrid's and St George's Writes:****“Our Communities planning the way ahead”**

From the minutes of St Wilfrid's Parish Meeting held on 3rd November, and from the Moderated Communities Council here is an important synopsis. Full minutes should be available in the church porches. Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2024. Gerry wrote to Fr Kevin at the end of September with a list of questions to help with a Q & A session for the next open meeting. Diocesan representatives are meeting with clergy in November to outline plans for development of the Moderated Parish, it is anticipated that the process will take at least two years to implement.

Ministries & Formations – Father would like to rotate the Ministers more frequently, all whilst recruiting more Ministers. A Baptism Formation has been established with two Catechists, one for each Church. Angela & Mary.

The Sacristy needs an updated inventory, with additional resources that reflects the needs of the Parish moving forward. This to be carried out by Lorreta & David St Wilfrid's, and Martin & Angela at St George's.

Given that in our limited understanding of the Moderated Parish timelines, it was decided that we should look at updating the Parish website. Possibly looking at website revamp and a maintenance contract, that will assist the Parish in changing content on a regular basis.

Christmas Mass times to be agreed by Father, hopefully by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November.

The Diocese sent out a “keep in touch form” that we can use to ask all the Parishioners to fill out.

**Newsletter Articles:** Any new articles for the newsletter on the 24th November, please could we have in by Friday 15th November. Thank you.

**Parish Christmas Lunch:** Wednesday 18th December at the Kings Head, Hellingly. 12noon, £25 per person, cash only please, this includes a tip. Pay when booking to ensure a place and menu. Contact Sally Riley or Judy Davis after Sunday and weekday masses in the church porch or in St Wilfrid's Hall. Thank you.

**South Downs Singers Christmas Celebration Concert:** Sat 14th December at 3.30pm at St. George's Church, Tickets £10 on the door or pre-book by calling 01323 832767. There will be an opportunity to buy tickets after Mass each Sunday.

**Saturday Mornings at St Wilfrid's Church:** Available for quiet prayer, so peaceful. The Monstrance is exposed on the altar, confessions are available. If you have not taken advantage of this special time, you should do so. Just pop in for a little visit, you will come out rested and refreshed, ready to tackle the rest of the day.

**St Wilfrid's:** Teas/coffees and refreshments in our hall after Sunday and weekday masses. These are very important social times for getting to know your fellow members of our church and have a friendly get-together. You will be pleasantly surprised at what we learn and discuss. Do pop in and join us.

**Charity Breakfast at St George's - after Mass. Sun 24th November.** Bring your friends and family all are welcome. This month we are raising money for British Legion.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Wed 13th Nov, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.  
Sun 24th Nov, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's.  
Thur 28th Nov, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.  
Fri 29th Nov, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.  
Sat 30th Nov, 3-6pm - Family Advent Workshop, St W's Hall.  
Wed 4th Dec, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.  
Thur 19th Dec, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.

**Come along to our Family Advent Workshop for some festive fun** on Saturday, Nov 30th, 3.00pm – 6.00pm at St Wilfrid's Hall. This is an opportunity to prepare for Advent and Christmas together through fun, festive crafts and activities. Following this there will be a short Advent reflection followed by a shared meal. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Places must be booked as numbers are limited. To book your place, please purchase a ticket from the back of church at the cost of £1 per person which will also enter you into a raffle. Feel free to dress up in your festive jumpers and outfits too!

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

**Readers' Formation Time** - An important formation session to help readers with the upcoming changes of the new lectionary is being held at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne on Sat 23 November from 10.30am - 1.15pm. Please let the parish office know if you are attending by 13th Nov, and we will send a list to Eastbourne.

**Table Sale St George's** - We need quality items for our table sale, new/nearly new. It raises significant amounts to our monthly charity and also to assist in Youth Activities throughout the year. Please leave bags marked table sale at the back of St G's Church.

**Parish Over 50's Club:**

Our next tea is 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 3rd November - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid's 92                      St George's 66