

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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.
Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac. R.3

R. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
O sing to the Lord; bless his name.

Proclaim his salvation day by day.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.
God called us through the gospel,
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.

Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Stand
Ps 65:4

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 2:1-11

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Or:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Cf. Ps 22:5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Stand

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



This Gospel of the wedding feast of Cana is a beautiful illustration of the relationship between Jesus and Mary, mother and son. When Mary appeals to Jesus about the shortage of wine he seems to rebuff her rather abruptly:

'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not yet come.' But Mary is quite confident that her request will be carried out: 'Do whatever he tells you.' She could have said: 'I don't think he wants to do anything,' but her relationship with Jesus is so strong that she has no doubt that he will save the embarrassment of the hosts. The 'do whatever he tells you' can also apply to us, but first we have to ask what we would like from him. God knows what is best for us and he also wants to help us reach our goal, which is eternal life. So, if he

seems not to grant what we have asked, or even seems to give us something we don't want, our wisest course of action is to do what he tells us. This Gospel should also encourage us to ask Mary's help when praying, so that in some she can support us in our efforts to build a relationship with her son.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



A NEW CULTURE

215. "Life, for all its confrontations, is the art of encounter".²⁰⁴ I have frequently called for the growth of a culture of encounter capable of transcending our differences and divisions. This means working to create a many-faceted polyhedron whose different sides form a variegated unity, in which "the whole is greater than the part".²⁰⁵ The image of a polyhedron can represent a society where differences coexist, complementing, enriching and reciprocally illuminating one another, even amid disagreements and reservations. Each of us can learn something from others. No one is useless and no one is expendable. This also means finding ways to include those on the peripheries of life. For they have another way of looking at things; they see aspects of reality that are invisible to the centres of power where weighty decisions are made.

²⁰⁴. VINICIUS DE MORAES, Samba da Bênção, from the recording Um encontro no Au bon Gourmet, Rio de Janeiro (2 August 1962).
²⁰⁵. Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (24 November 2013), 237: AAS 105 (2013), 1116.

Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

We also need to be humble and realistic, acknowledging that at times the way we present our Christian beliefs and treat other people has helped contribute to today's problematic situation. We need a healthy dose of self-criticism. Then too, we often present marriage in such a way that its unitive meaning, its call to grow in love and its ideal of mutual assistance are overshadowed by an almost exclusive insistence on the duty of procreation. Nor have we always provided solid guidance to young married couples, understanding their timetables, their way of thinking and their concrete concerns. At times we have also proposed a far too abstract and almost artificial theological ideal of marriage, far removed from the concrete situations and practical possibilities of real families. This excessive idealization, especially when we have failed to inspire trust in God's grace, has not helped to make marriage more desirable and attractive, but quite the opposite.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection for Pax Christi Today)

Sat 18th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun 19th	9am	St George's —	Len Brotherwood RIP (1st Anniversary)
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon 20th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 21st	10am	St George's —	Repose of the Souls of Helen Campbell & Pamela Osbourne
Wed 22nd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Joyce Lissenburg RIP
Thur 23rd	10am	St George's —	Josephine Roberts RIP
Fri 24th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	John Bell RIP

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 25th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun 26th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Anne Hoad's 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/>

Newsletter items: Please send to Jackie at hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk, 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

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. 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 Neyenuizen, 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, Thomas Guy, 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.

Fr Rory Writes:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus, Mary and Joseph life of God

Though He was in the form of God, Jesus did not cling to this equality, but emptied Himself and became like us in all things but sin, even unto accepting death upon the cross. But God raised Him on a high and gave Him a name above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend and every tongue acclaim Jesus is Lord to the Glory of God our Father.

The deanery meeting of the priests and deacons took place on Tuesday, and so the next step is underway. We are on the way to implementing the new structure and forum of parish life. Fr Kevin is tasked with being the parish priest and he has presented us with our guide lines to facilitate this taking place.

Fr Rory

Confirm your Contact Details - To help us communicate all we will be doing effectively, to as many of you as possible, if you have not already done so, please take time to complete the parish contact forms available at the back of church and on our website.

Diocesan Youth Project Worker - Part time. The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6RP: Join the diocesan Central Office Team as our new P/T Youth Project Worker. The successful applicant will be responsible for two major projects - coordination of the CYMFed Faith in Action Awards across the Diocese, and the newly developing Young Adults programme. They will also be required to assist with engaging young people from across the Diocese in the ASCENT process (a three-year discipleship process for young people) and offer support to the Youth Adviser in enabling diocesan attendance at national and international events such as Flame & World Youth Day. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk
Closing date: Wednesday 5 February 2025, Shortlisting: Thursday 6 February 2025, Interviews: Thursday 13 February 2025, Crawley. Here is the job url: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/ypw

The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”. As a Parish Community, we Hope and Pray that the year will see more of our parishioners, their family and friends taking part in our masses on Sundays and also making time to be part of Jubilee recognised pilgrimages near and far. Our Parish social committee and youth leaders will be looking at organising pilgrimages for us locally to Arundel Cathedral, Worth Abbey and the 60th Celebrations of the Diocese on September 20th. We also will be helping financially towards our youth attending Lourdes in July (we have funds still available from last year's fundraising for this) applications are currently open on the diocese website. We have a coach of youth attending Flame and will also be organising for as many who are able to, to be part of the walking pilgrimage which celebrates 50 years this year and ends at Eastbourne.

New & nearly new items needed - the St George's table sale that raises funds for the charity of the month and youth activities is desperately in need of new items for sale. Please consider donating anything suitable. Just leave in a bag at the back of either church marked St G table sale. Both churches would also welcome any unwanted gifts that are suitable as raffle prizes for fundraising purposes at social events in 2025.

Community Charity Breakfast - St George's Sunday 26th January after mass - this month our charity is Linking Lives, we hope you, your family and friends can support this breakfast and vital service to those who are lonely within faith communities in our town. All are welcome, any friends or family who are not attending mass can arrive from 9.45am in the hall to enjoy the delicious food and company of others.

John Bell's Funeral: Will take place on Friday 24th January at 11.30am at All Saints Church in Herstmonceux.

Parish Over 50's Club: Thurs 30th Jan is our next afternoon tea, 2-4pm. Theme is “Scottish”, wear a kilt if you fancy! Thinking of joining us? Then just turn up, you will be very welcome.

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development:
2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. [Register here for free.](#)

The Parish of Christ the King & St Joachim's is holding their annual pantomime “Cinderella” this weekend. Takes place in CTK Hall; Sat 18th at 2pm & 7.30pm, and on Sun 19th at 2pm. Performers include some of St George's parishioners. For tickets contact Sandra on 07791627368, Adults £5 and £3 for Children (includes tea and coffee). There will also be a raffle at each performance. Please support if you can.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 26th Jan, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Thur 30th Jan, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Fri 31st Jan, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.
Wed 12th Feb, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
Sun 23rd Feb, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Thur 27th Feb, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Wed 12th March, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.

Mass Attendance

Sunday 12th January - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 128 St George's 59