

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Gloria

Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from
the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see
any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the
wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

'Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the
LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots
by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its
leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R. Psalm 40(39):5a

R. Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

Blessed indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the path with sinners,
nor abides in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the LORD,
and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they, like winnowed chaff,
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised
from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no

resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised,
not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been
raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then
those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If
in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people
most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the
dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia. Luke 6:23ab
Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

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

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on
a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great
multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the
sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his
disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is
the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for
you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you
shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when
they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap
for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their
fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for
you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full
now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for
you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak
well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

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

Homily

The Nicene Creed or The Apostles' Creed

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do your will
the source of eternal reward.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

R. Communion Antiphon Jn 3:16
God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
so that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Most Christians could probably recite
the Ten Commandments by heart.
But how many could do the same for
the Beatitudes? Not many perhaps.
And yet the Beatitudes, which are the
content of today's Gospel, are from
the Gospel and proclaimed by Jesus

so many challenges in life: poverty,
distress, humiliation, the struggle for
justice, persecutions, the difficulty of
daily conversion, the effort to remain
faithful to our call to holiness, and
many others. But if we open the door
to Jesus and allow him to be part of our

himself, whereas the Ten
Commandments are
from the Old Testament.
But why are the
Beatitudes so important
for the Christian Life?
Pope Francis, in his
message to World Youth
Day in 2014 explains:
'In proclaiming the
Beatitudes, Jesus asks
us to follow him and to
travel with him along
the path of love, the
path that alone leads
to eternal life. It is not
an easy journey, yet
the Lord promises us
his grace and he never
abandons us. We face

lives, if we share our joys and sorrows
with him, then we will experience the
peace and joy that only God, who is
infinite love, can give.

The Beatitudes of Jesus are new and
revolutionary. They present a model of
happiness contrary to what is usually
communicated by the media and by
the prevailing wisdom. A worldly way
of thinking finds it scandalous that
God became one of us and died on a
cross! According to the logic of this
world, those whom Jesus proclaimed
blessed are regarded as useless,
"losers". What is glorified is success
at any cost, affluence, the arrogance
of power and self-affirmation at the
expense of others.'



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

THE JOY OF
ACKNOWLEDGING OTHERS

219. When one part of society exploits all that the world has to offer,
acting as if the poor did not exist, there will eventually be consequences.
Sooner or later, ignoring the existence and rights of others will
erupt in some form of violence, often when least expected. Liberty,
equality and fraternity can remain lofty ideals unless they apply to
everyone. Encounter cannot take place only between the holders of
economic, political or academic power. Genuine social encounter calls
for a dialogue that engages the culture shared by the majority of the
population. It often happens that good ideas are not accepted by the
poorer sectors of society because they are presented in a cultural garb
that is not their own and with which they cannot identify. A realistic
and inclusive social covenant must also be a "cultural covenant", one
that respects and acknowledges the different worldviews, cultures and
lifestyles that coexist in society.

Pope Francis'
Amoris Laetitia
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

"A great number of children are born outside of
wedlock, many of whom subsequently grow up with
just one of their parents or in a blended or reconstituted
family... The sexual exploitation of children is yet
another scandalous and perverse reality in present-
day society. Societies experiencing violence due to
war, terrorism or the presence of organized crime are
witnessing the deterioration of the family, above all
in large cities, where, on their outskirts, the so-called
phenomenon of 'street-children' is on the rise".²⁸ The
sexual abuse of children is all the more scandalous
when it occurs in places where they ought to be most
safe, particularly in families, schools, communities and
Christian institutions.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection today for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

Sat 15th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun 16th	9am	St George's —	Peggy Ryan RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon 17th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 18th	10am	St George's —	Dinky Lissenburg RIP
Wed 19th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	William & Mary Humphries RIP
Thur 20th	10am	St George's —	Jim Ayres RIP
Fri 21st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Family Intention

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 22nd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun 23rd	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Intention of Barbara

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 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

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

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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 & those named in the books in our churches

Amy Jenkins, Lily May, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Sue Nye, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Gill Standen, Letty Booth, Thomas Pailey, Thomas Guy, Michael O'Regan, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney, Graham, Pamela Swanston, Jean & Chris Littlewood, Terry & Anne Oglethorpe and Jean Skelton.

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:

National Marriage Week began last Friday and ran until **St Valentine's Day** on 14th February. Marriage Week is an annual celebration, and offers an important opportunity for us to support and promote the vocation of marriage and family life. We have all been encouraged to say daily a *simple prayer of thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage: I realise that this week of prayer will be over by the time you read this but I encourage us all in the coming week to support the work done in National Marriage Week by saying daily this week the following prayer in thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage:*

“Lord, we pray in thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage and for each couple that you join together to make a family. We ask that every marriage brings each couple closer to you and to holiness. We pray for those who are struggling in their marriage, that they can make it through this tough time and find hope and consolation in You. We pray that this Jubilee year can be a year of hope for marriages, with your gentle guiding hand through each action, decision, discussion and event. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

With my love and prayers for you all. Deacon John.

2025 Jubilee Year Reflection Gatherings with CAFOD

Are you wondering what the 2025 Jubilee Year is all about? Join us as we reflect on the meaning of the Jubilee Year and what it means to be a ‘Pilgrim of Hope’. We’ll be meeting at St Wilfrid’s Church on March 26th after the 10.00am mass for the first of four gatherings. This will be followed by a simple soup lunch to raise funds for CAFOD. Sign up sheets to register interest will be available at the back of church next week.

You can also join CAFOD’s ‘Make a Jubilee pledge’, to make a monthly donation to share hope with communities around the world in this Year of Jubilee and you’ll receive their weekly gospel reflections by email. These reflections include ways in which you and the wider CAFOD family can give, act and pray during this Holy Year. Visit them on:

www.cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025

St Wilfrid’s Church: Musicians and singers needed to help with providing music for the Family Mass in St Wilfrid’s Church once a month. All abilities and ages welcome. Please contact Gary O’Brien on 07707 513847 or email garyobrien4@yahoo.co.uk Thank you.

Youth led Fundraiser for Flame 2025: We are delighted that over 80 of our Catholic youth and their leaders from our Deanery will be attending FLAME 2025, the Catholic youth Congress in Wembley, during Lent. The £29 ticket price has been paid by the attendees, however they are looking to raise the money to fund the coaches to travel there, over £2000 needed.

Ukraine Help:

If you have any old candles around...any size, shape colour, they will be melted down and used to make Trench Candles for the soldiers. Also any unwanted warm coats. Please leave in a bag at the back of the church, many thanks Paula.

Fundraising events include:

St George's - Souper quiz night - Friday 28th Feb, 6pm doors open and quiz starts at 6.30pm. Soup and sweet treats will be served between rounds. Tickets £7 adults, under 14s £3 on sale after mass or available to reserve via parish office hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk Team size max 8 and can be formed in advance or on the night.

St Patrick Celebration at St Richard’s Catholic College: Sat 8th March. Tickets via Eventbrite from 10th Feb. See poster for more information.

Our Lady of Ransom Eastbourne Pancakes and Bacon/sausage Bap breakfast - after 10.15am mass on Sunday March 2nd.

Parish Over 50’s Club: Thurs 27th Feb is our next afternoon tea, 2-4pm. Theme will be “Wales and all things Welsh”, as it will be St David’s Feast Day a couple of days later, so plenty of daffodils and leeks on the table of prizes? We are all given a free raffle ticket when we pay and everyone gets a prize, plus extra prizes for the bingo and quiz. The afternoon is full of fun and laughter, home baked scones, sausage rolls, quiches and cakes. All welcome, you don’t have to be catholic to join in the fun. It is always the last Thursday of the month, 2-4pm, a £10 charge covers everything. Hope to see you there.

Christ the King - Bingo date and time TBC. Please support us if you can. Donations of raffle prizes are also welcomed (mark "youth fundraiser" and leave with welcomers to pass on). Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

- Sun 23rd Feb, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s Hall.
- Sun 23rd Feb, After Mass - Parish Meeting, St W’s
- Thur 27th Feb, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.
- Fri 28th Feb, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W’s Hall.
- Wed 12th March, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W’s Hall.
- Wed 2nd April, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W’s Hall.

Community Charity Breakfast - Our next breakfast at St George's is 23rd Feb after mass - this month our charity is Care International, a disaster emergency charity, we hope you, your family and friends can support this breakfast and vital Care Packages the charity brings to war torn communities worldwide. All are welcome.

Mass Attendance

Sunday 9th February - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid’s 114 St George’s 66