

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

Cf. Ps 17: 19-20

Gloria

Collect

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.
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 Book of Sirach.

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's
filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise
the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the
cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses
the cultivation of a person's mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is
the test of people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R. cf. 2a

R. It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just one will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the LORD is upright.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Second Reading

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

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters: When the perishable puts on the
imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come
to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'
'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But
thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be
steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the
Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.
Alleluia.

Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 6:39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind
man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A
disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully
trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that
is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your
own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me
take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do
not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First
take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly
to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree
bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For
figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes
picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good
treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of
his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the
heart his mouth speaks.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed or The Apostles' Creed

R. Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name
and count our oblations as signs

R. we ask of your mercy

that what you grant as the source of merit
may also help us to attain merit's reward.

R. Amen.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Cf. Ps 12: 6

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you feed us in the present age,
you may make us partakers of life eternal.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



This Sunday's Gospel continues
with some very 'hard' teaching
from Jesus. Again it is about the
danger of judging others. Making

judgements of others is the easiest
thing in the world to do. Often we judge
people by their appearance, by the
clothes they wear, by the way they speak.
I once boarded a crowded Tube train
in London and sitting in front of me
was a young man with spikey hair and
metal attachments
in his nose, ears and lips. I
had already judged him by his
appearance when he stood up
and offered me his seat! We so



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



THE JOY OF ACKNOWLEDGING OTHERS

221. Such a covenant also demands the realization
that some things may have to be renounced for the
common good. No one can possess the whole truth
or satisfy his or her every desire, since that pretension
would lead to nullifying others by denying their rights.
A false notion of tolerance has to give way to a dialogic
realism on the part of men and women who remain
faithful to their own principles while recognizing that
others also have the right to do likewise. This is the
genuine acknowledgment of the other that is made
possible by love alone. We have to stand in the place of
others, if we are to discover what is genuine, or at least
understandable, in their motivations and concerns.

Pope Francis'
Amoris Laetitia
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

"Most families have great respect for the elderly, surrounding them
with affection and considering them a blessing. A special word of
appreciation is due to those associations and family movements
committed to serving the elderly, both spiritually and socially... In
highly industrialized societies, where the number of elderly persons
is growing even as the birth rate declines, they can be regarded as a
burden. On the other hand, the care that they require often puts a
strain on their loved ones".³⁴ "Care and concern for the final stages
of life is all the more necessary today, when contemporary society
attempts to remove every trace of death and dying. The elderly who
are vulnerable and dependent are at times unfairly exploited simply
for economic advantage. Many families show us that it is possible
to approach the last stages of life by emphasizing the importance of
a person's sense of fulfilment and participation in the Lord's paschal
mystery. A great number of elderly people are cared for in Church
institutions, where, materially and spiritually, they can live in a peaceful,
family atmosphere. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are serious threats
to families worldwide; in many countries, they have been legalized. The
Church, while firmly opposing these practices, feels the need to assist
families who take care of their elderly and infirm members".



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for SPUC)

(Wednesday is Ash Wednesday; fasting and abstinence)

Sat	1st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	2nd	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Mon	3rd	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	4th	10am	St George's —	Special Intention
Wed	5th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Christy Glynn
Wed	5th	12noon	St George's -	Heather Walsh Intention
Thur	6th	10am	St George's —	Margaret Madams RIP
Fri	7th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Dorothy Blake RIP

First Sunday of Lent (Friday is CAFOD Lent Fast Day, collection next Sunday)

Sat	8th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	9th	9am	St George's —	Wilfredo Villaluna Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' 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/>

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

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: 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 & 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.

Fr Rory Writes: From having heard the greetings from the Kelly's; our communities response:-

Good to hear from the Kelly's and the greetings.
 Community is going to be more important as we move forward and we all need to support one another in this time of change. The activities in the life of our parish are very important to us and what is best for our future. In a time of change and so much that is not known what the future will bring, activities keep us together as a parish and make us stronger in our faith.
 Nourishment is always important, and a special opportunity comes with Lent and the Jubilee Companion Booklet is a good start.


Fr Rory

Resources for Lent and the Jubilee Year

To help with your Lenten preparations we have obtained copies of the booklet, Walk With Me, A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2025. These are available in the porch, and we ask that you take one per family. There are also booklets and a Lent Calendar for every child. There isn't a charge for these resources, but we suggest a donation of £1 for the adult copies of the Walk With Me booklets.

A free copy of The Jubilee Companion Booklet is also now available to assist you on your journey through this Holy Year. Please take one copy per family. To find out more about Jubilee Year, please join us at our Reflection Gatherings and discover more about what it means to be a true '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 soup lunch to raise funds for CAFOD. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church.

Pilgrims of Hope for CAFOD: To mark this Jubilee Years theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope' we invite you to join us for a day of prayer and walking on Saturday, March 29th.
 The day will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for Confession at 10.00 am at St Wilfrid's Church. Following this we are taking on the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD!
 As a group we will be walking to achieve 200km together. Starting at St Wilfrid's our route will take us along the Cuckoo Trail to St George's in time for a simple soup lunch. Following lunch we will be led by our youth in a Family Stations of the Cross service. The route between our two churches is only 5km, so in order to achieve our collective goal of 200km we need 40 people to walk with us on the day. Please join us! For more information about sponsorship and how to join our walking team please follow this link or follow the QR code below:
<https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-wilfrid-and-st-george-big-lent-walk>
 Alternatively, you can collect a sponsor form from the back of church.
 If you're unable to join us, please keep us in your prayers, and if you are in a position to sponsor us, we will be very grateful. Scan this QR code and follow the link to make your donation or add your name to the Team Sponsor form at the back of church.



St Wilfrid's Church: There will be a music practice for everyone who wants to be involved in providing music for the Children's Mass on Saturday 8th March at 10am till 11.30am in St Wilfrid's Church Hall.

St Patrick's Day celebration will be at St Wilfrid's on Sunday March 16th after the 10.30am Mass. Start time 11.30 to 3pm. Tickets are on sale from this weekend £5 adults, children free. Come and join us with games, music, raffle and fun with food provided. Bring your alcoholic drinks.

Arundel Cathedral - Feast of Corpus Christi Thursday 19th June 2025
 We hope to arrange for a parish pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral by coach, using Lynns Travel, for this year's Feast of Corpus Christi on Thursday 19th June - returning after the 5.30pm mass, procession and benediction. The coach cost is expected to be £21 per person. If you, your friends or family are interested in this please give your name, number of seats required, contact phone and email to Jean at St Wilfrid's or Sandra at St George's. This is to initially find out if there is enough interest and we will return with exact details of the trip once we have them.

Youth Fundraising for Flame Pilgrimage Travel - Our thanks to all who have supported our Youth Led fundraising, we hope to update you on funds raised so far from the parish quiz and the OLR breakfast next week. The CTK bingo has been put on hold until after Lent. Overall we hope to raise £2000+ across the parishes in our Deanery. If anyone would like to donate towards the fundraising for the Youth travel but can't attend the fundraising events, please do pop a donation in an envelope marked Youth Fundraising and hand it in via the collection or parish office.

Dates for your Diary:
 Wed 12th March, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
 Wed 26th March, After Mass - CAFOD Gathering + Soup Lunch.
 Thur 27th March, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
 Fri 28th March, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.
 Sun 30th March, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
 Wed 2nd April, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
 Wed 30th April, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.

Parish Over 50's Club: Thurs 27th March, 2-4pm. St Wilfrid's Hall. All welcome.

Mass Attendance
Sunday 23rd February - Mass Attendance:
 St Wilfrid's 98 St George's 70