

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

THE GLORIA

Glorify 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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 6:1-2a, 3-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!' And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.' And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 4-5, 7c-8, R.1c

R. In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I praise you. I bow down towards your holy Temple.

I give thanks to your name for your merciful love and your faithfulness. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, 'How great is the glory of the LORD!'

With your right hand you save me; the LORD will accomplish this for me. O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia.

Stand
Ps 94:6-7

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 5:1-11

At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

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

O Lord our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stand

All bow

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Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



It is perfectly normal and natural that we want to achieve things through our own efforts. And, if we are talking about making a career, starting a business or getting a good degree for example, we need to work hard. If, however, we want to follow God, hard work and determination are not sufficient. In order to follow God, we must learn

to listen to his voice, to filter it out from all the other 'voices' – greed, selfishness, pride, etc. Today's Gospel is a perfect illustration of this. Peter and his friends had fished all night and caught nothing. When they do what Jesus asks them to do they haul in an amazing catch. Peter's reaction is, as usual, very strong and also rather strange. He says: 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' He becomes aware of his sinfulness when he experiences the power of Jesus. But perhaps it is not so strange. In fact, the first step in our relationship with God is to understand that God is everything and I am nothing. Until we have that experience ourselves, our

relationship with God will remain superficial. Once we accept our sinfulness we then listen to Jesus saying: 'Do not be afraid.' He knows how weak we are, but rather than that being an obstacle in our relationship with God, it is actually an essential element in it. When we really accept our nothingness in front of God, then he can start to work in us.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

THE JOY OF ACKNOWLEDGING OTHERS

218. All this calls for the ability to recognize other people's right to be themselves and to be different. This recognition, as it becomes a culture, makes possible the creation of a social covenant. Without it, subtle ways can be found to make others insignificant, irrelevant, of no value to society. While rejecting certain visible forms of violence, another more insidious kind of violence can take root: the violence of those who despise people who are different, especially when their demands in any way compromise their own particular interests.

Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia LOVE IN THE FAMILY

The lack of dignified or affordable housing often leads to the postponement of formal relationships. It should be kept in mind that "the family has the right to decent housing, fitting for family life and commensurate to the number of the members, in a physical environment that provides the basic services for the life of the family and the community". Families and homes go together. This makes us see how important it is to insist on the rights of the family and not only those of individuals. The family is a good which society cannot do without, and it ought to be protected. "The Church has always held it part of her mission to promote marriage and the family and to defend them against those who attack them", especially today, when they are given scarce attention in political agendas. Families have the right to "to be able to count on an adequate family policy on the part of public authorities in the juridical, economic, social and fiscal domains". At times families suffer terribly when, faced with the illness of a loved one, they lack access to adequate health care, or struggle to find dignified employment.

PARISH COMMUNITIES OF



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection today for the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund)

Sat	8th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	9th	9am	St George's —	Jacqueline McGrath RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	10th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	11th	10am	St George's —	Rosanne Banks Intention
Wed	12th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Thur	13th	10am	St George's —	Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy Intention for Betty Elliott
Fri	14th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Mathew RIP

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

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

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St George's & St. Wilfrid's

Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver

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Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

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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, Sue Nye, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenuizen, 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 and Terry & Anne Oglethorpe.

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.

Deacon John Writes:

"I am Lord, send me". Do you think you are up to the following passage in the light of this weeks readings? "God has a different call for each of us. Because each of us is unique, each of us has a mission which no one else can fulfil. God will use all of us, and particularly what is unique in us, to bring this mission to fulfilment. Our response must be like that of Isaiah: "Here I am, Lord...send me." — "I'll do it. I'll play my part. I'll speak to that neighbour, that coworker, that friend, that relative. I'll talk to my daughter about the way she is rearing her children. I'll keep my mouth shut and refuse to gossip or criticise my colleagues on or my bosses. I'll pray every day. I'll learn to listen patiently to those in need. With Your help, I'll do it." " The following item tells of how one man thinks he is doing it!

A man had spent fruitless day fishing. He didn't want to go home empty-handed. He decided to stop at a local fish market. "I'd like three good sized fish," he said to the clerk. "But before you wrap them, toss them to me, one by one." The clerk looked puzzled at his request, "Sir? That's a strange thing to ask." Smiling the man said, "This way I'll be able to tell my wife truthfully that I caught them!"

Deacon John

Lourdes Pilgrimage - Second Collection Today

Every year, the Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage takes more than 700 pilgrims from our parishes to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our group includes those who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need our help to make the journey. They are cared for during the Pilgrimage week by our volunteer helpers; together we live the Pilgrimage motto of 'Love in Action' as we serve each other and follow the call of Our Lady to serve her Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

Newsletter: We will be reverting back to the old size print from 16th February 2025.

St Patrick Celebration at St Richard's Catholic College: Sat 8th March. Tickets via Eventbrite from 10th Feb or the PTFA would like to offer pre-sale tickets to parents, families and friends of St Richard's, contact Helen 07855 409022 or Rachel 07855 225419. See poster for more information.

Parish Over 50's Club: Lasts weeks afternoon tea and games; we usually have 24 attending, but due to the cold/flu virus we were down to 10! Such a shame as the theme was all things Scottish win a "wee dram"! 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.

Dates for your Diary:

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.
Fri 28th Feb, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.
Wed 12th March, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.

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.

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.

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

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.

The sick and suffering: We have many parishioners who need our prayers at this time. Please remember them in your prayers and offer any help they may need. A little prayer for Fr Rory please in this time of change in our parishes.

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 2nd February - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 122 St George's 60