

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Cf. Ps 26:7-9

COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
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 Acts of the Apostles. Acts 7:55-60

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven
and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand
of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the
Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out
with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at
him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the
witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man
named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out,
'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried
out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And
when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 97(96):1, 2b. 6, 7c. 9. R. 1a, 9b

R. The LORD is king, most high above all the earth.

or:
Alleluia.

The LORD is king, let earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Justice and right are the foundation of his throne.

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you angels, worship him.

For you indeed are the LORD,
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

Second Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation. Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, 'Behold, I am coming soon,
bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he
has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,
the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their
robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that
they may enter the city by the gates.

'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things
for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the
bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears
say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who
desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Cf. John 14:18

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. John 17:20-26

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said,
'Holy Father, I do not ask for these only, but also for those who
will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one,
just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be
in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The
glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may
be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they
may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you
sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire
that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where
I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved
me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even
though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know
that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I
will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have
loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

R. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia. Jn 17:22

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



This Gospel passage brings us back
to the event of the Last Supper.
Jesus has given his disciples his New
Commandment of mutual love. He

him. That is why any breakdown of
unity in the Christian community is
a scandal that needs to be addressed.
At this point in history the Church

has washed their feet.
He has instituted the
celebration of the
eucharist. Now he prays
to his Father with the
request that all may
be one. He prays for
unity. Not just any
sort of unity, but the
same unity that exists
between him and his
Father. Our unity is
to be modelled on the
unity that exists in the
Blessed Trinity. It is only
when as Christians we
are "one" that the world
will believe in Jesus and
the Father who sent

that Jesus founded is no longer "one".
For all sorts of religious, cultural, and
political reasons we find ourselves
divided. This makes it all the more
urgent to remind ourselves of Jesus'
prayer for unity. Ecumenism is not an
option for Christians, it is mandatory.
One of the ways that we can come
together as Christians is to point to
what we have in common and not
what divides us. More than anything
else we are united by our common
baptism which gives us the gift of new
life and makes us sons and daughters
of the one Father in heaven.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL FRATELLI TUTTI BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



BEGINNING WITH THE LEAST

235. Those who work for tranquil social coexistence
should never forget that inequality and lack of
integral human development make peace impossible.
Indeed, "without equal opportunities, different forms
of aggression and conflict will find a fertile terrain
for growth and eventually explode. When a society –
whether local, national or global – is willing to leave a
part of itself on the fringes, no political programmes
or resources spent on law enforcement or surveillance
systems can indefinitely guarantee tranquility". 222 If
we have to begin anew, it must always be from the
least of our brothers and sisters.

222. Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (24 November 2013), 59;
AAS 105 (2013), 1044.



Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia LOVE IN THE FAMILY



"When faced with difficult situations and
wounded families, it is always necessary to recall
this general principle: 'Pastors must know that,
for the sake of truth, they are obliged to exercise
careful discernment of situations' (Familiaris
Consortio, 84). The degree of responsibility
is not equal in all cases and factors may exist
which limit the ability to make a decision.
Therefore, while clearly stating the Church's
teaching, pastors are to avoid judgements that
do not take into account the complexity of
various situations, and they are to be attentive,
by necessity, to how people experience and
endure distress because of their condition".



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Collection Today for World Communications)

Sat	31st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	1st	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Eleanor's Intention
Mon	2nd	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	3rd	10am	St George's —	Jim Ayres RIP
Wed	4th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Ollie & Eleanor's Intention
Thurs	5th	10am	St George's —	Margaret Madams RIP
		11.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Funeral for Ann Fielder
Fri	6th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Mary & PJ Harrington's Intention

Pentecost

(Collection next Sunday for A Day for Life)

Sat	7th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	8th	9am	St George's —	John & Ellen Bonner 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

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.
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: Maria - 07873759962

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, Jean Skelton, Jennifer, Peter Mitchell, Cecelia Hyland, Sheila Jury & Madeleine Waters.

Warm Welcome! We're glad to have you at Mass, especially visitors.

New to the parish or looking to reconnect? Fill out a welcome form in the porch or speak to Fr. Rory - we'd love to meet you and help in any way!

Fr Rory Writes:

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you and your hearts will rejoice, Alleluia.

The readings this week are incredible, very much fit for purpose. This Sunday, St George's quarterly meeting takes place after their mass, and we have our regular meetings at St Wilfrid's. Important communication from Fr Kevin, who is tasked with a large responsibility he is carrying out to the best of his ability, **(and very well at that)**, I am sure it is very stressful for him. He has been in communication with us, and agrees it has become clear we share a common view that July would be too soon to commence the new time schedule. He relies on a sense of urgency and willingness to get it right and has made suggestions that we will engage in.

Please take away the newsletter and get all the nourishment that is offered to us by Jesus at this most important and fruitful time.

Fr Rory

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 12/13 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or call 07887 893 763.

Related to that, all parishioners are warmly invited to an online webinar being run by Stella Maris on Thursday 19th June from 7:30pm to 9pm. You will hear about the work that Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, including the use of the funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year. To attend this webinar, please sign up at: www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyouwebinar

St George's Meeting Sunday, June 1st: The second of St George's quarterly church meetings will take place after Mass on Sunday, June 1st. Minutes from the previous meeting are available in the file at the back of the church. These meetings are an important opportunity for our community to share, reflect, and move forward together in prayer, formation, and mission. Tea and coffee will be served first.

GCSE and A Level Exams are now taking place, so we ask God's blessing on the students taking their exams and their families and teachers.

Lulu is in hospital having a knee replacement. Please spare a prayer for her and pick out any weeds in the garden, as she will not be able to attend the beautiful plants she normally does for a while.

Parish Jubilee of Hope:

50 years Ordination Celebration for Fr Paul Jennings. An afternoon Tea Party to be held on Saturday 12th July at 3.30 pm at St George's Hall. All parishioners invited. Details to follow. Please save this date.

Do you have a room to LET: We have a young lady in our parish community who is looking for a room to rent in Hailsham. If you can help, please send details to hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.

Over 50's Afternoon Tea & Games: This month's theme is French. Our next fun afternoon is Thursday 26th June at 2pm. If you are new to our parish or never been to one of our fun afternoons, why not give it a go? Just turn up and join us, you will be very welcome.

Music Practice: There will be a music practice for the Children's Mass on Saturday 14th June at 10am in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

Polegate Art'n' Craft Café: One day only. Saturday 7th June from 10am until 3.30pm. St George's Church Hall.

Community Charity Breakfast - Our next breakfast will be Sun 29th June after mass at St George's - this month our charity is "Young Parishioners Local Retreat(s)". We hope you, your family & friends can support this.

Ann Fielder: A memorial service will be held at St Wilfrid's Church on Thurs 5th June at 11.30am followed by refreshments in our church hall.

Arundel Cathedral Corpus Christi Trip:

Thank you to all those who have booked already to join us on our parish pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday 19th June to see the Carpet of Flowers and join in the mass and procession. We have a few seats remaining; these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To book: please provide name and contact number to Jean (St Wilfrid's), Sandra (St George's). The cost is £20 per person and we will leave Polegate at 1pm. Sandra will contact you with more details by w/c 9th June if you have booked.

Dates for your Diary:

Fri 30th May, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.
Sun 1st June, After Mass - St George's Quarterly Meeting, St G's Hall.
Sun 1st June, After Mass - Womble Day, St W's.
Sat 14th June, 10am - Music Practice, St W's Hall.
Thurs 26th June, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Fri 27th June, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.
Sun 29th June, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Sat 12th July, 3.30pm - Celebration for Fr Paul Jennings, St G's Hall.

Sunday 25th May - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 95 St George's 65