

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23
Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

COLLECT
Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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 Book of Wisdom. Wisdom 18:6-9

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 33(32):1,12. 18-19. 20, 22. R.12b
R. Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just; for praise is fitting from the upright. Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen as his heritage.

Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the LORD. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

SECOND READING
A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Brothers and sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL
Alleluia, alleluia. Matthew 24:42a, 44
Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-48
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 said to his disciples, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

R. Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 147: 12, 14
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

10TH AUGUST 2025

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The only certainty in life is death. Despite this, very often we live as if we were immortal. In the Gospels Jesus often reminds of our mortality and, as in today's Gospel, he warns

us to be ready, for we never now when the moment for us to leave this life will come. Occasionally when we lose a loved one, or when we ourselves have a serious road accident or illness, we are reminded just how fragile we are and how, at any moment, our life can be taken away. Every time we attend a funeral, we have to face up to the fact



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

THE BEST WAY
TO MOVE ON

245. On numerous occasions, I have spoken of “a principle indispensable to the building of friendship in society: namely, that unity is greater than conflict... This is not to opt for a kind of syncretism, or for the absorption of one into the other, but rather for a resolution which takes place on a higher plane and preserves what is valid and useful on both sides”. [229] All of us know that “when we, as individuals and communities, learn to look beyond ourselves and our particular interests, then understanding and mutual commitment bear fruit... in a setting where conflicts, tensions and even groups once considered inimical can attain a multifaceted unity that gives rise to new life”. ²³⁰

230. Meeting with the Civil Authorities, Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps, Riga, Latvia (24 September 2018): L'Osservatore Romano, 24-25 September 2018, p. 7.

Pope Francis'
Amoris Laetitia
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

Love is not irritable or resentful

If the first word of Paul's hymn spoke of the need for a patience that does not immediately react harshly to the weaknesses and faults of others, the word he uses next – paroxýnetai – has to do more with an interior indignation provoked by something from without. It refers to a violent reaction within, a hidden irritation that sets us on edge where others are concerned, as if they were troublesome or threatening and thus to be avoided. To nurture such interior hostility helps no one. It only causes hurt and alienation. Indignation is only healthy when it makes us react to a grave injustice; when it permeates our attitude towards others it is harmful.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Friday is the feast of our Lady's Assumption)

Sat	9th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open
Sun	10th	9am	St George's —	Joan Lodrick RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	11th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	12th	10am	St George's —	Sandford Lissenburg RIP
Wed	13th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Olivia Keown Intention
Thurs	14th	10am	St George's —	P Terence Anthony RIP
Fri	15th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Doreen Birks RIP

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	16th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open
Sun	17th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Norman Wright RIP

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

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USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577

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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

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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, Cecilia 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:

Special Visitors

Each year we have special and interesting visitors attending our mass during the summer time. From the very gifted man, who sings in concerts at Glyndebourne, others having very interesting stories from our past, leaving us enriched treasured memories remembered of celebrations and sorrows for sad losses. Please God, all strengthening and supporting us on our journey.

This year we now have a visit from the National Relic Tour, **Wednesday 27th August**. Organised by the Knights of St Columba, bringing the relics of three Saints; St Andrew - Apostle, Patron of Scotland, St Columba of Iona and St Margaret of Scotland. Hoping that it will be a profitable, enjoyable and memorable occasion. Please give it your best attention and response.

Fr Rory

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025-26

Parents are invited to enrol their children for our First Holy Communion Programme 2025- 26 (those entering Year 3 or above). Application forms to join the programme are available at the back of the church and on the parish website. The course will begin with an introductory meeting for parents on September 11th at 6.00pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Deadline for enrolment is September 4th. For more information, please contact Teresa Palmer. 07951082592, tpalmer2205@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS & CHILDRENS LITURGY ASSISTANTS URGENTLY REQUIRED

As we are about to commence our new year of Children's Liturgy and sacramental preparation, we give thanks to all those who freely give of their time to support this most valuable ministry. Our Sacramental preparation programmes and Children's Liturgy sessions are dependent on the number of volunteers available. Going forward, we only have 1 leader available at George's to run both of these programmes and without further support it will not be possible to offer a Children's Liturgy session every Sunday in term time. One DBS checked adult catechist is needed for every eight children to meet the child safeguarding regulations. If you are willing to give a little of your time, want to learn more about your faith and share it with others, then please email Jackie at hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk or speak to Teresa or Mary O'Hanlon. We would especially like to encourage parents to consider joining our team so that we can continue to offer this service to your children. Prior experience is not necessary. Support and training will be provided.

Walking Pilgrimage Seaford to Eastbourne, 22nd Aug 2025 Timetable:

08:30-09:00 Service, Seaford Baptist Church, Belgrade Road.
09:20-09:50 Prayers At Thomas of Canterbury RC Church, Seaford.
10:21 Seaford Head.
11:30 Cuckmere Inn, Exceat.
12:41 Brass Point, Seven Sisters.
13:30-13:50 Prayers At Mary the Virgin, Friston.
14:00-15:00 Tiger Inn, East Dean, Lunch.
15:05 -15:25 Prayers At Simon and Jude, East Dean.
17:20-17:40 Prayers, Holywell.
18:25 Arrive Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne.
Everyone welcome to join us, but you must book in advance please www.thepilgrims.org.uk

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 10th Aug, After Mass - Parish Meeting, St W's.
Fri 22nd Aug, 8.30am-6.25pm - Walking Pilgrimage Seaford to E/B.
Wed 27th Aug, 10.30am-7pm - National Relic Tour, St W's Hall.
Fri 29th Aug, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.
Thurs 11th Sept, 6pm - 1st Holy Comm, Parents Mtg, St W's Hall.
Thurs 25th Sept, 2-4pm - Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Sun 28th Sept, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.

St Wilfrid's Church: There will be no Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament during August.

Tea/Coffee at St Wilfrid's: There will be no tea/coffee after Mass on Sunday 17th August due to a private baptism celebration. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Parish Meeting at St Wilfrid's: Sunday 10th August after Mass.

A Special Day for St Wilfrid's in this Jubilee Year

We are honoured that **St Wilfrid's is the only parish in East Sussex** selected to host a reliquary from **Carfin Grotto in Scotland**, as part of the **National Relic Tour** organised by the **Knights of St Columba**.

The reliquary contains sacred relics of three revered saints:

- **St Andrew** – Apostle, Patron of Scotland, and also Patron of Ropemakers (*fittingly, as Hailsham has a strong historical link with rope-making*), **St Columba of Iona, St Margaret of Scotland**

The relics will be available for **veneration at St Wilfrid's Church on Wednesday 27th August**, following **10am Mass**, and throughout the day until an **Evening Mass at 7pm**.

Lumen Christi: If you or your child are in Year 9 - Year 13 in September 2025 and would like to join the Parish Lumen Christi group for formation towards the sacrament of confirmation, please collect a form from the back of church. The deadline for applications is 3rd October.

Send a postcard to your fellow parishioners via your parish office this summer—let's fill our churches with stories of faith and the beauty of the universal Catholic Church! Whether you've visited a local church while on a day trip or holiday, celebrated a saint's feast day, passed through a Holy Door, or been on a pilgrimage, share your experience with your parish community. Your postcard will be proudly displayed this September as part of our Jubilee Year celebration. Let's journey together as **Pilgrims of Hope!**

Over 50's Tea and Games Afternoon: We will not be meeting in July and August. Our next meeting is Thursday 25th September when the theme will be Harvest.

Community Charity Breakfast: Our next breakfast will be Sun 28th September after mass at St George's - when we will be supporting The Food Bank. We hope you, your family and friends can support this.

Sunday 3rd August - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid's 100 St George's 80