

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 85: 1-3  
**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

**COLLECT**  
O God, who cause the minds of the faithful  
to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
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** Isaiah 66:18-21  
A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.  
Thus says the LORD: ‘For I know their works and their thoughts,  
and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues.  
And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a  
sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the  
nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal  
and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my  
fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among  
the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the  
nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots  
and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy  
mountain Jerusalem,’ says the LORD, ‘just as the Israelites  
bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the  
LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for  
Levites,’ says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 117(116):1. 2. R. Mark 16:15  
**R. Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.**  
*or:*

**Alleluia.**  
O praise the LORD, all you nations;  
acclaim him, all you peoples!  
**R.**  
For his mercy has prevailed over us;  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.  
**R.**

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation  
that addresses you as sons? ‘My son, do not regard lightly  
the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by  
him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises  
every son whom he receives.’ It is for discipline that you  
have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is  
there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment  
all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it  
yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have  
been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak  
knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is  
lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** John 14:6  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.  
**No one comes to the Father except through me.**  
**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** Luke 13:22-30  
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 went on his way through towns and  
villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And  
someone said to him, ‘Lord, will those who are saved be few?’  
And he said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow door.  
For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.  
When once the master of the house has risen and shut the  
door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door,  
saying, “Lord, open to us”, then he will answer you, “I do not  
know where you come from.” Then you will begin to say, “We  
ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.”  
But he will say, “I tell you, I do not know where you come from.  
Depart from me, all you workers of evil!” In that place there will  
be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham  
and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of  
God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from  
east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table  
in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be  
first, and some are first who will be last.’

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**  
O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption  
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,  
bestow graciously on us, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 103: 13-15  
**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The question of who will be saved and how many will be saved is a question that has been asked and is still asked more than 2,000 years after Jesus came on the earth to save us. As we can see from today’s Gospel, people in Jesus’s time were asking the same question. Jesus’ reply is quite chilling: “...many will try to enter [by the narrow door] and will not succeed.” What is this narrow door? We can only assume that the narrow door is Jesus himself. He tells us that the only way to the Father is through him.

And how do we go through him? We go through him when we give food to the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison etc. In short, we go through the narrow door when love our neighbours, especially those who are the neediest. If not, when we come to the end of our earthly lives, Jesus will not recognise and we will not enter into the kingdom of God.



POPE FRANCIS’ ENCYCLICAL  
FRATELLI TUTTI  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

### MEMORY

247. The Shoah must not be forgotten. It is “the enduring symbol of the depths to which human evil can sink when, spurred by false ideologies, it fails to recognize the fundamental dignity of each person, which merits unconditional respect regardless of ethnic origin or religious belief”.<sup>231</sup> As I think of it, I cannot help but repeat this prayer: “Lord, remember us in your mercy. Grant us the grace to be ashamed of what we men have done, to be ashamed of this massive idolatry, of having despised and destroyed our own flesh which you formed from the earth, to which you gave life with your own breath of life. Never again, Lord, never again!”<sup>232</sup>

231. Arrival Ceremony, Tel Aviv, Israel (25 May 2014): Insegnamenti II, 1 (2014), 604.  
232. Visit to the Yad Vashem Memorial, Jerusalem (26 May 2014): AAS 106 (2014), 228.

### Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia

LOVE IN THE FAMILY

### Love forgives

Once we allow ill will to take root in our hearts, it leads to deep resentment. The phrase *ou logizetai to kakón* means that love “takes no account of evil”; “it is not resentful”. The oppo-site of resentment is forgiveness, which is rooted in a positive attitude that seeks to understand other people’s weaknesses and to excuse them. As Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Lk 23:34). Yet we keep looking for more and more faults, imagining greater evils, presuming all kinds of bad intentions, and so resentment grows and deepens. Thus, every mistake or lapse on the part of a spouse can harm the bond of love and the stability of the family. Something is wrong when we see every problem as equally serious; in this way, we risk being unduly harsh with the fail-ings of others. The just desire to see our rights respected turns into a thirst for vengeance rather than a reasoned defence of our dignity.

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	23rd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Confessions
Sun	24th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Brian Winter RIP
Mon	25th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	26th	10am	St George's —	For getting a good job
Wed	27th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	In Thanksgiving
		12pm	St George's -	Requiem Mass for Mary Hoskin
Thurs	28th	10am	St George's —	
Fri	29th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Dr Josie Labayo RIP

#### Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	30th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Confessions
Sun	31st	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Sean O'Sullivan 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#\\_=\\_](https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_)

**Newsletter items:** Please send to Jackie at [hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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

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](mailto: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:

**“By their fruits you shall know them,**

**Good trees bear good fruit”**

A constant saying as I was growing up, **the family that prayed together, stayed together**, but it also acknowledged that this does not act as the guarantee that there would be no crosses or afflictions. **There is no guarantee of a trouble free life, but yes, there are aids to overcome them.**

**The Knights of St Columba National Relic Tour, is a God sent opportunity** and our highest priority to experience graces and blessings. **A grateful heart to those who have laboured to prepare for this event, with the time and effort spent.** Let us embrace this event with **prayer full hearts**, and a good sense of hope that it will bring great blessings and the strengthening to be faithful witnesses through the important weeks and months to come.

*Fr Rory*

#### CAFOD: Response in Gaza

Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at [cafod.org.uk](https://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to [pray for peace](#) in the Middle East.

#### Cathedral Mass for Altar Servers - Saturday 27 September at 12 noon at Arundel Cathedral:

Fr Aaron Spinelli, the Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral led by Bishop Richard. The Mass will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities and is for those who have served, those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve – everyone is very welcome to attend. Please contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers; E: [aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk) - and bring a cassock, cotta or an alb, if possible. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments (please bring a packed lunch).

#### 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](mailto: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.

**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.

#### Dates for your Diary:

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.  
Wed 10th Sept, After Mass, Fundraising/Social Mtg, 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.

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

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

The reliquary contains sacred relics of three beloved 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** with **refreshments** in the hall from **10.40am to 5.30pm**. **Family Friendly activities** including storytelling, games and crafts will be available in the **church garden** between **4.00pm and 5.30pm**. For the full itinerary please **pick up an event programme** from the church porch. All welcome – come and share in this rare and holy occasion!

**St George's:** If you have a child under 4 there is a box of toys and books at the back of St George's church by the welcoming table. Please feel free to borrow these so your child is entertained and you feel less stressed during mass. We welcome all little ones, it is their Church too and we really don't mind them crying or talking. That was once us!!

**Baptism:** If you have a child or baby looking for baptism please contact Mary on 07799464817 or Angie on 07582267546. If you are expecting a baby you may wish to attend the sessions before your baby arrives. Sessions will be 3x1 hour after the 10.30 mass at Hailsham church. We look forward to hearing from you.

#### 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](mailto:tpalmer2205@gmail.com)

#### Sunday 17th August - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 111 St George's 66