

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

Ps 69: 2, 6

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Matthew 5:3  
Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. Luke 12:13-21  
And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions.’ And he told them a parable, saying, ‘The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, “What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?” And he said, “I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you.

R. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Wis 16: 20  
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

R.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption.

R. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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 Ecclesiastes.  
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R.1

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation.

You turn man back to dust,  
and say, ‘Return, O children of Adam.’  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream,  
like grass which is fresh in the morning.  
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;  
by evening it withers and fades.

Then teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Turn back, O LORD! How long?  
Show pity to your servants.

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;  
give success to the work of our hands.  
O give success to the work of our hands.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The Gospels are full of warnings about our mortality and reminders that we know not the day nor the hour when we will be called from this life. And yet we often live as if we were immortal. The saints always had the idea of death in their thoughts, not in a morbid way, but in a very positive way. They understood very clearly that life on this earth is a preparation for the life to come, the life with and in God. Today’s Gospel once again spells out the futility of accumulating riches. We may think that to be wealthy gives us security. Of course there is a basic level of needs without which life becomes impossible, but once we have catered for these basic needs, we are in danger of accumulating

money and possessions simply for the sake of it. We all have a duty to think of the needs of our neighbour, whether that neighbour is someone in my town or in another part of the world. If we isolate ourselves from our neighbour we will eventually also isolate ourselves from God. And when we present ourselves to him in the next life we run the risk of him not recognizing us, because we didn’t recognize him in our needy neighbours.



### POPE FRANCIS’ ENCYCLICAL FRATELLI TUTTI BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



#### THE BEST WAY TO MOVE ON

244. When conflicts are not resolved but kept hidden or buried in the past, silence can lead to complicity in grave misdeeds and sins. Authentic reconciliation does not flee from conflict, but is achieved in conflict, resolving it through dialogue and open, honest and patient negotiation. Conflict between different groups “if it abstains from enmities and mutual hatred, gradually changes into an honest discussion of differences founded on a desire for justice”.<sup>228</sup>

228. PIUS XI, Encyclical Letter *Quadragesimo Anno* (15 May 1931): AAS 23 (1931), 213.



### Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia

#### LOVE IN THE FAMILY



We have repeatedly said that to love another we must first love ourselves. Paul’s hymn to love, however, states that love “does not seek its own interest”, nor “seek what is its own”. This same idea is expressed in another text: “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Phil 2:4). The Bible makes it clear that generously serving others is far more noble than loving ourselves. Loving ourselves is only important as a psycho-logical prerequisite for being able to love others: “If a man is mean to himself, to whom will he be generous? No one is meaner than the man who is grudging to himself” (Sir 14:5-6).



# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	2nd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	3rd	9am	St George's —	Jim Ayres RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	4th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	5th	10am	St George's —	Mary Jenner RIP
Wed	6th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	John & June Bell RIP
Thurs	7th	10am	St George's —	Patricia Mole RIP
Fri	8th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Agnes Chetwyn RIP

#### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sat	9th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	10th	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#\\_=\\_](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

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, Cecilia Hyland, Sheila Jury & Madeleine Waters.

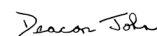
**Warm Welcome!** We're glad to have you at Mass, especially visitors.

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!

**Deacon John Writes:**

On Monday we heard the parable of the mustard seed and yeast. Jesus explains how the Kingdom of God grows within us by the power of the Word we hear and power of the Holy Spirit. When we allow his Word to take root in our hearts, we are transformed and made holy by the power of the Holy Spirit Who dwells in us. The life-principle in a small mustard seed enables it to grow into a large bush by a slow but steady process. The microscopic yeasts within a small piece of dough transform it into soft and spongy bread- yum!

Christianity had a small beginning, like a mustard seed or yeast, with Jesus and a band of twelve apostles in a remote corner of the world. But through the power of the Holy Spirit living in individual Christians, Christianity has become the largest religion in the world, spreading in all countries taking in all races of people. We need to act like yeast, influencing the lives of others around us in a similar way that Christianity in the past transformed the treatment of women, children, slaves, the sick, and the poor by the power of the Gospel. We Christians, in our time, have the duty to transform the lives of people around us by our lives, led according to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.



**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!**

**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.

**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](http://www.thepilgrims.org.uk)

**St Wilfrid's Church:** Our lovely cleaning team **urgently** need a few more people to join them in keeping our beautiful church in tip top condition. It would involve working with at least one other person for about two hours every five weeks. Please contact Maria Hills on [07873759962](tel:07873759962). Thank you

**New & nearly new items needed for St George's Table Sale:** If you have any items to donate please leave in a bag marked "table sale" at the back of the church. The table sale raises vital funds for the charity of the month and youth activities throughout the year. Thank you.

**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.

**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 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 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**.

**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.

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

**The Eastbourne Parkinson's Choir** is performing in concert at Our Lady of Ransom church hall (opposite the town hall) on 21st August when they are raising funds for the Catholic Midlands Orphanage and Care Centre in Colenso, Zululand, South Africa and also for our Lady of Ransom parish. Doors open at 6pm and the concert begins at 6.30pm. A Ploughman's meal will be served half way through. There will also be a bar serving wine, beer/lager and soft drinks. For tickets priced at £12 please contact Mick or Vernika Lees on 01323 654468/email [veronikammlees123@gmail.com](mailto:veronikammlees123@gmail.com)

**Sunday 21st September 5.00pm, Congress Theatre, Eastbourne.** The Kanneh-Mason Trio play Beethoven's *Triple Concerto*, and the English Arts Chorale sing Verdi's *Requiem*. Tickets £19-£42 and more details available from [www.englisharts.org](http://www.englisharts.org)

**New Deanery Website & Newsletter** to help with regular communication across our deanery, especially relating to the formation of a single parish, we have developed a temporary website which can be found at [www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk](http://www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk). The website also has the Summer issue of the deanery newsletter to read online.

**Sunday 27th July - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid's 93      St George's 63