

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42  
All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**COLLECT**  
O God, who manifest your almighty power  
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us  
and make those hastening to attain your promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
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** Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
A reading from the Prophet Amos.

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are  
at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain  
of Samaria.

'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves  
out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves  
from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of  
the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of  
music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the  
finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore  
they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the  
revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

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

**PSALM** Psalm 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R.1b  
**R. My soul, give praise to the LORD.**

*or* **Alleluia.**  
It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever,  
who does justice to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the LORD who sets prisoners free.

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the LORD who loves the just,  
the LORD who protects the stranger.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The LORD will reign for ever,  
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

**SECOND READING** 1 Timothy 6:11-16  
A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,  
steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.  
Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and  
about which you made the good confession in the presence  
of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God,  
who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his  
testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession,  
to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach  
until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will  
display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only  
Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has  
immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no  
one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal  
dominion. Amen.

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**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** 2 Corinthians 8:9  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
Jesus Christ, though he was rich,  
yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that you by his poverty might become rich.  
**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** Luke 16:19-31  
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 the Pharisees, 'There was a rich  
man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted  
sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man  
named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with  
what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs  
came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried  
by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and  
was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes  
and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called  
out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to  
dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in  
anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that  
you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like  
manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in  
anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm  
has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here  
to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us."  
And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's  
house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them,  
lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham  
said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them."  
And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them  
from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not  
hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if  
someone should rise from the dead.'"

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

**R.** **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**  
Grant us, O merciful God,  
that this our offering may find acceptance with you  
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing  
may be laid open before us.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R.** **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 118: 49-50  
**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,**  
**by which you have given me hope.**  
**This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,  
restore us in mind and body,  
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,  
to whose suffering we are united  
whenever we proclaim his Death.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



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POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL  
**FRATELLI TUTTI**  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



**Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia**  
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

**FORGIVING BUT NOT FORGETTING**

252. This does not mean impunity. Justice is properly sought solely out of love of justice itself, out of respect for the victims, as a means of preventing new crimes and protecting the common good, not as an alleged outlet for personal anger. Forgiveness is precisely what enables us to pursue justice without falling into a spiral of revenge or the injustice of forgetting.

**Love endures all things**

*Panta hypoménei.* This means that love bears every trial with a positive attitude. It stands firm in hostile surroundings. This "endurance" involves not only the ability to tolerate certain aggravations, but something greater: a constant readiness to confront any challenge. It is a love that never gives up, even in the darkest hour. It shows a certain dogged heroism, a power to resist every negative current, an irrepressible commitment to goodness. Here I think of the words of Martin Luther King, who met every kind of trial and tribulation with fraternal love: "The person who hates you most has some good in him; even the nation that hates you most has some good in it; even the race that hates you most has some good in it. And when you come to the point that you look in the face of every man and see deep down within him what religion calls 'the image of God', you begin to love him in spite of [everything]. No matter what he does, you see God's image there. There is an element of goodness that he can never sluff off...



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Friday is Harvest Fast Day, Collection for CAFOD on 5th October)

Sat	27th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Open for Adoration and Confessions
Sun	28th	9am	St George's —	Death Anniversaries of Sonia Villaluna
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Ruth & Eric Arndt RIP
Mon	29th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	30th	10am	St George's —	Margaret Madams RIP
Wed	1st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Geff Radcliffe RIP
Thurs	2nd	10am	St George's —	Minna Bromfield's RIP
Fri	3rd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Sheila Jury RIP

#### Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection for CAFOD Today, Collection for Prisoners' Sunday - 12th Oct)

Sat	4th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Open for Adoration and Confessions
Sun	5th	9am	St George's —	Maria & Lilia's Intention
		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#\\_=\\_](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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#### 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, Madeleine Waters, Jeannie and Mick.

**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!

<b>Fr Rory writes:</b>		
<b>Vibrant Communities,</b>	<b>Vibrant Communities,</b>	<b>Yes, Vibrant.</b>
<p>Our parish priest, Fr Kevin, continues to highlight our need to be vibrant, and hearing from progress in the diocese in establishing now the new order that is intended to be in place, we must focus our efforts. Good work has taken place over the years, but now we are at the point of deliverance and facing a challenge.</p> <p>The saying is “the proof of the pudding is in the eating”. We need to continue to develop our responses, so far the preparation for the sacraments of reconciliation and holy communion has got off to a good start. Last week a good suggestion for caring for the housebound; increasing opportunities to receive holy communion and praying together. We now have an item from Fr Kevin for next weeks bulletins. Please continue to pray and work for our future.</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Fr Kevin</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Harvest Festival &amp; A Season of Giving</b></p> <p>Our parish Harvest Festival will be celebrated at <b>both St George’s and St Wilfrid’s on Sunday 28th September</b> — a time to thank God for His gifts and share them with others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>St George’s:</b> The Monthly Charity Breakfast will follow the <b>9.00am Mass</b>, raising funds for Eastbourne &amp; Hailsham Foodbanks.</li> <li>◆ <b>St Wilfrid’s:</b> A produce sale in aid of <b>CAFOD</b> will follow the <b>10.30am Mass</b> (donations of fruit, veg, preserves, or baked goods welcome at Friday Mass, Saturday Adoration, or on the day).</li> <li>◆ <b>Foodbank Collection at both churches:</b> Non-perishable items may be left in either church porch during the week.</li> </ul> <p><b>CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 3rd October</b></p> <p>Eat simply and donate to parish collection to help communities like Waré’s in Ethiopia, where women walk for hours to collect water. Your gift brings signs of hope in this Jubilee Year. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, digital plate or follow this QR code to make your donation.</p> <p><b>Harvest Ploughman’s Lunch AT St Wilfrid’s – Sunday 5th October</b></p> <p>To round off our harvest celebrations, St Wilfrid’s will be hosting a Harvest Ploughman’s Lunch after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 5th October. Tickets are £5, with all proceeds going to CAFOD. Please sign up in advance if you’d like to attend. We’d love to share this simple, joyful meal with you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Let’s give thanks, celebrate together, and share God’s abundance — near and far.</p>		
<p><b>Exploring Our Faith: Catholicism with Bishop Robert Barron</b></p> <p>New 10-week course (not consecutive) begins <b>Wednesday 24th Sept, 6.30pm</b> at 55 Gorringe Valley Road. Each session features a one-hour video from Bishop Barron’s acclaimed <i>Catholicism</i> series, followed by discussion. A wonderful opportunity to deepen and share our faith together. To find out more or to join, please contact <b>Mary O’Hanlon</b> (07789 464817 / <a href="mailto:maryohanlon21@hotmail.com">maryohanlon21@hotmail.com</a>).</p>	<p><b>From this Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2-30pm, the Rosary Group</b> will commence with a short Eucharistic service for those wishing to receive Holy Communion. The Rosary with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be prayed following this. Both will be held in the church. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome to join us.</p>	
<p><b>Children’s liturgy:</b> Both our churches offer regular children’s liturgy during term time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A gentle reminder for parents: please complete registration forms</li> <li>◆ Children under 5 should be accompanied by a parent or carer.</li> <li>◆ We urgently need new leaders—full training and support is provided, please speak to Teresa (St W) or Mary (St G) for more details.</li> <li>◆ We also need <b>Doorkeepers</b> —volunteers who help escort the children safely to and from the hall and encourage them during the storytelling. Please add your name to the rota.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Quiz Night at St Wilfrid’s:</b> We will be holding a Quiz Night on <b>Friday 17th October 2025, 7pm start</b>. There will be a main quiz, picture quiz and raffle. Prize for the best table name and lucky ticket prize. Please bring your own nibbles and alcoholic drinks. Entry £5 (6 to a table). Please support this event if you can.</p>	
<p><b>Calling All Crafters:</b> Do you enjoy a bit of sewing or making simple wooden items? The Children’s Liturgy team needs helping hands to create resources for Godly Play—patterns are provided! Please speak to <b>Annette or Teresa</b> for more details.</p>	<p><b>Quiz Night:</b> Margaret Nevill would love to join a team at St Wilfrid’s Hall on Friday 17th October. Please contact Jackie on 841504 or email <a href="mailto:hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk">hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk</a> if you have a vacancy. Thank you.</p>	
<p><b>Polegate Art’n’Craft Fayre &amp; Café</b> Saturday 4th October, 10am–3pm St G’s Hall. Come browse and enjoy a cuppa. Everyone welcome!</p>	<p><b>St Thomas A Becket Catholic Primary School - Open Day:</b> St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School warmly invite parents of children due to start school for the first time in September 2026 to our open day on Wednesday 5th November. We will be holding 3 sessions throughout the day 9am, 1.30pm and 6pm. Please contact the school for further information or to be added to one of the sessions. Email- <a href="mailto:Office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk">Office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk</a> Phone- 01323 737221.</p>	
<p><b>Dates for your Diary:</b></p> <p>Sun 28th Sept Mass - Harvest festival both churches</p> <p>Sun 28th Sept, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s Hall</p> <p>Sun 4th Oct, 11.15am - Harvest Ploughman’s Lunch – St W’s Hall</p> <p>Sun 12th Oct, After Mass - St Wilfrid’s Parish Meeting.</p> <p>Fri 17th Oct, Time TBC, Quiz Night, St W’s Hall.</p> <p>Thurs 30th Oct, 2-4pm - Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.</p> <p>Fri 31st Oct, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W’s Hall.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 21st September - Mass Attendance:</b></p> <p>St Wilfrid’s    152    St George’s    90</p>	