

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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 Second Book of Kings. 2 Kings 5:14-174

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 98(97):1. 2-3b. 3c-4. R. cf. 2b

R. The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

O sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The LORD has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.
2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God

Ps 129: 3-4

is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

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Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. Luke 17:11-19

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

R. 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.
R. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

R.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In today's gospel reading we hear about a second "good Samaritan". Out of ten who were cured of leprosy he is the only one who returns to give

thanks to Jesus. What is highlighted here is the reality that love only reaches its goal when it becomes reciprocal. Jesus curing the lepers is already love but it is not enough. To make it complete the love needs to be returned, just as a service in tennis needs a return for the game to be played. The commandment of love of neighbour already existed before the coming of Jesus. That is why he called his commandment to "love one another" a "new commandment". If love goes only in one direction it can leave open the possibility of the one who "loves" as quietly feeling superior to the one who is loved. Reciprocity in love restores the balance. When money is the currency, the rich person can all too easily look down upon the poor person. Instead, when love is the

currency we all find ourselves at the same level. It may happen that I find it easier to love than to allow myself to be loved. When I love I am the one in control. I can decide when and who to love. When someone reaches out to me in love it is the one who loves who has taken the initiative, just as Jesus did in curing the ten lepers. When someone loves me will I be like the nine who walked away or will I be the Samaritan who returns the love that has been received?



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
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BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

FORGIVING BUT NOT FORGETTING

254. I ask God "to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace". ²³⁶

236. Homily, Amman, Jordan (24 May 2014): Insegnamenti II, 1 (2014), 593.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

24. The Church which "goes forth" is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast. Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father's infinite mercy. Let us try a little harder to take the first step and to become involved. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. The Lord gets involved and he involves his own, as he kneels to wash their feet. He tells his disciples: "You will be blessed if you do this" (Jn 13:17). An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection for Prisoners' Sunday Today, Collection for World Mission - 19th Oct)

Sat	11th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Open for Adoration and Confessions
Sun	12th	9am	St George's —	Parish School, College & University Students Int.
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	13th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	14th	10am	St George's —	Youth Ministries Intention
Wed	15th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Mrs Liz McAssiy Intention
Thurs	16th	10am	St George's —	Repose of the Soul of Anna McCullagh
Fri	17th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Glynn Family RIP

St Philip Howard, Martyr Patron of the Diocese

(Collection for World Mission Today)

Sat	18th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Open for Adoration and Confessions
Sun	19th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Joseph Finn 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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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!

Fr Rory writes:		
	Father,	Son and Holy Spirit.
A work in process. Progress was made at the meeting last Monday at OLR. Our Parish Priest, Fr Kevin has sent us the following information:-		
NEW PARISH UPDATE Our New Parish will operate from 2 Hub centres (the Eastbourne end and the St Leonard's/Hastings end). We already have an excellent Leadership Group up and running in each Hub, made up of clergy and lay reps from each church. When we reach Advent, end of November, we will have a Single Newsletter for all churches in each Hub; all our Catechists will be working together across churches to deliver Sacramental programmes; we will have Stewardship Groups in each Hub, expertise drawn from across our churches, to oversee care of our many buildings in a strategically joined-up way; we will be consulting with you all about revised New Mass Schedules in each Hub, taking account of fewer priests and giving good variety of times for everyone. Please keep all this work in your prayer, and for more detailed info see: https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk God bless, Fr Kevin (on behalf of the clergy team)		
INAUGURATION OF FIRST NEW PARISH: Last week Brighton & Hove Deanery became the first New Single Parish – we will follow soon! To see an uplifting short 3 minute video of the Inauguration go to www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/a-new-parish-for-arundel-brighton		
Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio - his charity for world mission - through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit mission.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.		
St Wilfrid's Ploughman's Lunch: A big thank you to Leslie and her small team. What a lovely plate of fresh baguettes and salad, washed down with a lovely cup of tea. You really did do us proud.	Quiz Night at St Wilfrid's: We will be holding a Quiz Night on Friday 17th October 2025, 7pm start . 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.	
East Sussex Young Care Leavers Christmas, donation request: Each year our team of staff have been able to cook and serve a Christmas meal, give small Christmas gifts and create a happy and positive experience for 200 of our local care leavers aged between 16-25 yrs and in some cases also their own children. They often find Christmas a very difficult and isolating time and sadly they do not have the usual support networks that makes Christmas a special time for many. We are collecting small gifts or items suitable to include in our fund-raising Christmas raffle, or if you are thinking of a financial donation, however small, please write a cheque payable to East Sussex County Council and pass to Jackie in the office. Thank you in advance.	Last Saturday, the West Hub Lumen Christi Confirmation Formation group gathered for the first time. Please keep in your prayers the more than fifty young people who have begun their journey of preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation after Easter 2026. Applications for this year's programme are now closed. If you have a child who will be in Year 9–13 in September 2026, applications for the next group will open in July 26.	
October – Month of the Holy Rosary: October has long been dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a prayer which draws us into the life of Christ through the eyes of His Blessed Mother. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on 7th October, recalling the Church's gratitude for Mary's powerful intercession throughout history. During this month, we are especially encouraged to take up the Rosary—whether individually, as a family, or in community—entrusting our joys, struggles, and intentions to Our Lady, who always leads us to her Son. Let us make a special effort this October, to pray the Rosary more often, asking Our Lady of the Rosary to strengthen our faith, bring peace to our world, and draw us closer to Christ. Please join us before weekday masses to recite the Rosary.	Special Ministries - Assisting at Mass on Sundays: We are in short supply and could do with some more help please. If you would like to fill this gap, please contact Fr Rory. Thank you.	
Dates for your Diary: Sun 12th Oct, After Mass - St Wilfrid's Parish Meeting. Fri 17th Oct, 7pm, Quiz Night, St W's Hall. Sun 26th Oct, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall. Thurs 30th Oct, 2-4pm - Over 50's Club, St W's Hall. Fri 31st Oct, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.	Over 50's Afternoon Tea & Games: Our next meeting will be Thurs 30th Oct, 2-4pm. Halloween Theme. If you would like to join, please contact the office on 841504.	
	Catholic Women's League – West Hub: The CWL West Hub meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm in Christ the King parish hall . Looking ahead: the November meeting will be on Wednesday 5th November , when we will enjoy a film night featuring the inspiring story of Blessed Carlo Acutis .	
	Newsletters: Please take the newsletters home with you every week, so you will know what is going on in our parish and if you can help in anyway. Thank you.	
	Sunday 5th October - Mass Attendance: St Wilfrid's 137 St George's 65	