

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who  
is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and  
his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of  
season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience  
and teaching.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Hebrews 4:12  
The word of God is living and active,  
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

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

Luke 18:1-8

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect  
that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said,  
‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God  
nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who  
kept coming to him and saying, “Give me justice against my  
adversary.” For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to  
himself, “Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because  
this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she  
will not beat me down by her continual coming.”’

And the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And  
will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and  
night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice  
to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will  
he find faith on earth?’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

R. Grant us, Lord, we pray,  
a sincere respect for your gifts,  
that, through the purifying action of your grace,  
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord Cf. Ps 32: 18-19  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,  
we may be helped by what you give in this present age  
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus. Exodus 17:8-13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at  
Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose for us men, and  
go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top  
of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.’ So Joshua did as  
Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron,  
and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held  
up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his  
hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands grew weary, so  
they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while  
Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the  
other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the  
going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and  
his people with the sword.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 121(120):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R. cf. 2

R. Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

He will keep your foot from stumbling.  
Your guard will never slumber.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel’s guard.

The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade  
at your right hand.  
By day the sun shall not smite you,  
nor the moon in the night.

The LORD will guard you from evil;  
he will guard your soul.  
The LORD will guard your going and coming,  
both now and for ever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy. 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly  
believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from  
childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings,  
which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in  
Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable  
for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in  
righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped  
for every good work.

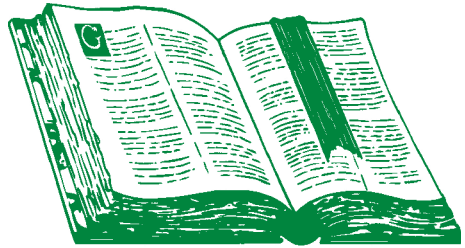
# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



In this Sunday’s gospel we are asked  
to pray always and not lose heart.  
At times we all find ourselves in  
situations where we are tempted to

lose heart, even to feel that  
God has abandoned us. A  
cancer which seemed to  
have been cured comes  
back again. Constant  
worry about paying our  
bills has worn us down.  
There is unending fighting  
and bickering in the home.  
In the final sentence of the  
Gospel Jesus asks whether  
he will find faith on earth  
when he comes again.  
Faith is not faith unless it  
is tested. As in many other  
aspects of our living here  
too Jesus acted as a model  
to be imitated. On the  
cross he felt abandoned by God and  
yet he cried out, “Father, into your  
hands I commend my spirit” (Lk  
23:46). We would like our problems



POPE FRANCIS’ ENCYCLICAL  
FRATELLI TUTTI  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

WAR AND DEATH  
PENALTY

255. There are two extreme situations that  
may come to be seen as solutions in especially  
dramatic circumstances, without realizing that  
they are false answers that do not resolve the  
problems they are meant to solve and ultimately  
do no more than introduce new elements of  
destruction in the fabric of national and global  
society. These are war and the death penalty.

Pope Francis’  
Apostolic Exhortation  
GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

We should not grow discouraged before examples  
of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some  
testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but  
that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead  
us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in  
mind for us. The important thing is that each believer  
discern his or her own path, that they bring out the  
very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that  
God has placed in their hearts (cf. 1 Cor 12:7), rather  
than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant  
for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are  
many actual ways of bearing witness. Indeed, when the  
great mystic, Saint John of the Cross, wrote his Spiritual  
Canticle, he preferred to avoid hard and fast rules for  
all. He explained that his verses were composed so that  
everyone could benefit from them “in his or her own  
way”. For God’s life is communicated “to some in one  
way and to others in another” (N. 11)

# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### 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 — | M J Abraham RIP (1st Anniversary)  |
| Mon   | 20th | 2.30pm  | St George's —  | Rosary Group - All Welcome         |
| Tues  | 21st | 10am    | St George's —  |                                    |
| Wed   | 22nd | 10am    | St Wilfrid's — | Joseph Finn RIP                    |
| Thurs | 23rd | 10am    | St George's —  |                                    |
| Fri   | 24th | 10am    | St Wilfrid's — | Dorothy Povey & Family RIP         |

#### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Sat | 25th | 10am    | St Wilfrid's — | Open for Adoration and Confessions     |
| Sun | 26th | 9am     | St George's —  | Wilfredo Villaluna & for All the Souls |
|     |      | 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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### USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

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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

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Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

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#### 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, 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!



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| <p><b>The harvest is great but the labourers are few, ask the Lord of the harvest.</b></p> <p>With help of God; let us focus upon the Kingdom of God. The focus remains the same, the labourers are few. Moments of Grace are so important, and as you read, our moments of grace are so special. My greatest failure is expressed in the appeal for Special Ministries. The constant reality is that the labourers are few. The Requiem Mass for Shiela Jury was very special, and great thanks to the funeral helpers who worked so hard to provide the event. Another bonus, Annette has been given a date for her surgery. The incredible amount of work that she does, sometimes without much support, leaves us very short while she is recuperating. We wish her a speedy recovery, and like Lulu make a remarkable recovery. All our thanks is not sufficient, but we remain ever so grateful. The other items help us to realise how important our newsletter has been as a great platform to help us communicate within our communities. We hear a lot about it, “to be vibrant communities”. A constant work that will dictate the outcome for our future. Other special moments, a call for prayer and thanks for Gary’s dad and the long list, who we remember each week in the newsletter, which is constantly updated. Constant moments, “Month of the Holy Rosary”, nourishment.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Today is World Mission Sunday</b></p> <p>Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio - the Pope’s charity for world mission - we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be ‘Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples’ as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God’s Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God’s compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, 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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Save the Date!</b></p>  <p>We have organised a special festive treat for the parish. Join us for a night of <b>Comedy &amp; Carols</b> on <b>Friday, 12th December at St Wilfrid’s</b>. We’re delighted to welcome <b>comedian and writer Paul Karensa</b>, who will bring laughter and festive joy to this special celebration.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>Funeral Mass for Sheila Jury:</b> All of us who attended this moving service did so to remember our Sheila, a lovely lady, so bubbly and generous. She is sadly missed by all of us, especially at Sunday &amp; weekday masses and in the hall over a cuppa and chat. Thank you Darcy for inviting us to a reception in our hall. It was a privilege to see all her family mingling with us. A big thank you to Leslie and her team, you did a great job of arranging a full buffet. A collection was made in her honour for St Wilfrid’s Hospice, a very worthwhile cause.</p> |                      |
| <p><b>Children’s Liturgy:</b> Parents, please bring your children aged <b>4–10</b> to our <b>Children’s Liturgy</b>, held Sundays in term time at both St George’s and St Wilfrid’s. It’s a joyful way for children to hear the <b>Sunday Gospel</b> and take part in <b>creative activities</b> that help them grow in faith.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b>Please pray</b> for the repose of the soul of James (Gary’s dad) who sadly died on Monday 13th October.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
| <p><b>Sunday 12th October was the Feast Day of St Wilfrid our Patron Saint:</b> We celebrated in the hall after mass with a cake, numbers were low due to a parish meeting after mass in the church.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>St Wilfrid’s:</b> You may have noticed a large plastic box in our porch marked “Gift Bags &amp; Gifts” to go in them. Although we are not holding this very popular event until after our Carol Service in December (Date TBC). We would like to make this event even bigger this year, so we will need more “Gift Bags” please, plus any gifts, just place them in the box. Thank you. Money raised will go towards our Children’s Liturgy.</p>                                                                                                                                |                      |
| <p><b>October – Month of the Holy Rosary:</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>Special Ministries - Assisting at Mass on Sundays:</b> 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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                      |
| <p><b>Dates for your Diary:</b></p> <p>Sun 26th Oct, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s Hall.<br/>         Thurs 30th Oct, 2-4pm - Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.<br/>         Fri 31st Oct, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W’s Hall.<br/>         Wed 19th Nov, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Communion Mtg, St W’s Hall.<br/>         Sat 22nd Nov, Time TBC - Advent Workshop, St W’s Hall.<br/>         Fri 12th Dec, 7.30pm - Comedy &amp; Carols, St W’s Hall.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Over 50’s Afternoon Tea &amp; Games:</b> Our next meeting will be Thurs 30th Oct, 2-4pm. Halloween Theme. If you would like to join, please contact the office on 841504.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                      |
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