

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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 Sirach. Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19, 23. R.7a

R. The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

The LORD turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,
and rescues him in all his distress.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering,
and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the
good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that
day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his
appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all
deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord
stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me

Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles
might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The
Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely
into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and
ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. 2 Corinthians 5:19
**God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

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 told this parable to some who trusted in
themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with
contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a
Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing
by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like
other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this
tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get."
But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up
his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be
merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his
house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will
be exalted.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

R. Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
R. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 19: 6

**We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

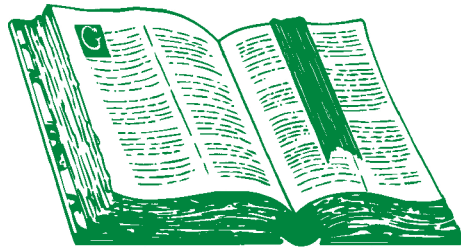
GOSPEL REFLECTION



One of the key themes of the teaching of Jesus is the condemnation of all forms of self-righteousness; particularly when it includes a

judgemental attitude towards those who are considered to be “sinners”. With God there can be no question of any form of self-justification. In front of God we are all sinners. It is God who exalts us through his mercy. Human logic will insist that if I keep God’s commandments I have the right to receive my reward and those who don’t keep the commandments should be punished. That is not the logic of the Gospel. In the parable of the workers in the vineyards, those who worked the whole day were upset when the ones who were hired at the eleventh hour received the same payment. The

point of the parable is that it is God and not human beings who sits in the seat of judgment. Not only that. He wants us to show the same mercy towards others as he shows towards us. And we have no reason to boast about our forgiveness of “sinners”. For who among us is without sin? Who among us can throw the first stone? If anyone could throw a stone it would be Jesus, and yet on the cross he said, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do” (Lk. 23:34).



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
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THE INJUSTICE OF WAR

256. “Deceit is in the mind of those who plan evil, but those who counsel peace have joy” (Prov 12:20). Yet there are those who seek solutions in war, frequently fueled by a breakdown in relations, hegemonic ambitions, abuses of power, fear of others and a tendency to see diversity as an obstacle.
²³⁷ War is not a ghost from the past but a constant threat. Our world is encountering growing difficulties on the slow path to peace upon which it had embarked and which had already begun to bear good fruit.

237. Cf. Message for the 2020 World Day of Peace (8 December 2019), 1: L'Osservatore Romano, 13 December 2019, p. 8.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Mon	27th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	28th	10am	St George's —	Yvonne McNamee
Wed	29th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Adrienne Lockwood RIP
Thurs	30th	10am	St George's —	Holy Souls' Intention
Fri	31st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	James & Margaret O'Brien RIP

All Saints

(Tomorrow is All Souls' Day)

Sat	1st	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Open for Adoration and Confessions
Sun	2nd	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	All Lissenburg Family 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:

Month of the Holy Souls
Gone before us, marked with a sign of faith.

While growing up in Ireland, I sometimes heard it said “the family that prays together and plays together, stay together”. Recently we have been blessed by good experiences with the holy memorial and beautiful requiem mass service for Sheila Jury, and followed by a quiz night with memorable moments. The team that won the prize for best name, brought some special excitement by the way they participated in the evening - credit where credit is due.

There is a very special occasion to look forward to on Friday 12th December in Hailsham; Comedy and Carols. This event deserves a lot of attention and communication, but above all, personal invitations. So often we are so dependant upon a few doing so much. Hopefully another event could be ever so enjoyable and rewarding, an occasion of remembrance with music and fellowship, remembering the many treasured members of our community who have died. Bill O’Rourke stands out, as I remember an occasion that he lead, and it was a very memorable evening, with music and dance.

This year is coming to a close, believe it or not, and best foot forward for the coming year. Let us continue working together, with just a bit more hope and good reason to be confident that the work that is taking place is the best way to go, and with the help of God, more persons working together will bear fruit.

Fruit that will last.

Fr Rory

Save the Date!



We have organised a special festive treat for the parish. Join us for a night of **Comedy & Carols** on **Friday, 12th December at St Wilfrid’s**.

We’re delighted to welcome **comedian and writer Paul Karensa**, who will bring laughter and festive joy to this special celebration.

Tickets: £10 — available from the end of the month.

Come and share in a night of humour, music, and Christmas cheer.

Children’s Liturgy: Parents, please bring your children aged **4–10** to our **Children’s Liturgy**, held Sundays in term time at both St George’s and St Wilfrid’s. It’s a joyful way for children to hear the **Sunday Gospel** and take part in **creative activities** that help them grow in faith.

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.

Dates for your Diary:

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.

Wed 19th Nov, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Communion Mtg, St W’s Hall.

Sat 22nd Nov, Time TBC - Advent Workshop, St W’s Hall.

Fri 12th Dec, 7.30pm - Comedy & Carols, St W’s Hall.

Blessing of Graves: Deacon John will bless the graves in the memorial garden at St George’s after mass on Tuesday November 4th and then go to do the same at Willingdon Cemetery. Fr Rory will bless the graves at Hailsham after mass on Wednesday November 5th.

Sacrament of Healing / Anointing of the Sick

If you, or someone you care for, is ill or preparing for a hospital stay, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Rory to arrange a visit. This sacrament is a special way to experience God’s comfort, strength, and peace in times of sickness or difficulty.

St Wilfrid’s: You may have noticed a large plastic box in our porch marked “Gift Bags & 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.

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.

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**.

Sunday 19th October - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid’s 106 St George’s 65