

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
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 Revelation. Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.’ And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R. cf. 6

R. Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The LORD’s is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John. 1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Matthew 11:28
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

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

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 5:8-10

**Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.**
**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.**
**Blessed are they who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

R.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

R.

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Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to as the Magna Carta of the Christian way of life. But they can be misunderstood. It may seem that a

Christian is expected to put up with suffering in this life so as to be rewarded in the next life. But that is not at all what Jesus meant. More than anything else the Beatitudes point to two radically different approaches to life in this world. On the one hand we have those who see life in terms of a competition where the strong prevail and the weak are cast aside. Its ultimate expression is war whose outcome is determined by who has the most tanks or who can launch the most missiles. On the other hand, the message of Jesus centres on love of neighbour and therefore it holds out the only possibility for achieving peace among peoples and nations. However, universal peace is

only a pipedream if it doesn’t begin in the heart of each one of us. And before being at peace with others I must be at peace with myself. St Augustine said that our heart is restless until it rests in God. Since the rise of the information technology revolution our world is characterised by ever increasing levels of restlessness. The more we get sucked into virtual reality the more we seem to be losing touch with the inner depths of our soul where there is the indwelling of the Blessed Trinity, the source of all true peace and beatitude.



POPE FRANCIS’ ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

THE INJUSTICE OF WAR

257. Since conditions that favour the outbreak of wars are once again increasing, I can only reiterate that “war is the negation of all rights and a dramatic assault on the environment. If we want true integral human development for all, we must work tirelessly to avoid war between nations and peoples. To this end, there is a need to ensure the uncontested rule of law and tireless recourse to negotiation, mediation and arbitration, as proposed by the Charter of the United Nations, which constitutes truly a fundamental juridical norm”. [238] The seventy-five years since the establishment of the United Nations and the experience of the first twenty years of this millennium have shown that the full application of international norms proves truly effective, and that failure to comply with them is detrimental. The Charter of the United Nations, when observed and applied with transparency and sincerity, is an obligatory reference point of justice and a channel of peace. Here there can be no room for disguising false intentions or placing the partisan interests of one country or group above the global common good. If rules are considered simply as means to be used whenever it proves advantageous, and to be ignored when it is not, uncontrollable forces are unleashed that cause grave harm to societies, to the poor and vulnerable, to fraternal relations, to the environment and to cultural treasures, with irretrievable losses for the global community.

238. Address to the Members of the General Assembly of the United Nations, New York (25 September 2015): AAS 107 (2015), 1041.

Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

Just as you cannot understand Christ apart from the kingdom he came to bring, so too your personal mission is inseparable from the building of that kingdom: “Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness” (Mt 6:33). Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. Christ himself wants to experience this with you, in all the efforts and sacrifices that it entails, but also in all the joy and enrichment it brings. You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavour.

It is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others, to want peace and quiet while avoiding activity, to seek prayer while disdaining service. Everything can be accepted and integrated into our life in this world, and become a part of our path to holiness. We are called to be contemplatives even in the midst of action, and to grow in holiness by responsibly and generously carrying out our proper mission.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

All Saints (Monday 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
	All Souls Day	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	4th	10am	St George's —	Deceased Members of the King Family
		After Mass		Blessing of the Graves at Willingdon Cemetery
Wed	5th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Deceased Members of Brown & Quinlan Family
		After Mass		Blessing of the Graves at Hailsham Cemetery
Thurs	6th	10am	St George's —	
Fri	7th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Frederick & Philomenia Southam RIP
		Remembrance Sunday (Collection for Retired Priests' on 16th November)		
Sat	8th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Open for Adoration and Confessions
Sun	9th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Mary Wilson RIP
		3pm	St Wilfrid's —	Annual Bereavement Mass

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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USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

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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:

The nourishment that we receive

Antiphon, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Letter to the Romans “If God is for us, who can be against?”.

Through the week as we celebrate the mass, nourishment is provided to keep our faith alive and help it develop and grow. To this end our communities have tried to work with one another to do this. The challenge is now. So with the help of God we will be able to respond to our changing times and become all the better for it. From the blessing of the graves, and the occasions that are available to us will help us to survive and grow. Ten years after celebrating our first mass in the new church, we may give greater attention to St George’s church, which so enriches our story. It is so important that we continue to give life to our story.

Fr Rory

Comedy and Carols



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: £11.55 (including booking fee) — available from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-of-comedy-and-carols-with-paul-karensa-tickets-1866934785199>

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.

Community Charity Breakfast: Our next breakfast will be Sun 30th November after mass at St George’s - when we will be supporting The Royal British Legion. We hope you, your family and friends can support this.

CAFOD Harvest Appeal

Thank you to all who supported and contributed towards CAFOD's Harvest Appeal this year. Your kindness through the Family Fast Day envelopes, the produce sale, the ploughman's lunch and community breakfast has helped us raise £661 so far. We are so grateful for your generosity.

The money raised will help fund CAFOD's work with local partners, including providing:

Safe water to families like Waré's in Ethiopia, where underground water tanks are built to store rainwater.

Emergency aid to neighbours affected by conflicts, such as those in Ukraine and Sudan

This QR Code links to a CAFOD virtual envelope where you can make a donation if you wish. Thank you.



Linking Lives Eastbourne are looking for a Grant Coordinator to work part-time and join their Admin Team for 10 hours per month. Work flexibility around Grant schedules (at least two sessions per month) home-based with regular meetings with the Team via Zoom or in person. Salary upon request. For further information, please email admin@linkingliveseastbourne.com Closing date 14th of November 2025.

Over 50’s Afternoon Tea & Games: As our December meeting will fall on Christmas Day, we shall hold our party on Thurs 27th Nov, 2-4pm. Then meet again on Thurs 29th January 2026. Anyone over 50 is welcome to join our merry group, just turn up on the day. You will be very welcome.

A reminder that the Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard’s Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist – it’s a great way to stay in touch!

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.

Dates for your Diary:

Wed 19th Nov, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Communion Mtg, St W’s Hall.
Sat 22nd Nov, 5.30pm - Advent Wreath Making W/Shop, St W’s Hall.
Thurs 27th Nov, 2-4pm - Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.
Fri 28th Nov, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W’s Hall.
Sun 30th Nov, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s Hall.
Fri 12th Dec, 7.30pm - Comedy & Carols, St W’s Hall.

St Wilfrid’s Lucy Bags: These will be on sale at the “Comedy & Carols” evening on Fri 12th Dec and after all masses in our hall after that date. Adults £2, Children £1, prize every time. Profits go towards children’s liturgy expenses.

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.

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 26th October - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid’s 142 St George’s 80