

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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 Prophet Habakkuk. Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?
Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

And the LORD answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R.7c, 8a

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy. 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. 1 Peter 1:25
The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

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: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
R. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lam 3: 25

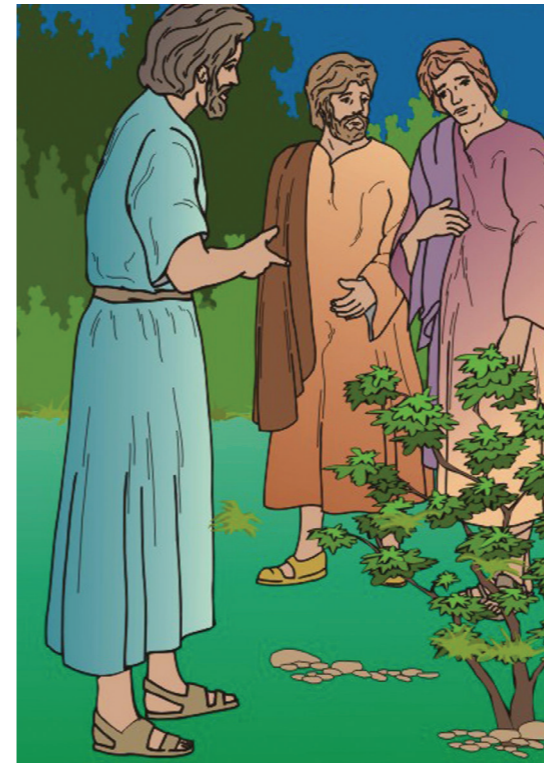
The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
R. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



John tells Jesus about someone who has been casting out devils in his name. He tells Jesus that they tried to stop him. Probably they were looking for approval of their actions from Jesus. However, Jesus says that what the man was doing was not against him. This may come as a surprise to us. As Christians we often feel we have to decry anyone who is doing things in the name of God but who is not Christian. Jesus has a very different view. He sees as positive any action which is done out of

love, regardless of their creed or background. Why? Because they are, without knowing it, loving Jesus. He then turns his attention to anyone who is an 'obstacle', anyone who gives scandal to others. While he promises heaven to anyone who offers a cup of water, he warns those who are an obstacle that they will be thrown into hell.

POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALLFORGIVING BUT
NOT FORGETTING

253. When injustices have occurred on both sides, it is important to take into clear account whether they were equally grave or in any way comparable. Violence perpetrated by the state, using its structures and power, is not on the same level as that perpetrated by particular groups. In any event, one cannot claim that the unjust sufferings of one side alone should be commemorated. The Bishops of Croatia have stated that, "we owe equal respect to every innocent victim. There can be no racial, national, confessional or partisan differences".²³⁵

235. CROATIAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE, Letter on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the End of the Second World War (1 May 1995).

Pope Francis'
Apostolic Exhortation
EVANGELII GAUDIUM

7. Sometimes we are tempted to find excuses and complain, acting as if we could only be happy if a thousand conditions were met. To some extent this is because our "technological society has succeeded in multiplying occasions of pleasure, yet has found it very difficult to engender joy".[2] I can say that the most beautiful and natural expressions of joy which I have seen in my life were in poor people who had little to hold on to. I also think of the real joy shown by others who, even amid pressing professional obligations, were able to preserve, in detachment and simplicity, a heart full of faith. In their own way, all these instances of joy flow from the infinite love of God, who has revealed himself to us in Jesus Christ. I never tire of repeating those words of Benedict XVI which take us to the very heart of the Gospel: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction".[3]

2 Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete in Domino (9 May 1975), 8: AAS 67 (1975), 292.
3 Encyclical Letter Deus Caritas Est (25 December 2005), 1: AAS 98 (2006), 217.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Collection for CAFOD Today, Collection for Prisoner's 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
Mon	6th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	7th	10am	St George's —	Repose of the Soul of Anna Kulty RIP
Wed	8th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Donor's Intention
Thurs	9th	10am	St George's —	Repose of the Soul of Pat Rouart
Fri	10th	11am	St Wilfrid's —	Requiem Mass for Sheila Jury RIP

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

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 Neyenuizen, 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 on 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

Harvest Festival

A beautiful array of produce was displayed around the altar with a special theme of "Water", and how we cannot live without it. All the items were carried after mass by our children with the help of some grown ups to the tables outside and sold. This was a huge success and all proceeds went to CAFOD.

Harvest Ploughman's Lunch At St Wilfrid's – Sunday 5th October

To round off our harvest celebrations, St Wilfrid's will be hosting a Harvest Ploughman's Lunch after the 10.30 Mass this Sunday 5th October. All proceeds going to CAFOD. Let's give thanks, celebrate together, and share God's abundance – near and far.

St Richards Catholic College: Recently several children visited France in an exchange with their French pals. It was very successful all-round. The French children have exchanged over here for the last 3 years under the supervision of Emily, Annette's daughter, who lives and teaches in France. It was so successful that the exchange visit will be an annual event. Well done all.

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.

St Wilfrid's & St George's: Please don't forget we have tea/coffee/cake available in the hall after Sunday and weekday masses. Get to know your fellow parishioners and have a chat over tea. We have noticed several new faces in our congregation, so please come and get to know us.

A Big Thank You to Lulu for providing us with such beautiful arrangements in pots outside St Wilfrid's Church and Hall. Many people on their way up to town have remarked on them.

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.

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.**

Calling All Crafters: 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 **Annette or Teresa** for more details.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 4th Oct, 11.15am - Harvest Ploughman's Lunch – St W's Hall
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.

St Thomas A Becket Catholic Primary School - Open Day: 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 Wed 5th Nov. We will be holding 3 sessions throughout the day 9am, 1.30pm and 6pm. Please contact the school for further information E: Office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk Phone- 01323 737221.

Sunday 28th September - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid's 121 St George's 85