

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 26:7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. 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 Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Psalm 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R.13

R. I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

or: Alleluia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?

There is one thing I ask of the LORD, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple.

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.'

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter. 1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Cf. John 14:18

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.**I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.**

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11a

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**R.****PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

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.**R.****COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 17:22

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

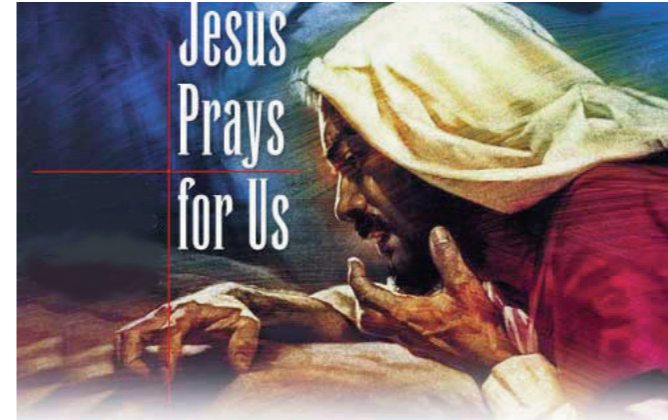
Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Glory is a central theme in the gospel reading for this Sunday. Whenever we try to understand a divine reality, we often begin with our human experience of the same reality. In order to understand the love that God has for us we may think of the love that a mother has for her child or the love of neighbour demonstrated

in the parable of the Good Samaritan. However, when we consider glory as it is normally spoken of, we immediately see that it has little to do with the glory that Jesus speaks about. Our idea of glory is often one of fame, adulation, success. The Collins online dictionary defines glory as "the fame and admiration that you gain by doing something impressive". Instead, Jesus manifested his glory in this world by dying on the cross. And this had nothing to do with vainglory. Jesus's only concern was to give glory to his Father as he in turn was glorified by his Father. As always,

Jesus in our model. We too are called to give glory to God not through our success but through our witness to the power of God's love in our lives. The logic of the gospel is clear: those who humble themselves will be exalted. In nature we can speak of a "glorious sunset" as a manifestation of the beauty of God's creation. On an even higher level, we are called to give glory to God through the beauty of the Christian community united in the name of Jesus where He is present among us.



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RELIGION AND VIOLENCE

284. At times fundamentalist violence is unleashed in some groups, of whatever religion, by the rashness of their leaders. Yet, "the commandment of peace is inscribed in the depths of the religious traditions that we represent... As religious leaders, we are called to be true 'people of dialogue', to cooperate in building peace not as intermediaries but as authentic mediators. Intermediaries seek to give everyone a discount, ultimately in order to gain something for themselves. The mediator, on the other hand, is one who retains nothing for himself, but rather spends himself generously until he is consumed, knowing that the only gain is peace. Each one of us is called to be an artisan of peace, by uniting and not dividing, by extinguishing hatred and not holding on to it, by opening paths of dialogue and not by constructing new walls".²⁸³

283. Address to the International Meeting for Peace organized by the Community of Sant'Egidio (30 September 2013): Insegnamenti I, 1 (2013), 301-302.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

Homily on the Song of Songs

I pray, the Lord says, that they all may be one; that as you, Father, are in me and I am in you, so they also may be one in us. Now the bond that creates this unity is glory. That the Holy Spirit is called glory no one can deny if he thinks carefully about the Lord's words: The glory you gave to me, I have given to them. In fact, he gave this glory to his disciples when he said to them: Receive the Holy Spirit. Although he had always possessed it, even before the world existed, he himself received this glory when he put on human nature. Then, when his human nature had been glorified by the Spirit, the glory of the Spirit was passed on to all his kin, beginning with his disciples. This is why he said: The glory you gave to me, I have given to them, so that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, I want them to be perfectly one.





This parish is part of

The Catholic Deanery of Eastbourne and St Leonards

working towards implementing the Pastoral Plan

Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. Isaiah 43:5

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Weekly Newsletter: 17 May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter. (Collection Today for World Communications) (Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese 24/5)				
Sun	17th	9am	St George	- Mass: Sonia Villaluna on her Birthday RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid	- Mass: Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	18th	2.30pm	St George	- Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	19th		St George	- No Mass
Wed	20th		St Wilfrid	- No Mass
Thurs	21st	10am	St Wilfrid	- Mass: Sister Mary Anthony Timoney RIP
Fri	22nd	10am	St George	- Requiem Mass Mrs Pamela Whitty
Pentecost (Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese Today)				
Sun	24th	9am	St George	- Mass: Alen's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid	- Mass: 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.

USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

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Make your offertory donations go further! By simply signing up to the Gift Aid scheme, we can claim back an extra **25p** on every £1 you donate – **at no extra cost to you.** To join, contact Gerry today: pfc.hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk

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, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, 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, Madeleine Waters, Andrew and Gerry Page.

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!

Father Paul writes: During the month of May there will be some slight changes to the weekday Mass schedule.

- ❖ This week, there will be *Mass at 10.00am at Wilfrid on Thursday 21st and 10.00am at St George (funeral Mass of Pamela Whitty) on Friday 22nd.*
- ❖ The following week, beginning 25th, I shall be taking a few days break, so there will be no weekday Mass that week.
- ❖ *These changes during May affect weekday Mass only, Sunday Mass will be at the usual times.*

A Very Big Thank you from Deacon John for his Birthday gifts and good wishes last Sunday at St George's.

St G's Parish Meeting will take place on Sun 7 June after Mass.

Rejoicing in Faith, Serving in Mission:

Lumen Christi (Year 9–13) and RCIA for adults will begin again in September (details in July). Please speak to a priest or formation team member for more information.

We keep all those confirmed in our prayers and ask the Lord to strengthen our mission, sending more labourers into His harvest.

Financial Support for Young Lourdes Helpers

Are you or your child 15 to 25 and already booked to go on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this July as a red shirt, purple shirt or young helper? The Knights of St Columba have generously provided some funds to support your costs. To apply, please email eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk, providing your name, age and contact phone number, deadline 20th June 2026.

LAST FEW SEATS AVAILABLE - Corpus Christi Coach Trip to Arundel – Thurs 4 June 2026. £20 per person. Book now: sandraforte40@gmail.com (names, contact number, pick-up point).

Augustinian Weekend at Michelham Priory: June 13th/14th, 10am to 5pm. Celebrating the life of the Augustinian Canons who lived and prayed there. If we can get a group of 10 or more to go, we can get a discount on tickets. Email: hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Magazine & Website – Call for Contributions We're gathering news, stories, and upcoming event details (post 20th June events) from across the New Single Parish for the next issue. **Deadline: 1 June.** Items may also be featured on the parish website. Send contributions to news@eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk

Sunday Charity Breakfast: Our next breakfast will be Sunday 31st May after mass at St George's when we will be supporting "Linking Lives Eastbourne". We hope you, your family and friends can support this.

Parish Over 50's Club: We next meet on Thursday 28th May, 2-4pm, Anyone over 50 is welcome, just turn up on the day.

3rd May - Mass Attendance: St W's 132 St G's 84

OUR NEW PARISH

The New Parish will be overseen by a Clergy Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. The team will work closely with Hub Secretaries, Hub Leadership Groups and lay representatives to support pastoral planning, governance and the shared mission of the Parish. The West Hub covering Eastbourne, Polegate, Hampden Park, Hailsham and the East Hub; St Leonard's, Hastings, Bexhill, Battle and Rye.

East Hub Secretary: Elizabeth Fitch
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West Hub Secretary: Cheryl Wood
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New Parish Website: www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk

Special Collection Sunday 10th May:

We are delighted that Raizel and Oskar will be joining this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Many of you will know them from their faithful service—Raizel as a reader and Oskar as an altar server.

They will be volunteering to welcome and support pilgrims in Lourdes. Any support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost through Gift Aid. If you are not part of a planned giving scheme, please use one of the "one-off" Gift Aid envelopes available in the porch.

Donations can also be made via the digital collection plate at St Wilfrid's, or online using the QR code or the donations website (<https://donate.mydona.com/st-wilfrids-church-hailsham>) under the "Parish Charity Fund" tab.



Celebrating the Month of Our Lady

Our Lady - devotions in May

Throughout May, we are all encouraged to deepen our devotion to Our Lady and pray the Rosary. St George's Rosary Group meets every Monday at 2.30pm, All are welcome. Both churches will pray the Rosary before weekday Masses.

May Our Lady guide and bless our communities during this month dedicated to her.

Our Children Need You!

Leaders and helpers are urgently needed to support St George's children's liturgy during the first half of mass on a Sunday. No experience necessary. Training will be given. Just an hour or so of time a month is required mostly during the Sunday mass. Speak to Mary B or Sandra for more information.

Our Lady of Ransom - Contemplative Prayer Group Mondays 4pm - 5.30pm

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10 - Everyone is invited to join this small friendly group who meet weekly. There is a time of silent prayer where we aim to quieten our minds to hear God speak in the silence of our hearts; A time of Lectio Divina; And a time for discussion and questions. All newcomers are most welcome. Meeting venue is OLR Prayer Meeting Room. Access through the car park and Parish Hall. (Not on bank holidays/school holidays) For any more details contact lizvegh@abdiocese.org.uk

Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 28 May, 2-4pm - Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Fri 29th May, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
Sun 31 May, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Sun 7 June, After Mass - St George's Parish Mtg, St G's Hall.
Sat 13 June, 4pm - Fatima Devotions, Christ the King.
Wed 17 June, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Com Mtg, St W's Hall.
Sun 21 June, 1st Holy Communion Service, St W's Church.
Thurs 25 June, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Com Mtg, St W's Hall.

NEW PARISH UPDATE:

In recent days we had a 2-day meeting of the Deans and Diocesan Pastoral Team, reviewing progress towards all our Deaneries becoming new (multi community) large parishes. Already, before Bishop Richard left us, 3 of the 11 Deaneries have become New Parishes (Brighton & Hove, Weybridge, Guildford). Their feedback is that generally all is going well in getting new working structures in place and people are engaging with the good work to be done. Most of us, the remaining 8 Deaneries, are also actively working to help prepare for change, but nothing can formally happen until we have our new Bishop. In our own Deanery you can follow progress and development steps via our Deanery Website: www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk. Let us keep all this work in prayer, as well as praying for a new Bishop!