

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 27: 8-9

**The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.**

COLLECT

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
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 Jeremiah. Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' say all my close friends, watching for my fall. 'Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 69(68):8-10. 14, 17. 33-35. R.14c

R. In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame has covered my face.
To my own kin I have become an outcast,
a stranger to the children of my mother.
Zeal for your house consumes me,
and taunts against you fall on me.

But I pray to you, O LORD,
at an acceptable time.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the LORD attends to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the seas and everything that moves in them.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. John 15:26b, 27a
The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

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: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action,
R. we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 144: 15

**The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

R. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion
may be our sure pledge of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

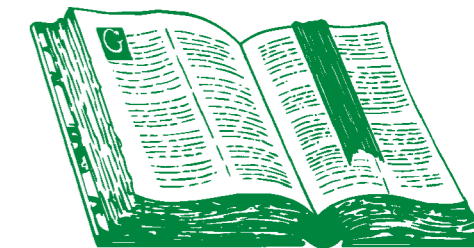
GOSPEL REFLECTION



When the fear is prolonged in time it becomes anxiety and in these uncertain times in which we live it has almost reached epidemic proportions, particularly among young people. It is in this context that once again the gospel is truly "good news". And what is this "good news"? It is that God is love and even the very hairs on our head do not escape his loving concern for us. That does not mean that we won't have to face difficulties in this world, and in certain situations almost automatically we will find that the fear response has been triggered. It is at this point that our faith as Christians in God's

fear is a primeval human emotion. It is linked to the precarious nature of our existence in this world and the instinct for self-protection rooted in our ego.

love comes into play. It is a cosmic love which encompasses the whole of God's plan for creation which extends beyond space and time in which our ultimate



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A PRAYER TO THE CREATOR

Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams. Amen.



To build on Christ and with Christ means to build on a foundation that is called "crucified love". It means to build with Someone who, knowing us better than we know ourselves, says to us: "You are precious in my eyes and honoured, and I love you" (Is 43:4). It means to build with Someone, who is always faithful, even when we are lacking in faith, because he cannot deny himself (cf. 2 Tim 2:13). It means to build with Someone who constantly looks down on the wounded heart of man and says: "I do not condemn you, go and do not sin again" (cf. Jn 8:11). It means to build with Someone who, from the Cross, extends his arms and repeats for all eternity: "O man, I give my life for you because I love you." In short, building on Christ means basing all your desires, aspirations, dreams, ambitions and plans on his will.





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: 21 June 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection Today for the Day for Life) (Collection on 28/6 for Peter's Pence)				
Sun	21st	9am	St George	- Mass: Fr Paul Jennings Intention (51st Anniversary of Ordination)
		10.30am	St Wilfrid	- First Communion Mass: Thanksgiving Intention
Mon	22nd	2.30pm	St George	- Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	23rd	10am	St George	- Mass: Margaret Madams RIP
Wed	24th	10am	St Wilfrid	- Mass: Graham Landon RIP
Thurs	25th	10am	St George	- Liturgy of the Word
Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles (Collection Today for Peter's Pence)				
Sun	28th	9am	St George	- Mass: Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid	- Mass: Grace Fenn 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.

USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577	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
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577	
St George's & St. Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver Chairperson of the Finance Committee Gerry Palmer	Parish Safeguarding Reps: St George's: Maria - 07873759962 St Wilfrid's: Maria - 07873759962

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CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM: Volunteer needed contact Father Rory
Churches Together in Polegate/Willingdon/Hampden Park/Hydneye Contact: Anne - hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk

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, Gerry Page, Amy and Ben.

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!

First Holy Communion:

This Sunday at the 10.30am Mass, **Maya, Noah, Oliwia and Paulina** will make their First Holy Communion. We warmly welcome the children and their families as they celebrate this special occasion. Please keep these children in your prayers as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. May they always know Christ's love and friendship and continue to grow in faith and joy.

Following the 10.30am Mass next Sunday, there will be a Communion Breakfast in the Parish hall. All parishioners are warmly invited to join the children and their families in celebrating this joyful moment in their faith journey.

Fr Rory's 52nd Anniversary of his priesthood: Thank you to those who contributed and signed his card, we collected over £300. Fr Rory would like to say a **Big Thank You** to you all, he was so surprised!

Baptismal programmes for St George's and St Wilfrid's will run 2-3 times a year. Please enquire through the parish office on 01323 841504 or email hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

Baptisms:

We would like to welcome Grace, Ellie and Olivia who were all baptised at St Wilfrid's Church last Sunday.

Sunday Charity Breakfast: Sun 28th June after mass at St G's. During the month of June we are raising funds for The Demelza Trust. There was a Demelza Charity Shop in Hailsham, but sadly had to close. This charity delivers extraordinary care to children who are facing serious or life limiting conditions. They support the children and their families at every step from first diagnosis and for as long as they are needed. Their support is as unique as every family, providing creative therapies, short breaks, practical and emotional support for families and siblings and care towards the end of life. A worthwhile charity indeed. We hope you, your family and friends can support this.

Parish Over 50's Club: We next meet on Thursday 25th June, 2-4pm, Anyone over 50 is welcome, just turn up on the day.

Community Breakfasts in Hailsham, Fri 7th Aug (CMA will be present for debt advice). Taking place at Hailsham Parish Church (town centre near Costa Coffee) in the side room (go through the glass door). Children are welcome to join with their parents at this August breakfast. 10am-12pm

14th June - Mass Attendance: St W's 128 St G's 60

OUR JOURNEY TO BECOMING A NEW PARISH:

Ultimately the new Parish will be overseen by a Priests Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. They will work closely with a Leadership Team of clergy and lay reps, and with Hub Pastoral Teams of clergy and lay representatives from across our churches, in the development of our Pastoral Plan and our shared mission. The West Hub covers Eastbourne, Polegate, Hampden Park, Hailsham, and the East Hub covers St Leonards, Hastings, Bexhill, Battle and Rye.

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Mill Hill Missio: Please bring all red boxes to church next Sunday for emptying. Throughout June we will collect and issue a receipt. Most importantly, please make sure your name is on the bottom of the box. Thank you Cathy.

Pilgrimage to Aylesford. Everyone is invited to attend the Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory, Kent (ME20 7BX) on Sunday 28 June, organised by the Knights of St Columba. Mass at 12 noon, picnic afterwards, Rosary procession at 3pm. Further details from Bob 07752043009.

QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026!

Join the Catholic Women's League Eastbourne Parishes for a fun evening at Christ the King Hall, Eastbourne. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Teams of up to 6, £5 per person (under 12s free). Cash prize, raffle, refreshments and homemade cakes. All proceeds support the Deanery West Hub Youth Formation Fund, helping young people access Lourdes, Flame 2027 and other faith opportunities. Tickets from Sandra at St George's or email sandraforte40@gmail.com.

New & nearly new items needed: St George's table sale that raises funds for the charity of the month and youth activities is in need of new items for sale. Please leave bags marked St G's Table Sale in the church porch. Thank you.

Fatima Devotions

You are warmly invited to Christ the King in Langney for Fatima Devotions, held on the dates of Our Lady's apparitions: Monday 13 July (5:30pm), Wednesday 19 August (5:30pm), Sunday 13 September (10:30am), and Monday 12 October (5:30pm, vigil).

Each gathering will include the Holy Rosary and the Litany to Our Lady of Fatima, offered in reparation for the sins of the world and for peace. All are very welcome to come and pray together.

Parish Magazine & Website: For news and updates on Eastbourne and St Leonards Deanery activities and events visit the website www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk You can also email news@eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk to submit items for the website and magazine.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 21 June, 1st Holy Communion Service, St W's Church.
Thurs 25 June, 2-4pm - Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Thurs 25 June, 6-7.30pm - 1st Holy Com Mtg, St W's Hall.
Fri 26 June, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Hall.
Sun 28 June, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Sun 28 June, Communion Breakfast, St W's Hall.
Mon 13 July, 5.30pm - Fatima Devotions, Christ the King.
Wed 19 Aug, 5.30pm - Fatima Devotions, Christ the King.

LATEST DEANERY UPDATE:

“As the new larger parishes come into being across the Diocese, clergy are encouraged to embrace opportunities for delegation, including developing the skills and gifts of lay staff and volunteers to enable the clergy to focus on their primary mission and achieve balance in their life and ministry. This will also engage and empower laity into new roles and ministries. The new parishes will make decisions collectively. The key will be working in synodality. This emphasises relationships, collaboration and listening to the voices of all. To enable our clergy to lead, and for communities and parishioners to feel connected and involved, there will need to be some new structures, roles, teams, and communication channels”. **Diocesan Pastoral Team**