

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.**

THE COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 34:4-6.8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Dan 3:52-56. R.v52

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Apoc 1:8
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 3:16-18

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Gal 4: 6

**Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel speaks of the Father and the Son but, strangely, on the feast of the Holy Trinity, there is no mention of the Spirit. However, it is

clear from last week's Gospel that the Holy Spirit has a crucial role to play in the life of believers. What is also clear, especially in John's Gospel, is that there is an unbreakable bond of love between the Father and the Son. The fruit of this bond of love is the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us that the way to the Father is through the Son, that is, through him. We can know and love the Father through loving his son. And the most immediate way of loving Jesus is by loving our brothers and sisters, whoever they may be, members of my family, work colleagues, the beggar on the street. Unless I love especially the

least of these fellow human beings, the Father does not recognise me. And where does the third member of the Holy Trinity come into all this? In loving the Father, through the Son, I receive the precious gift of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit then strengthens me to be able to love my brothers and sisters even more. If we enter into this relationship with the Father through the Son and thus receive the gift of the Spirit, then, in a certain way we also participate in the life of the Trinity, which is a no less than a cycle of perfect love.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY
PASTORAL WORKERS*****No to selfishness and
spiritual sloth***

82. The problem is not always an excess of activity, but rather activity undertaken badly, without adequate motivation, without a spirituality which would permeate it and make it pleasurable. As a result, work becomes more tiring than necessary, even leading at times to illness. Far from a content and happy tiredness, this is a tense, burdensome, dissatisfying and, in the end, unbearable fatigue. This pastoral acedia can be caused by a number of things. Some fall into it because they throw themselves into unrealistic projects and are not satisfied simply to do what they reasonably can. Others, because they lack the patience to allow processes to mature; they want everything to fall from heaven.



Holiness for Everyone*

Choosing Virtues

When love enters our hearts it always comes with other virtues in attendance, ... Virtues need to be exercised at appropriate times and in appropriate ways. The time of mourning and the time of gladness demand different responses. We may not have many occasions to exercise fortitude, great heartedness and munificence in giving; but meekness/ temperance, modesty and humility are qualities which are always in season.

Along with the above we should practice the virtues that most accord with the kind of life we are called to live. Look at the lives of the saints and you will see the different ways they found to live out their Christian calling: some through mercy to the poor, others through penance, others through preaching or welcoming pilgrims.

Focus on your gifts and strong points rather than on your weaknesses and failures. That way you will make progress in the spiritual life, for one virtue practised perfectly brings others along with it.

It is a mistake to aim for perfection in such a way that harshness and severity predominate. Go gently and take advice from others. Growth is always gradual.

Concentrate on the virtues Jesus shows in his own life: patience, gentleness, obedience, poverty and so forth.

Better to be a good human being than a bad angel!

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	10th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Flora De Sousa 1st Anniversary RIP THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Special Collection Today for The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese) (Special Collection next Sunday for A Day for Life)
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's - Brenda Troy RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	12th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	13th	10.00am	St George's - Beulah Candappa RIP
Wed	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Colin Carlin RIP
Thur	15th	10.00am	St George's - Joseph Aloysius Silva RIP
Fri	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of the Holy Spirit
Sat	17th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Mary Brown RIP THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST "Corpus Christi" (Special Collection Today for A Day for Life) (Special Collection next Sunday for Peter's Pence)
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - James McGrath RIP
1st Thursday of the month: 9.30am St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation			

IMPORTANT: Going into hospital? Would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy? Ring 417400, ext 4145 and leave a message for the Catholic Chaplain. Please also let Fr Rory know. Catholic Mass in the hospital Chapel every Friday at 3pm.

St. Thomas a Becket Infant School: Tel 01323 726004 **St. Thomas a Becket Junior School:** Tel 01323 737221
St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill: Tel 01424 731070

New to the Parish or would like to get back in touch but not sure how? Please complete the welcome form available in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. *It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.*

USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 870990
St George's & St. Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Brian Winter
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Peter Dromgoole
ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
Prayer LineJean Barham Tel: (01323) 842824

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM
Contact: Ann Fielder 01323 843361

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER
Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Maureen Barnard, Jennifer Duder-Rumsey, Edna Andrews, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, Elizabeth Osbourne, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Brian Winter and Ann Winter.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

Newsletter items: Please send to Jackie at ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Fr Rory Writes:**A Special Event**

Our day at Worth Abbey on Saturday 15th April was a very special occasion. The core team had planned and prepared for this occasion, with a lot of time and effort in the intention of planting a seed for our parish. The life at the centre of this seed is Jesus. Emerging from that day is Alpha, and as part of this now, like a sapling plant is "a name day". At the beginning of the celebration of Baptism is the question "What name have you given?". Through our baptism we are all called by name and all our catechetical preparation is based upon this fact, that we belong to Jesus. So that is why for a moment we are focusing upon a name day.

My sisters Mary and Freda, greatly appreciated and enjoyed that day at Worth Abbey. Last week they had as Mary said "The events of a life time", when they were in Rome. Part of this was a couple of events with Pope Francis, but was made up of other different events by many incredible people, coming from all parts of the world in their thousands upon thousands, because of their enthusiasm for the life of God's spirit, which we all receive through our "Belief in Jesus". We can facilitate this by what is best and most suited to each mass community. As our year draws towards a close with First Holy Communion at St George's on Sunday 18th June, The Feast of Corpus Christi, and the Special Healing Mass on Sunday 9th July at 3pm. The Healing Mass for our parish calls for special care and attention.



Ministers of Holy Communion in both communities please note: If you did not renew your promises to the Ministry on Holy Thursday please make every effort to do so on the weekend of Corpus Christi, Sat June 17th/Sunday June 18th, when there will be another opportunity to renew your promises at each Mass. See Fr Rory as soon as possible if you are unable to do this.

Please come to the **Garden Party** at no 3 Broad Road on Wednesday 5th July at 2.30pm. There will be a sales table, cakes, marmalade and jam, and a raffle. We hope you will join us, all monies will go to the Polegate Children with Cancer Fund.

Date for your diary: BE THE FIRST TO LOVE.... Chiara Lubich modern mystic. Come and hear her story in St George's Church Hall in a DVD called "Stream of Light" after morning Mass on Saturday 1st July.

Back by popular demand at St George's Church Hall, **The Anne Shelton Story** - presentation by her niece, Kelly Richards. This will take place on Sunday 20th August at 3.00pm followed by a vintage tea party. Tickets at £5.00 per person available soon.

St George's Church, key holders: if you have a key to the safe in the sacristy, please contact Delia McCann or Roz Burke as soon as you can. We need to keep a note of all key holders.

Our Lady of Fatima Centenary celebrations at Arundel Cathedral. Saturday 1st July.
As part of the celebrations to mark the 100 years since the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta Marto and Francisco Marto (recently canonized by Pope Francis), are travelling around the country. They visit Arundel Cathedral on 1st and 2nd July. The entrance Procession is starting at 10.30am with Mass at 11am on 1st July. All welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 25th June United Nations Lunch, St Wilfrid's Hall, after Mass
Sat 1st July Chiara Lubich Story, St George's Hall, after Mass
Sat 1st July Summer Fayre, St Thomas a Becket, 11.45am
Wed 5th July Garden Party, 3 Broad Road, 2.30pm
Fri 7th July St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 6.15pm
Thurs 13th July Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Sun 20th Aug Presentation/Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm

Name Tag Day: Following on from last weeks newsletter item, next Saturday & Sunday 17/18th June, we are holding a name tag day during each mass at Hailsham. There will be a special period in the Mass for making new introductions to people whom we share mass, but don't yet know their names. Mass will be followed with light refreshments in the hall. Please make time to support this event and continue to extend the introductions made during Mass. We look forward to meeting with you all next weekend. With thanks, The Leaven Group.

United Nations Lunch: will take place at St Wilfrid's on Sunday 25th June after Mass in the hall/garden. Donations for the tombola will be gratefully received, please leave in the church porch, marked 'tombola'. Thank you.

Roll up...Roll up...**Saturday 1st July St Thomas a Becket School** Summer Fayre with Circus Pazaz opens 11.45am 3 x one-hour circus shows, tickets on sale w/c 12th June - £5, under 3s free. Also included, Arena Displays & Fancy Dress Comp, Bar, BBQ, Filipino, Indian & Italian Food, Inflatables, Raffle, Bottle Tombola (donations welcomed), Face Painting and much more... a fun-filled day for all!
Gate entry free for those not attending a circus performance.

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX ANNUAL PRESENTATION Saturday 17th June.

Come and hear first hand how volunteers are supporting refugees living in Eastbourne and how you can help and support our efforts. Venue Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, BN21 1UE (Father Raglan will be in attendance). Time 3pm Presentations - 4.15pm Tea and cakes. Contact Peter Smith 07849921891.

COLLECTIONS: (3rd/4th June)

St George's	£211.94
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£267.90
Catholic Communications	£109.00
Table Sale	£845.00
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 240 St G's 79	

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Bonus Ball:

Sat 3rd June
No: 48
Jan Megan

Wed 31st May
No: 36
Jean Barham