

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 Acts of the Apostles

2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 103:1.24. 29-31. 34. R.cf v30

R) Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Wis 1:7

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL**

John 14:15-16.23-26

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 his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



If we believe Christ is the Son of God, we do so by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Baptised into that same

Spirit, we are no longer slaves who fear about what is to come. We are not slaves of God, but sons adopted by Him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, which have been applied to us by the Holy Spirit received in Baptism. The same Spirit gives life to our mortal bodies and prepares us for the life of heaven. It is also in the same Spirit that we are conformed

to the sufferings of Christ so as to be made ready to share His glory. The Holy Spirit can sometimes be neglected in prayer. So, today's Solemnity reminds us that prayer is to be directed to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. This is eloquently expressed many times in the Liturgy, but our own personal prayer should also reflect this same love of the Holy Spirit.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



IV. A MISSION EMBODIED WITHIN HUMAN LIMITS

43. In her ongoing discernment, the Church can also come to see that certain customs not directly connected to the heart of the Gospel, even some which have deep historical roots, are no longer properly understood and appreciated. Some of these customs may be beautiful, but they no longer serve as means of communicating the Gospel. We should not be afraid to re-examine them. At the same time, the Church has rules or precepts which may have been quite effective in their time, but no longer have the same usefulness for directing and shaping people's lives.

GLIMPSES OF GOSPEL LIFE

These brief experiences from all over the world show how, when we try to put the words of the Gospel into practice, things happen. God is never outdone in generosity, and these personal stories show in many different ways how true that is.

Because Of an Act of Love

While I was on a daily walk as recommended by my doctor, I tried to get to know the area where I had been living for a short time. I was the new bishop. A few days later, I started to tidy up a few things in the bishop's house, so that it would better express God, who is beauty. I found some bronze candelabra, which didn't really fit in. A small shop selling second hand goods, which I had seen on my walk, came to mind. I thought that given the difficult economic conditions in the country, the owner might be in serious difficulties. I asked my secretary to parcel up the candelabra and give it to the shopkeeper with a card, which read: "I am a little gift from the bishop. If you manage to sell this, please give the money to the poor. But if you need it for yourself you can keep it." Unexpectedly, during the afternoon the man came to the bishop's house. He insisted on seeing me. When I met him he said to me, "Today I wanted to commit suicide, but when your secretary came, I realised that someone still cared for me, and I changed my mind. Many thanks!"



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	14th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady PENTECOST SUNDAY
Sun	15th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Gerhard & Christina Neyenhuizen's Intention St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	16th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	17th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - The Gaynor Family Intention
Wed	18th	10.00am	St George's - Chris Wilson RIP
Thur	19th	9.00am	St Wilfrid's - Simon Davis Anniversary
Fri	20th	10.00am	St George's - Dolly & Dudley Rudd RIP
Sat	21st	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Nathy & Betty O'Hora RIP THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Special Collection next Sunday for The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese)
Sun	22nd	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Kelly Richards Intention St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

1st Friday 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) 847014
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
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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, Agnes Galt, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Elizabeth Osbourne, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford and Brian 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 great sadness. The death of Michael Bradley this week is just such a shock and a loss to me and to all of us. The fact that his daughter Sasha was to be celebrating receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week, and should have been such a milestone occasion on his ongoing battle with cancer. The fact that he "walked the walk" and lead by example. His witness to his faith has been a major inspiration to me when I needed it so much. You could always rely upon him to be there supportive, fully focused upon his prayer, his presence, and his actions, taking on the responsibility for organising the Saturday Bonus Ball. In a year of losses I find it so difficult, with the inescapable feeling of why could I not do more to help. But the inspiration is the memory of just how he got on with it. Such a difficult cross to bear, grateful for anything that was done for him, and patient when things were bad or wrong. I hope we can draw strength and inspiration from his example. All our sympathy and love is for his family, with the hope that we can do better and respond to the challenge of his example. Please God, may he experience reward from his labours.

Fr Rory

**Diocesan Celebration of the Jubilee of Mercy
Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead
17th July 2016**

Richard our Bishop invites people to this pilgrimage on Sunday 17th July, starting at 11am and ending with Mass at 3pm. Due to space restriction transport will be by coach only, no other means of transport allowed. Because of space restrictions there are only 45 places for each Deanery. There will be a pick up at Our Lady of Ransom and at Christ the King. You will need to be at Our Lady of Ransom by 9am to leave at 9.15am, or at Christ the King by 9.15am to leave at 9.30am. Price per person is £15. Please bring a picnic lunch, tea and coffee will be available. Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like to go, please write down your name and phone number and give it to your Parish Priest, you will then be notified if there is a place for you.

The Syrian Refugee Crisis - on the **18th May**, Bishop Richard is leading a meeting in Brighton to discuss how best the Diocese can help the Syrian refugees. He will be accompanied by other speakers. **The Venue is the Brighthelm Centre, North Road, Brighton BN1 1YD**, commencing at 7.00 for 7.30. Please do your best to attend so we can learn how best to undertake this vital support work.

Pentecost is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman wrote a lovely little prayer for Pentecost, with the title, "*Come Holy Spirit.*"

"Come Holy Spirit. Make our ears to hear. Make our eyes to see. Make our mouths to speak. Make our hearts to seek. Make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. AMEN."

St George's Plant Fair and Coffee Morning: Saturday 21st May at 10.00 am.

St George's Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 28th May at 10.00 am.

The First Holy Communion Mass at St George's will be at the 9am Mass on Sunday 29th May.

Pray for the Sick: If you or loved ones are admitted to hospital and would like to have Chaplaincy visits, please contact Fr Rory via the office or let the chaplaincy know. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 18th May St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 21st May St G's Plant Fair/Coffee Morning, St G's Hall, 10am
Sun 22nd May 1st Communion Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am
Wed 25th May St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 28th May St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am
Sun 29th May 1st Communion Mass, St George's Church, 9am
Wed 1st June St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 8th June Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Sat 18th June Summer Fayre, St Thomas a Becket School, 12-4pm

Host Families Required: to accommodate students from the Van Lodestein Christian College in Holland. The visit will be from 26th-30th September, students - boys and girls are aged 15/16. The students will arrive mid/late afternoon on Monday 26th September and leave early morning Friday 30th September. They will require 4 nights bed and breakfast, plus 4 packed lunches, evening meals are required on 2 days. Hosts will need to deliver and collect students from the meeting point in Hailsham. Payment is £70. per student, minimum 2 students per household. Further information, please contact Paul Endersby 01323 442485/07885 819575, paul@paulendersby.co.uk

Summer Fayre: Saturday 18th June 12 – 4pm, St Thomas a Becket School is holding its annual Summer Fayre. This year's theme is "**All Around the World**", with live music, variety of world food, international dance performances, inflatable's, grand prize raffle and much more. More information to follow. Raffle prizes are currently being requested, if you or a company you are linked with can help please contact Sandra on 07791 627368.

Talk organised by the Newman Association, all welcome: Monday 16th May 2016 at Christ The King Parish, Eastbourne, 3 Princess Road, BN23 6HT. 7pm for 7.30pm sharp start - 9pm
TOPIC: The Migrant Conundrum
Speaker: Rev Fr Neil Chatfield

1st Communion Mass at St Wilfrid's will be at the 10:30am Mass on 22nd May.

COLLECTIONS: (7th/8th May)

St George's	£152.97
White Fathers Appeal	£264.30
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£247.00
White Fathers Appeal	£349.34
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 153 St G's 89	
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Bonus Ball:

Sat 7th May
 No: 28
 John Forde

Wed 4th May
 No: 22
 Anne Holt