

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.**

Cf. Ps 80: 17

THE COLLECT

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 147:12-15.19-20.R.v12

R) O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

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Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R)**

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R)**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

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Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 6:51-52
**I am the living bread which has come down
from heaven, says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

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

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace,
whose signs are to be seen in mystery
in the offerings we here present.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

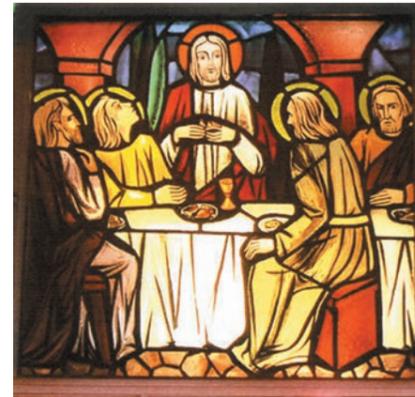
**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.** Jn 6: 57

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may delight for all eternity
in that share in your divine life,
which is foreshadowed in the present age
by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus makes it very clear in this passage from John's Gospel that if we want eternal life, then we must eat his body and drink his blood.

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

82(cont'd) [This pastoral acedia can be caused by a number of things...] Others, because they are attached to a few projects or vain dreams of success. Others, because they have lost real contact with people and so depersonalize their work that they are more concerned with the road map than with the journey itself. Others fall into acedia because they are unable to wait; they want to dominate the rhythm of life. Today's obsession with immediate results makes it hard for pastoral workers to tolerate anything that smacks of disagreement, possible failure, criticism, the cross.



He addresses these words "to the Jews". In other words, these words are not spoken only to the apostles or the disciples, but to a much wider audience. Why? He wants everyone to have eternal life. We are all made for the life of heaven, no matter what our status in life and Jesus wants to let everyone know the surest way of getting there. Jesus says that the only way to the Father is through him. So what about all those billions of people who don't know Jesus or don't even believe in God? Can they also have eternal life? The answer is to be found in

chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel (37-40) when people appear in front of the Lord at the end of their lives and he welcomes them into the Kingdom: "Then the upright will say to him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we find you sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, "In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

Holiness for Everyone*

The Virtue of Patience

The more patient we are the more perfectly we are self-possessed and calm, not allowing ourselves to be shaken by troubles and contradictions, whether they come to us from good people or bad. In fact, it is harder to bear the criticisms of the good and a greater test of our forbearance.

The true servant of God bears up no matter from what quarter criticism comes. Be ready to accept everything that God sends without picking and choosing.

Learn to be patient when suffering comes your way, especially illness or inconveniences of one kind or another, no matter what may be their source.

Quit complaining! It does no good to you or anyone else! Learn to turn your gaze to Christ Crucified and see his own patience under suffering. Then you will get a better sense of proportion about your own troubles.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon	19th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	20th	10.00am	St George's - Jack Gearing RIP
Wed	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - June Bell 4th Anniversary RIP
Thur	22nd	10.00am	St George's - Parents of Nicholas Cooray RIP
Fri	23rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Richard Chatfield RIP
Sat	24th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Mary Brown RIP TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Special Collection Today for Peter's Pence) Holy Day of Obligation (SS Peter and Paul) on Thursday
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - James McGrath RIP
<i>1st Thursday of the month: 9.30am St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation</i>			

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, Ann Winter and Empress.

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:

What a wobble. All of a sudden we are part of a very wobbly world. I am sure I have my own wobbles of late, but the great good Jesus is the heart of our world.

Last week I received an email. When I read her story I took it for granted that it was taking place in the Parish of Seaford, where the message had come from. I now realise that the intention is to arrange this at St George's!

BE THE FIRST TO LOVE..... Chiara Lubich modern mystic

"As with the passing of time her fame for holiness continues to increase....."

So said, presiding Bishop Martinelli, introducing the call for Chiara's beatification and canonisation last year.

Pope Francis sent a message in which he urged "to make known to the people of God the life and works of one who.....has lit a new light for the church on the path to Unity"

The young teacher Chiara, looking around at the devastation of her native city of Trent during the 2nd World War, took the line from the scriptures "May they all be one....." to guide her life's work which unfolded in an unimaginable way.

Never has her injunction.....Be the first to love....been more needed.

Continuing the work of the focolare.

This movement which was established during the 2nd World War in the city of Trent, has gone on from strength to strength, spreading around the world. As I mentioned last week, my sisters had the event of a lifetime, as these movements, often with laity leadership gathered in Rome to celebrate the life in the spirit which they have received. I am looking forward to the meeting of our Missing Link Group, which we are trying to establish for the purpose of cooperation and coordination of our life in the spirit

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.

The Newman Association of Eastbourne & Bexhill Circle:

22nd June 2017, St Mark's Church Hall, Green Lane, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 4BZ, 7pm. Topic: "Christianity and the Countryside", Speaker: Vibrant Revd Peter Owen Jones, Vicar of Firle, author (Pathlands, 2015) and TV Presenter. For more information, please contact Mrs Barbara Echlin on 01424 219788 or Alex 07957632208 or John 01323 726334.

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:

Sat 24th June Dawn Mass, Seaford Head Car Park, 4.50am
Sun 25th June United Nations Lunch, St Wilfrid'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

Dawn Mass at 4.50am on Saturday 24th June at Seaford Head Car Park. Mass for a New Dawn of Salvation in our Country and our World. Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist, The Dawn of Salvation. Followed by shared breakfast - please take something to share.

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.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE for Circus Pazaz Shows at **St Thomas a Becket School** Summer Fayre **Sat 1st July**. The one-hour shows will be at 12.15pm, 2pm or 3.45pm, tickets cost £5, under 3s free and available at school office. Gate entry free for those not attending a circus performance. Visitors will enjoy Roaming Circus Performers, dance acts, Fancy Dress Comp, Bar, BBQ, Filipino, Indian & Italian Food, Inflatables/Zorb Football, Raffle, Bottle Tombola (donations welcomed), Face Painting and much more... a fun-filled day for all!

A Really Big Thank You: Fr Rory and members of the Parish Social Group wish to thank the parish and members of the wider community for their role in helping to raise the grand total of £1,030. at our recent Table Top Sale.

Friends of EDGH: Please remember to save all your stamps. These can be left in both the church porches for collection. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: (10th/11th June)

St George's	£227.31
Missionary Endeavour	£75.70
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£379.53
Missionary Endeavour	£103.95
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 139 St G's 87	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 10th June
No: 2
Mary Van Breda

Wed 7th June
No: 50
Davina Piper