

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Cf. Is 48:20

THE COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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.
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8:5-8.14-

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 65:1-7.16.20. R.v1

R) Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R)**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R)**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R)**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn 14:23

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.

On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



"I love you Mother" said little Fan, "Today I will help you all I can." And she picked up her toys and away she ran! An old rhyme and one used by my mother against her children. It can also stand as a little

'parable' of the behaviour of the Chosen People towards their God. "Why do you call me Lord, Lord," Jesus complains, "and not do what I say?" And through St John he says, "If you love me, keep my commandments". Our Lord tells us he has not come to do away with the Ten Commandments but to fulfil them. He has highlighted both their source and their purpose. Their purpose is that we should love God above all things and our

neighbour as ourselves for God's sake; their source is the very God of love himself. "My yoke is easy and my burden light" he says, because "anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them..." is not alone but has identified him/herself with Jesus as Jesus has identified himself with his commandments, and is assured of the help and comfort of the Spirit of truth.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY
PASTORAL WORKERS****Yes to the challenge of a
missionary spirituality**

79. At times our media culture and some intellectual circles convey a marked scepticism with regard to the Church's message, along with a certain cynicism. As a consequence, many pastoral workers, although they pray, develop a sort of inferiority complex which leads them to relativize or conceal their Christian identity and convictions. This produces a vicious circle. They end up being unhappy with who they are and what they do; they do not identify with their mission of evangelization and this weakens their commitment. They end up stifling the joy of mission with a kind of obsession about being like everyone else and possessing what everyone else possesses. Their work of evangelization thus becomes forced, and they devote little energy and very limited time to it.



Holiness for Everyone*

Making Mental Prayer or Meditation (Part II)

6) End your meditation by thanking God for all the inspirations you have received during your time of prayer. Then lay your life before God in union with the passion and death of Jesus, and ask for all the graces you need for yourself and for the whole Church.

7) Lastly, gather a few thoughts to keep with you throughout the day, either before you leave your place of prayer or while walking about alone for a short time afterwards.

The fruit of prayer is a good life. Watch how you live and you will know how well you pray.

A last recommendation. If when you begin to pray you find your heart lifted effortlessly up to God in quietness and peace, then follow the movement of the Holy Spirit and forget all about a method.

A method is not to be slavishly followed but used as a support when needed. If it is not needed then just follow your heart with confidence in God's goodness and mercy.

When you have finished your prayer try to observe silence for a while as you return gently to your work. Do not get distracted, but be like someone carrying liquid in a precious porcelain vase. Any looking around might cause you to stumble, thus spilling the liquid. Learn to pass easily from prayer to work without losing the precious spirit of devotion.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	20th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Mrs Elsie Brown RIP SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Special Collection next Sunday for The Catholic Communications Network)
Sun	21st	9.00am	St George's - Bill McIlroy RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	22nd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	23rd	10.00am	St George's - Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Wed	24th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Colin Carlin RIP
Thur	25th	10.00am	St George's - Maureen Peterson RIP
Fri	26th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	27th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Special Collection Today for The Catholic Communications Network)
Sun	28th	9.00am	St George's - Eian Dirke RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention

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
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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, 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.**

Deacon John Writes:

We all need to think about the Gospel of last Sunday. In particular, we all need to accept Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life. How do we do this?

Think for a few moments about the question he put to Philip: "Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know me?" He might well ask us the same question in a slightly different context "Have I been with you all this time – in the Mass, in the Sacraments, in the Bible, in the worshipping community – and you still do not know me?"

I can suggest 5 possible ideas which can be used in our prayer to help us. You may think of other ideas which you can add to these.

In Christ he has given all his people the pledge of resurrection, which leads me to my first wish: May this be fulfilled in us.

"May the Lord Jesus be our life"

May the risen Christ be the light of our lives. **"May the Lord Jesus be our life"**

May the risen Christ be our word of life. **"May the Lord Jesus be our life"**

May the risen Christ be our bread from heaven. **"May the Lord Jesus be our life"**

The fifth and last wish is a direct response to "Fr Rory writes" in last week's newsletter: May the risen Christ fill us with his Spirit. **"May the Lord Jesus be our life"**

Deacon John

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. Please see Fr Rory as soon as possible if you are unable to do this.

St George's Plant Fair was a great success with £600 raised. We completely sold out of plants which has never happened before. Thank you to all those who nurtured the young plants, baked cakes, sold handmade cards and helped out on the day. A great team effort.

Thank You: We thank everyone who supported the table sale in St George's Hall, we raised a total of £195 for the Children with Cancer Fund Polegate.

Churches Together, Polegate. The venue of the Pentecost Service on 4th June is now changed to **Trinity Church at 6.00pm.** NOT St. Wilfrid's as suggested planned.

'Thy Kingdom Come' - Sunday 28 May

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Justin Welby says: "We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world, by responding to God's call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer". **Christians in the Eastbourne area have an opportunity to come together in worship and prayer in an inter-church event at the Kings Centre, Edison Road BN23 6PT at 7 pm.** Find out more how you, your family or your church might respond.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 21st May Children's Liturgy Outing, Abbott's Wood, 12 midday
Sat 27th May Indian Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 10am
Thurs 1st June Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Fri 2nd June St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 6.15pm
Sat 3rd June Table Sale, St Wilfrid's Hall, 10am-3pm
Sun 4th June Pentecost Service, Trinity Church, 6pm
Sun 25th June United Nations Lunch, St Wilfrid's Hall, after Mass
Wed 5th July Garden Party, 3 Broad Road, 2.30pm

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.

Table Sale: will take place at St Wilfrid's Church Hall on Saturday 3rd June, 10am to 3pm. If you have any suitable items for us to sell, unwanted gifts, household goods, bric-a-brac, we will be grateful for anything. Please leave in the church porch marked 'table sale'. All money raised will go to the hall refurbishment. Thank you.

An Indian Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 27th May, at 10.00am in St Wilfrid's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. Wednesday 31st May.

This year the Knights of St Columba are joining with The Union of Catholic Mothers for the Pilgrimage which starts with coffee at 10.30am, followed by a talk about the shrine. Mass at 12 noon. Rosary and Benediction after a picnic lunch. Everyone is most welcome.

Crowning of our Lady: Sunday 28th May at St Wilfrid's Church. After Mass will be a social gathering for the Children's Liturgy in the hall, lots of food and activities. All welcome to come and join in the fun.

The Mother Teresa Group: our next meeting will be on Thursday 1st June in St George's Hall at 2.30pm, due to the elections on the 8th June. Sorry for any inconvenience.

COLLECTIONS: (13th/14th May)

St George's	£216.60
Plant/Table Sale	£600.00
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£442.91
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 189 St G's 98	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 13th May
No: 52
Jacob Forde

Wed 10th May
No: 25
Margaret Forde