

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 Proverbs

8:22-31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.
The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries
- and the waters will not invade the shore -
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 8:4-9.R.v2

**R) How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? **(R)**

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. **(R)**

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

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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 16:12-15

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 his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'

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



Truth! so desirable! this week's Gospel passage is a promise and invitation from the God of truth and love, the Most Holy Trinity. Our Lord reminds us

that they are Three Persons, all wholly committed to introducing us into their own life of love and truth. So much so, as we know, that One of them, the Divine Word and Son, has chosen to become one of us, to share our human nature, in order that everything that is his, from the Father and in the Holy Spirit, may become ours as well – ours, who are made one with him in Baptism. The Word-made-man speaks the

truth, truth in its fullness; for as St Thomas Aquinas says, the Word of God is not just any kind of word, but a word "*breathing forth love*", the Spirit of Love, who leads to the Father. Jesus the Word speaks the truth; he is, as he says, the Way to authentic human happiness, to Life in its fullness; to listen to his words, to keep them and live them is true blessedness, true human fulfilment.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



IV. A MISSION EMBODIED WITHIN HUMAN LIMITS

43 (*cont'd*) Saint Thomas Aquinas pointed out that the precepts which Christ and the apostles gave to the people of God "are very few".⁴⁷ Citing Saint Augustine, he noted that the precepts subsequently enjoined by the Church should be insisted upon with moderation "so as not to burden the lives of the faithful" and make our religion a form of servitude, whereas "God's mercy has willed that we should be free".⁴⁸ This warning, issued many centuries ago, is most timely today. It ought to be one of the criteria to be taken into account in considering a reform of the Church and her preaching which would enable it to reach everyone.

47 *S. Th.*, I-II, q. 107, a. 4.

48 *Ibid.*

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.

Joy in my heart

I was born into a rich family. It was enough for me to say that I liked something and immediately my parents bought it for me. I had toys, books, lots of shoes... When I was twelve, a friend gave me a copy of the Gospel. I read it in one go. The life Jesus proposed to the first Christians attracted me and I felt I wanted to be like them.

I told my parents that I wanted to be christened. I also met some young people who tried to live the Gospel in a radical way. I wanted to live like them. That evening I raced home, opened my wardrobe and took out my most beautiful dresses to parcel up and take to the poor. For the first time I felt a great joy in my heart.

My mother didn't like cooking, so we often ate out at restaurants. It was an unnecessary waste of money and I decided to learn how to cook and to make meals which everyone liked. I wasn't always successful and sometimes I burned the supper, but the desire to love my parents was greater than ever.

A few months later something began to stir in my mother: she opened the wardrobe to look for things she could give away. Little by little love has penetrated our family and it has become an everyday reality.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon	23rd	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	24th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Brigid Kennedy RIP
Wed	25th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Elizabeth Shepherd RIP (Burial of Ashes)
Thur	26th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Patrick O'Halloran RIP
Fri	27th	10.00am	St George's - Parents of Nicholas Cooray RIP
Sat	28th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - David Jenkins RIP THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST "Corpus Christi" (Special Collection Today for The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese)
Sun	29th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Mrs Elsie Brown RIP 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
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, 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:

Graces and blessings: As we are about to celebrate First Holy Communion for our Parish Communities, and we had the celebration of Confirmation for seven candidates at Our Lady of Ransom last Saturday, while also on Monday we celebrated the Requiem Mass for Michael Bradley and although it was an occasion of great sadness, it was also one of grace and blessing.

A very special word of gratitude to his family Teresa, James and Sasha, also to his sister Mia. It is a necessary consolation to remember him well; and the great example he gave. With the Requiem Mass for Norman South to come, it is a time to truly appreciate the great amount of special people from our communities "who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith". Please God, this will bring inspiration, and also we may receive graces and favours because I am sure they continue to intercede for us.

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 First Holy Communion Mass at St George's will be at the 9am Mass on Sunday 29th May. Please be aware that the first four rows of pews on each side are reserved. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 5th June at 9am, followed by Holy Communion Breakfast in St George's Hall with presentation of Certificates.

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.

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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
Fri 27th May Bereavement Support Group, Parish Centre, 10.30am
Sat 28th May St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am
Sat 28th May Indian Mass, St Wilfrid'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
Sun 5th June Thanksgiving Mass/Holy Com B/fast, St G's, 9am
Wed 8th June Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 8th June St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 18th June Summer Fayre, St Thomas a Becket School, 12-4pm

The next Friday Group Coffee Morning (Bereavement Support Group) will be held at St Wilfrid's on Friday, 27th May at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. If you have been bereaved or live alone or have recently moved into St Wilfrid's Community and want to get to know us then please come along. We look forward to meeting you.

Indian Mass: There will be an Indian Mass at St Wilfrid's on Saturday 28th May, commencing with the Rosary at 9.30am and Mass with Fr. Cyril at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

Celebrate Holy Communion at Michelham Priory: 11am on Sunday 29th May. The first in almost 500 years! Join the congregations of Hellingly and Upper Dicker Churches in an open-air celebration of Holy Communion. For more information contact Rev. David Farey on 01323 440450.

Dedication Mass - St Wilfrid's Church: If anyone would like a copy of the digital pictures (not prints), please contact David Hoad on 01323 849909, donations accepted to the building conversion to the Hall. Thank you.

A Year of Mercy: During this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy we continue our simple mission to give daily meals to hungry children in their place of education. Thus we practice the first Corporal Work of Mercy - to feed the hungry. Practical ways you can help: Volunteer your time in your local community by contacting volunteer@marysmeals.org or calling 0800 698 1212 or fundraise for Mary's Meals contact ukfundraising@marysmeals.org for support.

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

COLLECTIONS: (14th/15th May)

St George's £TBC
 Weekly aver./Monthly D/D £176.50
St Wilfrid's £194.77
 Weekly aver. of DD £204.60
 Attendances: St W's 126 St G's TBC
Thank you for your continued generosity

Bonus Ball:

Sat 14th May
 No: 16
 Bill O'Rourke
Wed 11th May
 No:
 No Winner