

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 80: 17

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

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 Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was
a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High,
creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing
over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 109:1-4.R.v4

**R) You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.**

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **(R)**

The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R)**

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **(R)**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 11:23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to
you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord
Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it,
and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a
memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after
supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the
Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink
this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence (Shorter form)

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

Luke 9:11-17

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

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the
kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.
It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said,
'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and
farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely
place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.'
But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish,
unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.'
For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his
disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They
did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves
and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the
blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to
his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as
much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were
collected they filled twelve baskets.

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

Jn 6: 57

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

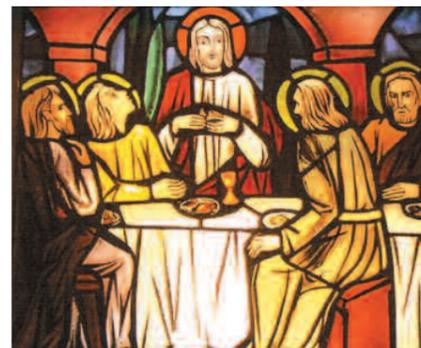
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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



Why has the Church chosen for
this Feast the Gospel of the
Feeding of the Five Thousand,
rather than the Gospel of the

Last Supper? The Last Supper
is, after all, the moment when
Jesus actually gave us the
glorious gift of the Mass and the
spiritual food of the Holy
Eucharist. It might be that at
the Last Supper the emphasis is
on Christ's sacrifice, which is
about to happen: on his bodily
sufferings and death, the
pouring out of his blood for the
redemption of the world. There
would be no Feast of Corpus
Christi without that sacrifice,
without that amazing generosity

of God. It is precisely that
generosity that we are reminded
of by today's Gospel story:
God's generosity in Jesus who
supplies food, not just for the
few, but for all indiscriminately.
The disciples took the few fish
and the bread and distributed
them "among the crowd". They
did so because Christ told them
to – and so do our priests today:
they act in Christ's name and
power, they serve Christ's eternal
generosity.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)IV. A MISSION EMBODIED WITHIN HUMAN
LIMITS

44. Moreover, pastors and the lay faithful
who accompany their brothers and sisters
in faith or on a journey of openness to
God must always remember what the
Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches
quite clearly: "Imputability and
responsibility for an action can be
diminished or even nullified by ignorance,
inadvertence, duress, fear, habit, inordinate
attachments, and other psychological or
social factors".⁴⁹ Consequently, without
detracting from the evangelical ideal, they
need to accompany with mercy and
patience the eventual stages of personal
growth as these progressively occur.⁵⁰

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50 Cf. JOHN PAUL II, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Familiaris Consortio* (22 November 1981), 34: AAS 74 (1982), 123.

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.

God's providence

At many moments in my life I have found God's love to be
generous and abundant, particularly after I became ill. One
of the effects of chemotherapy was that I lost my hair. It is
true that Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me to drink," but here not long
ago I also experienced, "I was without hair and you gave me
your own."

What happened was that three girls, who like me, tried to
put the Gospel into practice, had their hair cut so that I
could have a wig made with hair the same colour as my
own.

What I was going through was also difficult from a
financial point of view, not only because of the treatment
which was expensive, but also because I was unable to
work, I had lost the opportunity to teach extra lessons which
were offered to me. I was beginning to fall prey to worry. I
offered everything to Mary and felt that Jesus was asking
me to have faith.

After a few days, the answer came. However impossible it
might seem, I received notice of my sickness benefit and it
was higher than my salary. Not only that, I had been given
an allowance for the extra lessons I was unable to teach!

A hymn to God rose within me. It is impossible not to
believe in you, it is impossible not to make you the ideal of
my life.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon	30th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	31st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Deceased Members of Dobson & Gaynor Families
Wed	1st	10.00am	St George's - Vera Almeida RIP
Thur	2nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Liturgy of Word & Eucharist
Fri	3rd	9.30am	St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri	3rd	10.00am	St George's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	4th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun	5th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - In Thanksgiving - Jean Haines 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:

The Feast of Corpus Christi

When we were growing up as children, this was one of the great feasts in the church's year. Hoc est Corpus meum. This is my body - the body of Christ. A corruption of this is "hocus pocus". Shortly after coming here (when I did not have Sky Sports), I was watching Sky Sports at the Rose and Crown off the seafront in Eastbourne, my attention was drawn to a picture on the wall which read "what if hocus pocus is what it claims to be!"

This is the truth which confronts our human race, because if it is what it claims to be then the implications are immense. That is why the passage that is chosen from the Gospel for this Sunday, Feast of Corpus Christi, is so important. It expresses that the church is for the multitude, indeed for all mankind. The good news is that God loves all mankind. Any version of it which makes God's love the private possession of a coterie, is all wrong. We rejoice today in the healing work of Christ everywhere throughout the world.

The Parish Finance Committee meet this Wednesday evening, please keep this important event in your prayers. *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.

Thank You: A huge thanks to everyone who supported the Plant Fair at St George's last weekend. Thank you to all those who donated plants from both our communities. A special thanks to Ros and Pat for their hard work and for giving over their house, garden and allotments to grow so many plants for us. Pat raised over £100 prior to the fair with his sales - a fantastic achievement. Thank you to Brian and Pat for the plant fair banner for which together they bore the expense. Thank you to Chris and Gill for the donation of their handmade cards and embroidered pictures which raised an excellent amount along with all the cake bakers. A great team effort with everyone playing a crucial part. Best year ever - £560 raised for church funds. Brilliant and thank you all. Shirley

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 29th May	1st Communion Breakfast, St Wilfrid's Hall, After Mass
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
Wed 15th June	St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Sat 18th June	Summer Fayre, St Thomas a Becket School, 12-4pm

Thank You: A huge thank you for all the donations for Michael Bradley and a special thank you to everyone who helped and contributed on Monday 16th May.

First Holy Communion Breakfast at St Wilfrid's: This Sunday the 29th May after Mass we will be celebrating the First Holy Communion breakfast in the Hall. There will be lots of food and drink, and everyone is invited to celebrate with the First Communion candidates.

A Big Thank You: to all those who did the flowers for the St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion Mass. They looked wonderful.

Brighton Celebrate Weekend 2016: Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for all ages and takes place on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June at Cardinal Newman School, Hove, BN3 6ND. Our theme is: 'Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God' Micah 6:8

Celebrate weekends are very special. Families and single people, young and old come together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Together we experience the best Christian teaching, worship and drama. Join us for daily Mass, inspirational teaching, workshops, streams for children, teenagers and young adults, together with opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information and where you can book www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/brighton

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.

COLLECTIONS: (21st/22nd May)	
St George's	£200.55
Children with Cancer	£17.63
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£255.64
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 162 St G's 92	
<i>Thank you for your continued generosity</i>	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 21st May
No: No Winner

Wed 18th May
No: 59
Ros Burke