

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
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 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 22:1-6.R.v1

**R) The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had

gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn 10:14

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these
paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



"I am the gate", the gate of the sheepfold. But what is this 'sheepfold' and why should we wish to enter it or be a 'sheep' within it? It is a fact that many today accuse Christians, and in particular Catholics, of

being 'sheep' in the worst sense. "Oh. You believe whatever you are told. You've been indoctrinated!" In other words, you don't think for yourselves, you just follow a crowd. There is, of course, some truth in what they say – but not as they understand it. Catholics certainly must do as the Church teaches, but not thoughtlessly; rather, they obey because they are convinced that she teaches the teachings of God, of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When Jesus, who is the Word of God,

speaks, it is certain that he speaks the truth. Faith in Christ and his teachings as being of God, is the 'gateway' into being of his 'sheepfold', that gathering together of those who long for what he promises: "life to the full". Jesus even says of his 'sheepfold' that it offers, not just "life to the full", but "life", suggesting that those outside the 'sheepfold' hardly know what life is!

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)****II. TEMPATIONS FACED BY
PASTORAL WORKERS**

77. As children of this age, though, all of us are in some way affected by the present globalized culture which, while offering us values and new possibilities, can also limit, condition and ultimately harm us. I am aware that we need to create spaces where pastoral workers can be helped and healed, "places where faith itself in the crucified and risen Jesus is renewed, where the most profound questions and daily concerns are shared, where deeper discernment about our experiences and life itself is undertaken in the light of the Gospel, for the purpose of directing individual and social decisions towards the good and beautiful".⁶² At the same time, I would like to call attention to certain particular temptations which affect pastoral workers.

62 AZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA, Messaggio della XIV Assemblea Nazionale alla Chiesa ed al Paese (8 May 2011).



Holiness for Everyone*

On the Necessity of Prayer

There is nothing like prayer for opening our minds to the light of truth and our hearts to the warmth of God's love.

I specially recommend mental prayer, or prayer of the heart, particularly that which concerns meditation on the life and passion of Jesus. By looking at Christ you will come to understand him who is the light of the world, the well of living water which quenches our thirst. ... Jesus is the way to reach God the Father. He is the perfect mirror of the Divinity. Jesus calls himself the living bread; for as bread should be eaten with all kinds of foods, so Jesus should be our nourishment in all we do, pray and say.

I recommend spending an hour a day, preferably in the morning, in prayer. Begin all prayer by placing yourself in the presence of God. This is a rule that you should keep to faithfully. You will soon discover the profits that flow from it. If you are drawn to mental prayer, then do not keep praying vocally but follow your attraction to silence. ... One Our Father, said well, is better than many said hastily and with a wandering mind.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	6th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Special Collection Today for The Education of Future Priests)
Sun	7th	9.00am	St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP
Mon	8th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	9th	10.00am	St George's - Dudley & Dolly Rudd RIP
Wed	10th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Michael Bradley RIP 1st Anniversary
Thur	11th	11.30am	St George's - Requiem Mass for Mrs Bridget Little RIP
Fri	12th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	13th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sun	14th	9.00am	St George's - Jack Gearing RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Norman South RIP 1st Anniversary

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 Chairperson of the Finance Committee Charles Piegrome & Brian Winter
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 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.**

Fr Rory Writes:

We are called by name: when, through God's providence we are baptized, this is the greatest truth, because God is faithful. When we find ourselves in church, God knows our potential, and the graces and favours that he can bestow if we respond to his invitation. Over and over He guides us to the key - BELIEF. Belief in the one sent by the Father "To be the good shepherd". The one who looks after His flock. As part of our away day at Worth Abbey on Saturday 1st April (well shepherded by Fr Raglan, beautifully prepared by the team from the Leaven Group at Hailsham) this was our focus and we have the intention of introducing it at a Sunday Mass. This remains part of the plan, and please God, will be blessed by the Good Shepherd, Jesus, who watches over all His flock. As the baptized, we are the disciples of Jesus. This Sunday we have a pastoral letter from Bishop Richard our Shepherd in our Diocese of Arundel & Brighton.



St George's Plant Fair will now take place on Saturday 13th May at 10.00 am. This is one week earlier than previously advertised as the plants are almost ready. If you have taken plants to grow on for us, please note the earlier date and bring them to the hall on the morning of the fair. We will also be selling cakes, so if you wish to donate a cake please bring this with you on the day. Thank you.

The Mother Teresa Group are to hold a Bring and Buy sale on Thursday 11th May from 2.30pm. There will be goods for sale including cakes, biscuits, books, jigsaws, a raffle. All are welcome to help us raise money for charities. We support the Mustard Seed in Eastbourne, the Missionaries of Charity, and the Homeless in Brighton.

CAFOD: This year for the Lent Fast Day appeal £787.12 was raised for CAFOD in donations, including two from St Wilfrid's, the Lent lunches and the hall table and is about £130 more than the previous year. The money will help needy people in poorer parts of the world. Very many thanks for your generous response. Ellen Bonner

The Children's Liturgy outing to Abbott's Wood will be held on Sunday 21st May from 12 midday. All children and their families from both communities are welcome.

'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:

Mon 8th May Knights of St Columba, Parish Rms, Christ the King, 7pm
Thur 11th May Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Sat 13th May Plant Fair, St George's Church, 10am
Sun 21st May Children's Liturgy Outing, Abbott's Wood, 12 midday
Sat 27th May Indian Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 10am
Sat 3rd June Table Sale, St Wilfrid's Hall, 10am-3pm
Thurs 8th June Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Sun 25th June United Nations Lunch, St Wilfrid's Hall, after Mass

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 Hailsham Foodbank. Thank you.

The **Knights of Saint Columba** meet on Monday 8th May at 7pm in the Parish Rooms, Christ the King, Langney. All Catholic men are invited to come and see.

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

St Thomas A Becket PTA invites you to Murder Mystery show on Friday 19th May.
 Venue – Junior School Hall, Tutts Barn Lane, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. A Two course supper is included. Tickets £7.50 on sale from Mon 16th May from school office or £10 on the night. All proceeds go to the schools fundraising. ADULT ONLY 16+

St Thomas a Becket School are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers in exchange for some valuable school resources. If you have any please leave them on a table in the porch.

WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL with a topic: "A COMPLETE LAYPERSONS GUIDE TO SOME SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY" All Are Welcome
 Guest Speaker: Rev Fr Raglan Hay-Will
 Date: Thursday 25th May 2017
 Time: 7 for 7.30pm
 Venue: Christ The King Parish Room, 3 Princess Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT
 Any queries, contact Alex 07957632208
 Students from Brighton and Sussex Universities are more than welcome

COLLECTIONS: (29th/30th April)

St George's	£224.20
Collection for Peru	£120.75
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£274.67
Collection for Peru	£222.65
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 201 St G's 86	
Thank you for your continued generosity	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

Bonus Ball:

Sat 29th April
 No: 7
 Margaret Neville

Wed 26th April
 No: 41
 Fr Rory