

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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.

6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing,
the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the
daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So
the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed
them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so
as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among
yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit
and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and
continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the
word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and
elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit,
together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and
Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these
to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread; the number of
disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group
of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Ps 32:1-2.4-5.18-19. R.v22

**R) May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R)**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God
and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too,
the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which
Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones
making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in
Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man
who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means
that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers,
the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the
keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down.
They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it
was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated
nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called
you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except
through me.'

Alleluia!

Jn 14:6

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so
how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be
satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus
to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who by the wonderful exchange

effected in this sacrifice

have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,

grant, we pray,

that, as we have come to know your truth,

we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.

Through Christ our Lord.**COMMUNION ANTIPHON****I am the true vine and you are the****branches , says the Lord.****Whoever remains in me, and I in him,****bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

Cf. Jn 15:1,5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,

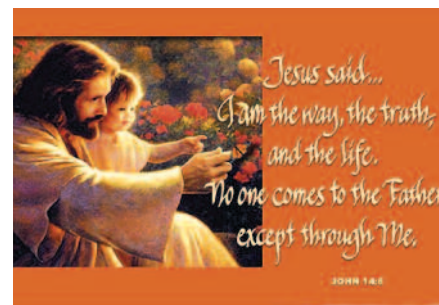
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries

to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus is “*the Way*” with and to
the Father and the Holy Spirit.
At the same time, he also is our
destination. It is a very
encouraging realization: that in
following Jesus we come to be
with the Holy Trinity, the
fullness of happiness and
delight forever! Furthermore,

as Jesus says a little later in the
evening (it is the Last Supper),
in following Him, He who is
light and truth, we are given
the help and guidance of the
Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of
Truth and Love sent from the
Father. All Three Persons of
the Holy Trinity bring about
our salvation, enable us to
arrive at our Heavenly goal: “*to
know You, the only true God and
Jesus Christ whom you have
sent*”, God the Son in human
form. “So we have a very
personal vocation. Each of us,

as an individual person, is
called in knowledge, love, truth
and life, to friendship with the
Three Divine Persons. What
dignity each one has! In Isaiah
we read of God calling, “*Bring
back my sons from far away, and
my daughters...everyone who
bears my name, whom I have
created for my glory*”.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF EVANGELIZATION THE WHOLE IS GREATER THAN THE PART

235 (Cont'd) We can work on a small
scale, in our own neighbourhood, but
with a larger perspective. Nor do people
who wholeheartedly enter into the life of
a community need to lose their
individualism or hide their identity;
instead, they receive new impulses to
personal growth. The global need not
stifle, nor the particular prove barren..



The Sacrament of the Present Moment*



DOING GOD'S WILL

No one lives exactly the same kind of life as another, although
there may be similarities.

There is nobody else quite like me. God's mercy and grace are
available to me as the unique person I am.

It is no use comparing myself with the saints.

Sometimes lives of holy people seem quite outside the
possibilities offered to me. That is because I am different and
live in a different life situation, with different graces and gifts.

Yet as God gives us human life and all we need for our bodily
existence like air, water, light, so God gives us all that we need
for our spiritual flourishing.

If we give ourselves to God we can be sure we will receive all
that is necessary to grow in holiness.

Our daily duties are given to us at each moment. All we have
to do is respond with generosity.

The saints did God's will.

That is the secret of sanctity, and that is possible for us too.

*Jean Pierre de Caussade's Self-Abandonment to Divine Providence for everyone by Elizabeth Ruth Obbard
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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	9th	St Wilfrid's -	Bas Slius RIP 1st Anniversary
		Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Sun	10th	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		St Wilfrid's -	
Mon	11th	St George's -	Special Intention
Tue	12th	St George's -	Mary McCrory RIP
Wed	13th	St Wilfrid's -	Rosie Kennedy RIP
Thur	14th	St George's -	Chris Browne RIP
Fri	15th	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Soul's Intention
Sat	16th	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		Sixth Sunday of Easter	
Sun	17th	St George's -	Mr P Sombers Intention
		St Wilfrid's -	

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 Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977 **St Thomas a Becket Primary 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.*

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NEWSLETTER, to Fr. Rory's House by 9am Wednesday.

Office Hours Monday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 8.45am-12.45pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Deacon John Writes:

In the Gospel for this Sunday Jesus makes it clear that He is God, when He says "To have seen me is to have seen the Father" and then "whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself." God became man, one of us to show us a real person leading a life of caring for others, a life of healing, forgiving, a life of love.

We are called not just to be followers of Christ but to be Christ to the world around us. It is through our being Christ that He may live and act in the world today and every day. That is easy to say but from where do we get the strength to be Christ to the world? The answer to this surely lies in the Sacraments, especially from receiving the Eucharist. When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, Christ is in us, giving us the power to be like Him.

One of the key actions we can take is to Listen. In the Gospel Jesus first listens to the disciples, listens to Thomas, listens to Philip and then comforts them, eases their fears, teaches them. We can do the same: listen to what people are saying to us by giving them our time and undivided attention.

Secondly, we hear time and again how Christ healed the people he came in contact with. We all have the power to heal, not physically perhaps, but through our words, gestures and actions such as showing acts of kindness. It is by doing these things that we show that we care and allow Jesus to live his life through us.

One of the key signs Jesus made was that of forgiveness not just in words but in actions too. We should always be asking ourselves some questions such as: How forgiving am I? Do I pray daily for the grace to forgive others? Do I show this forgiveness through what I do - a phone call, (a handshake or a hug in normal circumstances).

When we come forward to receive Christ's Body and Blood and confirm that with our "Amen" we should all remember that what we are really saying is "Lord, live in me today so that I may give life, heal and forgive as you did." Remember there is nothing casual about that "Amen" - it is the most important word we say in that Mass.

Deacon John

Fr Rory Writes:

I have just read an extract from Pope Francis work, *Evangelium Gaudium*: - 'The joy of the Gospels'. It says, "Realities are more important than ideas". It certainly confronts me as I unfold my journey of faith; or lack of faith.

As we return, to a post coronavirus world, it will be changed in many ways. Social media will remain a large part of life, travel, especially by aircraft will take a long time to recover. Family and hopefully community-based lifestyle may be enhanced.

For us as a church, I believe we will have an incredibly challenging time. From experiencing screening, you may have found a site that suits, and sustains your faith. For centuries, the mass was in Latin, pews the normal furnishing, and the spiritual experience a priority. America which has a higher percentage of practice in recent times, experienced people doing a lot of "shopping around" for the church that best suited them.

The Second Vatican Council was a hugely important occasion in the life of the church, a privileged and blessed time. The prospects for the future, but now a full sense of sadness in contrast with the promise that it offered. I was very aware of the situation when in Ireland; and could foresee the great challenge and difficulties that the churches would have with mass attendance. I believe that this was especially true for the seminaries and in the present time most are closed.

Now as we focus upon the present moments in the life of the church – the Feast of the Ascension, and please God, we may have great preparation for Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit greatly empowered the early church.

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Fr Rory

Foodbanks:

If you are still able to donate non-perishable food and money to the foodbanks over the coming months. There are opportunities to donate online, or our website to make this easier for people. Immediate food needs will probably change week to week. For more updates visit www.hailsham.foodbank.org.uk or www.eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk. Thank you.

The Rosary:

The Rosary will be said every Monday at 2.30pm. Please join us in saying the rosary from your own homes to help us all stay connected.

St Wilfrid's Church:

Now the weather has changed and you are clearing out your cupboards and drawers once again. Please remember to put aside any suitable donations for St Wilfrid's sales table, which will be running as soon as things are back to 'normal'.