

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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

2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 103:1.24. 29-31. 34. R.cf v30

R) Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R)**

Wis 1: 7

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



When Jesus had left the Apostles and ascended to heaven, they were afraid. In particular, they were afraid of the Jews who they thought might give them the same kind treatment Jesus had received. The

security they had felt when Jesus was around had disappeared and so they locked themselves in a room. To believers today, something similar happens when they no longer feel the closeness of God. They tend to go into their shells and don't want to face the world. It is at moments like these that we can rely on Jesus' promise to send the consoler, the Holy Spirit. In fact, these moments are a grace for us, because we become very aware of our own nothingness and weakness. We realize that our strength lies in God alone. In these circumstances we have a decision to make - either we let our fear get the

better of us and hide ourselves away, or we implore the Holy Spirit to come to our aid. If we are able to do this then we will feel a new strength and a new courage to go out and face what often seems a hostile world. And if we are part of a parish or church community we will feel an even greater support in trying to spread the Good News of the Gospel.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



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

237(Cont'd). The good news is the joy of the Father who desires that none of his little ones be lost, the joy of the Good Shepherd who finds the lost sheep and brings it back to the flock. The Gospel is the leaven which causes the dough to rise and the city on the hill whose light illumines all peoples. The Gospel has an intrinsic principle of totality: it will always remain good news until it has been proclaimed to all people, until it has healed and strengthened every aspect of humanity, until it has brought all men and women together at table in God's kingdom. The whole is greater than the part.

The Sacrament of the Present Moment*

RECOGNIZING GOD'S PRESENCE

God appears to us in the most humble disguises.

Look at Bethlehem – God lying on straw in a manger, trembling and crying like any other baby.

Surely the people of Bethlehem would have taken notice of a prince born in a palace. But here they saw nothing to commend the Child to them.

Yet if we ask Mary, Joseph and the Magi what they think, we would discover that they see in this poverty and humility something that strikes them as glorious and adorable.

The eyes of faith are what make the difference, not the outward surroundings.

To adore Jesus at the Transfiguration is not so difficult. To adore Jesus on the cross demands all the faith we can muster.

To discover Jesus in great things that bring us notice and praise is not as hard, and does not call on our spirit of faith, as much as finding Jesus in small and trivial things where he is also present, but in humble disguise.

*Jean Pierre de Caussade's Self-Abandonment to Divine Providence for everyone by Elizabeth Ruth Obbard and published by New City ISBN: 978-1-905039-11-1



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	30th	St Wilfrid's -	Patrick McKeown RIP
		Pentecost	
Sun	31st	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		St Wilfrid's -	
Mon	1st	St George's -	Chris Montenstyn RIP
Tue	2nd	St George's -	In Thanksgiving
Wed	3rd	St Wilfrid's -	Anthony's Intention
Thur	4th	St George's -	Creta O'Neil RIP
Fri	5th	St Wilfrid's -	Francis & Charlotte Gaynor RIP
Sat	6th	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		The Most Holy Trinity	
Sun	7th	St George's -	Grace Verrill RIP
		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.*

USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577
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POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Angela & Michael Archer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Fr Rory, Letty Booth and Michael Copper.

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

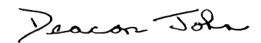
Deacon John Writes:

The title for this weekend is Pentecost which literally means 50th and is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai.

There are four important events that occurred on this Feast day. First The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as fiery tongues. Next the frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelisers and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. Third the listeners experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the apostles' gift of tongues and they heard the Apostles speaking in their native languages. Fourthly the early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus.

The Holy Spirit has many roles in to play in our lives. 1) As an indwelling God, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16). 2) As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ through our Christian lives. 3) As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: a) Through Baptism He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven. b) Through Confirmation, He makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of the Faith. c) Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins. d) Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, He gives us spiritual nourishment by converting bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood. e) Through the Sacraments of the priesthood and matrimony, He makes the Church community holy. 4) As a teaching and guiding God, He constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Church to teach Christ's teachings correctly. 5) As a listening and speaking God, He listens to our prayers, enables us to pray, and speaks to us, mainly through the Bible. 6) As a Giver of gifts, He gives us His gifts, fruits, and charisms, thus enriching the Church.

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Fr Rory Writes:

The day of Pentecost has come, and with it the opportunity for us to really rely on the power of God, to redeem and save, but above all to live lives of faith and faithfulness. At the beginning of lockdown my mind was focused upon this year's Feast of Pentecost. From the beginning of Lent I was becoming more used to the human condition I found myself in and having to adapt by giving greater attention to my prayers and mass.

It was very much a shock to me, (but "shock" is not really the right word); I was landed in hospital and adapting to the label "acute psychotic state", called upon to rely upon providence and to re-evaluate my ministry. Above all to reconsider my journey of faith. My sister Mary's well-timed book "A Mother's Love" gave me important insight; and the realisation of one constant; the gift of faith we had received as children.

The Second Vatican Council was my "theme song" with the charismatic renewal, marriage encounter, prayer groups, Taizé in France, life in the church appeared to be very promising. My personal limitations, alongside parish ministry found me more and more at odds between my expectation and realities in the life of the parish. Ten years on an ecumenical project was maybe a haven, but now I am hoping and praying that the Lord will renew, direct, and support me. The loss of my driver's licence will please God, come to an end, and will be helpful to my work and ministry.

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Pentecost Prayer

This weekend let us all say St. John Henry Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:"

Come Holy Spirit

Make our ears to hear

Make our eyes to see

Make our mouths to speak

Make our hearts to seek

Make our hands to reach out

And touch the world with your love. AMEN.

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.