

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 Exodus

34:4-6.8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Dan 3:52-56. R.v52

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 3:16-18

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 to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

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



It seems a little strange that the Gospel on the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, mentions only two of the three persons of the Trinity, the Father and the Son. What this Gospel does centre on,

however, is the relationship between the Father and the Son. This relationship is a constant theme in the Gospel of John. John is at pains to tell us how essential that relationship was and how Jesus lived his life in complete obedience to the Father. It is a relationship of love. The fruit of this relationship is in fact the Holy Spirit. It's not that the Holy Spirit only came into being at Pentecost – the Holy Trinity has always existed. But only when Jesus had died on the cross, in obedience to the Father, did the Holy Spirit manifest himself to

the Apostles. The Trinity is the model for how relationships should be between Christians. If Christians love one another, then the Spirit of Jesus will be present among them. If Christians do not love one another, then they cannot give true witness to the Gospel. Only If we are seen to love another will the world believe.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF EVANGELIZATION IV. SOCIAL DIALOGUE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE

238. Evangelization also involves the path of dialogue. For the Church today, three areas of dialogue stand out where she needs to be present in order to promote full human development and to pursue the common good: dialogue with states, dialogue with society – including dialogue with cultures and the sciences – and dialogue with other believers who are not part of the Catholic Church.

The Sacrament of the Present Moment*

GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK

Faith here – glory hereafter. There is no other way to discover God. In this the Holy Spirit enlightens and teaches us.

If we want wisdom rather than an accumulation of bare facts we must allow God's Spirit to lead us into a rapture such as the saints experienced. Rapture like this takes us out of ourselves and our own limited way of seeing, and into the Divine way of faith where we see God continually at work in all that has happened, is happening, and will happen in the future.

God is here in history and in our lives. God is always at work. Every moment is a revelation, a word from God if only we allow ourselves to become aware of that fact.

Saints are those who had a faith that continued firm through all the trials of life.

Visions, mystical graces and so on, are not what make the saints saints – only faith.

Real faith doesn't need signs and wonders, rather it finds proof of God's providence in life's day-to-day happenings.

Many who are real saints are never known on earth. They are hidden beneath an unprepossessing exterior and will shine only in heaven.

*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	6th	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		The Most Holy Trinity	
Sun	7th	St George's -	Grace Verrill RIP
		St Wilfrid's -	
Mon	8th	St George's -	In Thanksgiving
Tue	9th	St George's -	Feast of St Columba Knights of Eastbourne Council Intention
Wed	10th	St Wilfrid's -	Peter Robinson RIP Knights of Hastings Council Intention
Thur	11th	St George's -	Johanna Lorraine & Family RIP
Fri	12th	St Wilfrid's -	In Honour of Jesus in the Mount of Olives
Sat	13th	St Wilfrid's -	Kenneth & Jean Compton RIP
		The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	
Sun	14th	St George's -	Parish Communities' 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
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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

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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 mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that $1+1+1 = 1$ and not 3. We believe in this Mystery because Jesus, who is God, taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it, and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.

It is important in our lives for several reasons. All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All the Sacraments are administered (we are baptised, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, our marriage is blessed, and our Bishops, priests and deacons are ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. We bless ourselves, and the priest or deacon blesses us, in the Name of the Holy Trinity.

There are several actions we can do in our own daily lives which include the Holy Trinity. First let us respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all Three Persons of the Holy Trinity are present. Second let us know without any doubt that the Trinitarian God lives in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage and strength, and that He is our destination on our death. Also, let us practise the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity in the family relationships of father, mother, and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family. Finally let us practise to love myself, God and my neighbour as a Trinitarian act of love.

The Holy Trinity is a mystery and there have been many attempts to explain it. The one most people are familiar with is St. Patrick, who used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. The story goes that one day his friends asked Patrick to explain the Mystery of the Trinity. He looked at the ground and saw shamrocks growing in the grass at his feet. He picked one up one of its trifoliate leaves and asked if it were one leaf or three. Patrick's friends couldn't answer – the shamrock leaf looked like one, but it clearly had three parts. Patrick explained to them: "The mystery of the Holy Trinity – one God in Three Persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – is like this, but more complex and unintelligible."

A less well known example perhaps is that of St. Cyril who tried to explain the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity using the sun as an example. He said, "God the Father is that blazing sun. God the Son is its light and God the Holy Spirit is its heat — but there is only one sun. So, there are three Persons in the Holy Trinity, but God is One and indivisible."

St. Augustine wrote: "You see the Trinity, if you see love." According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving."

Finally there is this story about Adam walking with God in the Garden of Eden: Adam said, "Excuse me God, can I ask you a few questions?" God replied, "Go on Adam, but be quick. I have a world to create."

So, Adam says, "When you created Eve, why did you make her body so curved and tender unlike mine?" "I did that, Adam, so that you could love her." "Oh, well then, why did you give her long, shiny, beautiful hair?" "I did that Adam so that you could love her." "Oh, well then, why did you make her so stupid? Is that too because I should love her?" "Well, Adam, no. I did that so that she could love you."

Deacon John

Fr Rory Writes:

It felt so, so strange with so much time spent in lockdown the consolation had been the Holy Seasons, especially Easter and Pentecost. Then the directory instructs a return to the ordinary; in fact, the ninth week in ordinary time, not lighting the Pascal Candle seemed to reflect this forcefully.

Then I came to the word of God, and a reading from the 2nd Letter of St Peter, "May you have more and more grace and peace, as you come to know our Lord more and more".

By His divine power, he has given us all the things that we need for life and true devotion, bringing us to know God himself, who has called us by his own glory and goodness. In making these gifts, he has given us the guarantee of something very great and wonderful to come... Peter 1:2-5

So, hope goes on and with it our responsibility to respond: to grow in faith and faithfulness. Please God, the way ahead will develop and grow. We have not received any guidance or instruction yet for the opening of churches, the next deanery meeting of the priests should shed some light on the way ahead.

Continued on website.

Fr Rory

Help Required: We are looking for volunteers willing to put our knitted squares together to make the blankets we send to poor families in Eastern Europe (via the Mustard Seed). There are usually 36 squares making up one blanket. You can work in your own time and at your own pace. Please phone Margaret ([01323 483504](tel:01323483504)) if you can help. Margaret can bring the squares to you and pick up the completed blankets). Thank you.