

Our Faith on Sunday

12TH JUNE 2022

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)

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, God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs

8:22-31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries - and the waters will not invade the shore - when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 8:4-9.R.v2

R) How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him? **(R)**

Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet. **(R)**

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Apoc 1:8
Glorify 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 16:12-15

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



A certain parish priest frequently reminds his congregation that our God is community, friendship, love, unity: Three Persons who are One. The human race is made in His image: made to be community,

love, friendship, unity. Because of the fall of Adam and its consequences, this has become a huge challenge, as we see in the war in Ukraine and as we have experienced so often in the past. Yet we do see signs of what should be, when we hear of or see, great acts of generosity or courage on the part of individuals or groups. Our God is not a God far off. As Moses put it, *“What great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to Him?”* It is something that Our Lord makes clear in today's Gospel passage: the Spirit of Truth will

“guide you into all truth”; and, *“He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine”* and the Father's, *“and making it known to you.” “He will guide you.”* We are not left alone. God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit are there for us; invite and call us to put our faith and trust in Them.. They will renew in us, individually and as a people, the image of Themselves.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

80. Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan in answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? The word “neighbour”, in the society of Jesus' time, usually meant those nearest us. It was felt that help should be given primarily to those of one's own group and race. For some Jews of that time, Samaritans were looked down upon, considered impure. They were not among those to be helped. Jesus, himself a Jew, completely transforms this approach. He asks us not to decide who is close enough to be our neighbour, but rather that we ourselves become neighbours to all.



Prayer of the Third Age



Lord, teach me how to grow old!
Convince me that the community does me no wrong if it lifts responsibilities from my back, no longer asks my advice, and finds others to take my place.
Take from me the pride of experience and the sense of my indispensability. May I be able to accept, in this gradual detachment from things, what is simply the law of time; and may I be able to see in this change in my duties one of the most fascinating manifestations of life renewed by your Providence.
Keep me, O Lord, useful to the world, contributing by my optimism and my prayers to the joy and the courage of those who are now in the harness of responsibility; and make me humble and serene in my contact with the changing world, having no regrets for the past, offering my sufferings as a gift for the reconciliation of society. May my leaving the field of action be simple and natural, like the gentle setting of the sun.
Forgive me if only today, in tranquillity, I understand how much you have loved me and helped me. At least in this moment may I have a clear and full perception of the destiny of incredible joy you have prepared for me, and towards which you have set me walking since the very first day of my life.
Lord, teach me how to grow old like this! Amen.

Anon.



PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

ST GEORGE

Eastbourne Road
Polegate



Parish Priest: Fr. Rory Kelly

South Road, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 3JG
Tel: (01323) 841504 or Deacon John (01323) 486280
(Answerphone service available on both numbers)
Email: ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com
Website: www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk

ST WILFRID

South Road
Hailsham



The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's	Church is open, an opportunity for confession
			The Most Holy Trinity (Collection for EVC Uganda Appeal next Sunday)	
Sun	12th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	John & Nellie O'Neil RIP
Mon	13th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	14th	10.00am	St George's -	Beryl & Arthur Burton RIP
Wed	15th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Felix Herbert Chetwynd RIP
Thurs	16th	10.00am	St George's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Fri	17th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Grace Verrell RIP
Sat	18th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Church open for Confessions
			The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Collection for EVC Uganda Appeal Today) (Collection for Peter's Pence next Sunday)	
Sun	19th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Norman & Angela Wright RIP

Confessions on request at anytime or before and after Masses at St Wilfrid's and St George's Church

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.

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
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 487212
St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Monika Beaver
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Gerry Palmer
ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
Hailsham Hall Hire Tel: (01323) 841504 - Mon, Wed, Fri Morning or email at above address
Prayer LineJean Barham-Wyatt Tel: (01323) 842824

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER
Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Dee Challis, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth, Sebastian Martin, Michael Copper, Peter Standen, Richard Stimpson, Teresa Palmer and Jean Barham-Wyatt.

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 9am-1pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Fr Rory Writes:

We have celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
Now let us continue to prepare for the celebration Mass here in Hailsham for our Centenary of celebrating.

God is love, let us love one another.

So often we can see the faults and failures of religion. The war in the Ukraine exposes the dreadful position of the Orthodox Church in Russia. The paedophile scandal exposes all religious bodies. When I was younger I had a special attachment to Taizé and the focolare, with them and a lot of bodies in the Evangelical churches, all have had their difficulties. In the end it is the reality of life. There is a Kingdom of darkness of evil, and so there is a constant battle and without the light of Christ, and his constant source of grace, life would be a very dark place indeed.

With the celebration of the first mass on August 12th 1922, a source of Devine grace was established. Now in different circumstances we have the responsibility of ensuring that it continues, and that we as the catholic community will play their full part in continuing to be faithful.

I would emphasis the word **faithful**. The opportunity of the Synod has provided an appropriate platform on which to build a structure to continue to develop and grow our parish community. The liturgy of the church presents us with this instrument to grow, develop, and nourish our lives as faithful Christians. We are beginning to see a way forward, and part of our responsibility as we prepare for the visit of our Bishop Richard, is to outline plans and a strategy for our future. The age profile of our priests gives emphasis to this.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the bakers, flower arrangers, decorators, helpers and all St George's Parishioners, for making our Jubilee Celebration such a happy and memorable one! The social part of our parish is very important to us, and if there are any parishioners, who would like to volunteer to help organise events with us, they would be welcomed with open arms! The more we have on board, the greater the events!

Our United Nations Jubilee Lunch was a roaring success. The Church Committee would like to express sincere thanks to all who supported the occasion. Many thanks to all our parishioners who contributed to the wonderful array of food and those who helped, organised and set up the church hall etc. for this celebration. Also, thanks to all who helped with the washup and cleaning after the event.

JUBILEE FAIR at St. Mary's Church, Willingdon on Saturday 18 June from 11am - 2.30pm with Dog Show-Stall-Refreshments-Games -Archive Display - Grand Opening by STEVE HEWLETT - From Britain's Got Talent and Live Music from Eastbourne Silver Band.

The **Knights of St. Columba** will meet in St Wilfrid's Parish Centre on Tuesday 14 June at 3pm. All catholic men are invited to come and see how together we can support the Church. More details from Bob on 01323 847014.

Car parking at St George's - a reminder that cars must not be parked directly in front of the presbytery. The adjacent parking to the house is for resident use only. Please do not park in a way that blocks them in. Thank you.

Special Centenary Mass - Saturday 13th August 2022

St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham at 11am

A Special Mass with Bishop Richard will be held at St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham to celebrate 100 years since first Mass was held. If you would like to join us in celebrating this special Mass please either book on-line on our website www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk or contact Jackie by email ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com or phone 841504. Thank you.

Young Adults (18-35) North Downs Walk – Saturday 2 July 11.30-3pm. We gather together for Mass at St Joseph's in Dorking and then explore the local area together, joined by members of the Diocesan Vocations Team – have your best questions ready! Contact our Diocesan Youth Adviser E:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

theASCENT bookings are open! This amazing project for teenagers in year 10, 11 or 12 will help them grow in faith and confidence, as they explore what it means to be Catholic with other likeminded individuals. Contact our Diocesan Youth Adviser E:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk or visit W:www.theascentuk.co.uk for more information.

LINK for Online Masses & Recordings: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/online-masses-and-recordings/>

LINK for Funerals & Baptisms: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/other-services/>

LINK Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#> =

Dates for your Diary

Sat 13th August, 11am - Special Mass with Bishop Richard to celebrate 100 years since first Mass at St Wilfrid's.

Sunday 5th June 2022

St George's Attendances: 75 St Wilfrid's Attendances: 115

