

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

Wis 1:7

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, 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)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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

John 14:15-16.23-26

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 his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.'

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



What an amazing statement! "Whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven"! What a cause for relief and rejoicing on the part of the human race! What a power is entrusted to the hands of Jesus' Church, his appointed

followers and ministers. As we read about the atrocities committed against that country, I think we have become more aware of the state of the human race without God; even of those who profess God, but do not follow his teaching. Truly, on the face of it, we would seem to be a doomed race, a race taking itself deliberately to a final place of darkness. Yet, "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven." There is always hope; always an opening prepared for a way forward through the Gift

of the Holy Spirit and the forgiveness of sins; a way to happiness, wholeness, to a "new Heaven and a new earth". The gift of love is a gift of poverty of spirit, of sorrow and meekness, of longing for what is right, of mercy, purity and peace.; a re-making of the children of God, a re-making of the human race.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

79. The Samaritan who stopped along the way departed without expecting any recognition or gratitude. His effort to assist another person gave him great satisfaction in life and before his God, and thus became a duty. All of us have a responsibility for the wounded, those of our own people and all the peoples of the earth. Let us care for the needs of every man and woman, young and old, with the same fraternal spirit of care and closeness that marked the Good Samaritan.



An Older Person's Hymn of Praise



Blessed be they who show consideration for my wavering footsteps and my feeble hands.
Blessed be they who realize that I have to strain to hear all that is said.
Blessed be they who appear to know that my eyes have grown dim and my thoughts slow.
Blessed be they who linger with a friendly smile to chat with me a little while.
Blessed be they who never say, 'You have already told me this story twice today.'
Blessed be they who know how to awaken in me memories of time past.
Blessed be they who impart to me that I am loved and respected and not abandoned.
Blessed be they who by their kindness lighten the days that remain on my way to my eternal resting-place.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	4th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's	Church is open, an opportunity for confession
			Pentecost	
Sun	5th	9.00am	St George's -	Confirmation Candidates In Thanksgiving
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	For Her Majesty the Queen & Her Nations Intention
Mon	6th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	7th	10.00am	St George's -	Ancita, Alona & Alen's Intention
Wed	8th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Clodagh Coleman RIP
Thurs	9th	10.00am	St George's -	Margaret Madams RIP
Fri	10th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Thomas RIP, Sony RIP
Sat	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Church open for Confessions
			The Most Holy Trinity	
			(Collection for Day for Life next Sunday)	
Sun	12th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	John & Nellie O'Neil 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
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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:

“Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love”.

How often and how constantly we make this prayer. As we return once again to the great Feast of Pentecost, it is a time to refocus. The Synod invites us to make a fresh start, guided by the ministry and life of Jesus. **“By their fruits you shall know them, good trees bear good fruit”.**

From time to time I have heard stories of priests making predictions years ago, that the number of priests would decline. By the beginning of the new millennium there would be many less priests. I would have to say I could see all the signs that this would take place. When I first entered the seminary, over fifty years ago, this was a time of great inspiration. The Second Vatican Council had just taken place. Pope John XXIII made the statement “that it is time for the church to open its windows, and let in the light”.

Pope Francis frequently returns to this. I began writing this before this evenings very important meeting that will please God, prepare our way for a journey together with good purpose. The opening prayers had been prepared laying the foundations in place.

Thanks be to God for our meeting and for all who attended. There was a lot for our attention, and one contribution was an outline of what had been proposed by Our Lady of Ransom. I look forward to the presentation of the minutes from our meeting. The opening prayer was an indication that we can grow and develop our life of prayer and service. There was a lot of material presented and questions raised during this meeting; a sign that we are a work in progress.

The centre and the heart of our lives is Sunday Mass. This provides the central structure and nourishment for our faith. The preparation and the presentation of the liturgy will be crucial to our development or not. Having just to turn up to Mass, will continue to bring about our decline. There is no quick fix solution, but working together has the potential to be **effective, creative and inspiring**.

Just a moment to focus our attention to the essential ingredients:

- a) Gossip from our parish, with all its potential for good news,
- b) Prayer, nourishment, caring for the needs of our parishioners, growth in faith and renewal of life. *Jx Rory*

Jubilee Celebration at St George’s after 9am Mass on Sunday 5th June 2022:

As we are having Teas, Coffee, Cakes, Scones, Croissants and other goodies at our Jubilee Celebration, after Mass, it would be great if any bakers out there would like to make a small cake/scones/fairy cakes, already plated up or sliced in portions, and bring it to the hall before Mass, so that we can have a smashing selection and celebrate the occasion with Father Rory, fellow parishioners, families and friends! If you need any more details, feel free to contact Anne Bowe on 07808175455 or annebowe@btinternet.com or just arrive and enjoy yourselves! Thank you!

Jubilee Celebration at St Wilfrid’s after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 5th June 2022:

At St Wilfrid’s we will be celebrating with a Jubilee Lunch after the 10.30am Mass in St Wilfrid’s Church Hall. All welcome.

**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.

Are you struggling with bereavement of loss?

Would it help to have someone to talk to? Our Deanery has a team of trained Catholic Bereavement Supporters available to listen and support people experiencing bereavement and loss. Please contact your Parish Priest if you would like to speak to one of our team. To find out more about Bereavement Support please contact our Marriage and Family Life Project Officer:
E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk T: 01293 651155

Collection for the Ukraine:

If you would like to support us in collecting items for Ukraine, here are some of the items we are collecting:-
Tinned food i.e. meat/fruit, good condition clothing, nappies, baby wipes, toiletries etc. If you would like more information please speak to Loretta after Mass. Thank you.

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 29th May 2022

Second Collection (Catholic Communications Network)

St George’s Attendances: 70

St George’s: £47.10

St Wilfrid’s Attendances: 106

St Wilfrid’s: £82.81

