



4TH JUNE 2023

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)

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 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.

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DIVINE OFFICE: WEEK 1/PROPER

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel speaks of the Father and the Son but, strangely, on the feast of the Holy Trinity, there is no mention of the Spirit. However, it is

clear from last week's Gospel that the Holy Spirit has a crucial role to play in the life of believers. What is also clear, especially in John's Gospel, is that there is an unbreakable bond of love between the Father and the Son. The fruit of this bond of love is the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us that the way to the Father is through the Son, that is, through him. We can know and love the Father through loving his son. And the most immediate way of loving Jesus is by loving our brothers and sisters, whoever they may be, members of my family, work colleagues, the beggar on the street. Unless I love especially the least of these fellow human beings,

the Father does not recognise me. And where does the third member of the Holy Trinity come into all this? In loving the Father, through the Son, I receive the precious gift of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit then strengthens me to be able to love my brothers and sisters even more. If we enter into this relationship with the Father through the Son and thus receive the gift of the Spirit, then, in a certain way we also participate in the life of the Trinity, which is no less than a cycle of perfect love.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



BORDERS AND THEIR LIMITS

131. For those who are not recent arrivals and already participate in the fabric of society, it is important to apply the concept of "citizenship", which "is based on the equality of rights and duties, under which all enjoy justice. It is therefore crucial to establish in our societies the concept of full citizenship and to reject the discriminatory use of the term minorities, which engenders feelings of isolation and inferiority. Its misuse paves the way for hostility and discord; it undoes any successes and takes away the religious and civil rights of some citizens who are thus discriminated against".¹¹²

112. Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, Abu Dhabi (4 February 2019); L'Osservatore Romano, 4-5 February 2019, p. 7.



**Promise Of Good Things
GOD'S MERCY**



My brothers and sisters, when we think of Jesus Christ, we must think of him as God, as 'Judge of the

living and the dead'. And we must not take our own salvation lightly. Our thinking lightly of him is a sure sign of our hoping little from him. And those who are listening and thinking to themselves 'All this matters very little' are sinning even now. And so are we, for that matter, if we have no idea from where we have been called, who called us, and to what place we are called, and if we have forgotten the terrible sufferings that Jesus Christ underwent for our sake. What then, shall we give him in return, or what shall we offer that is worthy of what he has given us? How great a debt of holiness we owe him! He gave us the light, he called us his 'child' as a father does, he saved us when we faced destruction.

Clement's Second Letter to the Corinthians



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ST WILFRID

South Road
Hailsham



WEEKLY SERVICES

The Most Holy Trinity

Sat	3rd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	4th	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Peter Robinson RIP
Mon	5th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	6th	10am	St George's—	Joan Emerton RIP
Wed	7th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Thurs	8th	10am	St George's —	David Simmonds RIP
Fri	9th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Holy Souls' Intention

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Collection next Sunday for A Day for Life)

Sat	10th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun	11th	9am	St George's —	Parish Confirmation Group Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Dorothy Blake RIP

Confession on request before and after Mass or at other times by arrangement with Father Rory.

Unable to attend mass? The 10.30am St Wilfrid's mass is livestreamed when possible and can be accessed via the Parish Website or via the following: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/online-masses-and-recordings/>

Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_

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.

Local Catholic Education Contacts: 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

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 VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

Hailsham Hall Hire: (01323) 841504/Email at above address

Prayer Line Jean Barham-Wyatt(01323) 842824

IMPORTANT GIFT AID: If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please contact - Gerry on 01323 832577, Email: gpalmer2703@gmail.com.
By signing up, the parish can benefit by claiming back from HMRC a further 25% on all your donations at no additional cost to you.

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

St George's: Kelly - 07967562110

St Wilfrid's: Maria - 07873759962

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM: Volunteer needed contact Father Rory

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell

Lily May, Julliette Lusted, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth, Laurey & Richard Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Jean Barham-Wyatt, Nellie Oakshott and Jean Molloy.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

A WARM WELCOME: to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors.

New to the Parish/would like to get back in touch but not sure how? Please complete the welcome form in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.

Fr Rory Writes:

'Our Sponsored Walk'

Is coming at a most opportune time. I have to confess I really need the exercise, and must benefit from it. At the moment the amount of exercise that I take is pathetic. I could say that at one time I made a real effort to keep fit enough. Now my car provides too much of my comfort zone. This is a chance to get back into my stride. The walk will provide a good challenge and become a real marker for my future exercise endeavours. Getting sponsorship is more of a challenge. I am being encouraged to get sponsorship, but I also know that many are constantly giving in support of the activities that are taking place at this time.

Finance is becoming more of a challenge and careful decisions are very important. Maintenance, health and safety requirements, child and vulnerable adult protection are going to be a heavy essential expense in parishes in the future. So it is important, like our kindred cause "Foodbank" similar charitable causes must remain a constant on our horizon.

Fr Rory

Parish Sponsored Walk: Next Sunday - June 11th Start time 3pm: All parishioners, friends and families please join this sponsored walk. We will start at 3pm from St George's Car Park Polegate and walk via the Cuckoo Trail to St Wilfrid's Hailsham (approx. 3miles). At St Wilfrid's we will be greeted by those who couldn't walk and warm hospitality from Joan and her refreshments team with delicious cakes and a cuppa.

Fundraising is very important: Sponsor forms are available at the back of church please gather as many sponsors as you can from friends and family. We are raising funds, 50/50 for: Hailsham and Eastbourne Foodbank, who will need more than ever during school holiday time this year; and Parish Church funds, much needed at this time with rising costs and often lower collections.

Young & Old Unite - all our parishioners whatever age and their families are welcome to join us. Our Confirmation candidates will all be there and as they are not all from our parish we want them to meet as many of us as they can - this will be great for all ages, let's make this a whole Parish effort, if you can't walk join us at 4pm onwards

Eastbourne Hospital Mass is celebrated in the chapel on the last Tuesday of each month at 12noon. The next Mass is on June 27th. All welcome as we pray for patients, staff and their families.

This years walking pilgrimage is going from Bristol to Arundel from August 12th-27th 2023. Cost is £300 (£225 for under 21's). We are especially looking for more young people to join us. For more information go to www.PilgrimsLive.org.uk or tel: 07707513847.

Parish Social Events provide a life to our parish and its wider community beyond our spiritual devotions, however we need many more volunteers to reduce the workload of just a few. If you can offer even just occasionally to help, please give your name and details to Jean Barnham at St W or Sandra King at St G. We need as many willing helping hands as can be offered!

Please remember in your prayers: all our students who are taking exams during the coming weeks; and our confirmation candidates who will receive the Sacrament of confirmation on Sunday 18th June at 3pm in Arundel Cathedral.

Sunday 28th May - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid's TBC St George's TBC

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 4th June, 11.30am, St W's Parish Meeting, St W's Church.
Sun 11th June, 3pm, Sponsored Walk, St G's to St W's Hall.
Sun 18th June, 3pm, Confirmation, Arundel Cathedral.
Sun 25th June, 10am - Charity B/fast - Foodbank/Parish, St G's
Thur 29th June, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Fri 30th June, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Gp, St W's Church

The Charity Breakfast: Thank you to all those who supported last week's Parish Breakfast for Kipling Ward, we will publish the amount raised soon. Our next breakfast will be on Sunday 25th June, 10am after mass. Charity for June is Foodbank and Parish. All Welcome.

Parish Over 50's Club:

Next afternoon tea will be Thurs 29th June, 2-4pm, St W's Hall. £5. We will have a French theme, as Annette & Joan will be back from their holiday in France. See you there!
Our next outing is a trip to Staverton Nursery, Mon 26th June, £10 each. Leaves St Wilfrid's 10am return 4pm. contact Joan on 07873390944.

Hailsham Foodbank are asking if we can help with some donations for local asylum seekers as follows:- Clothes; sizes S x 30, M x 15, L x 10, Indoor games, Shoe/Flipflops; sizes 40 x 18, 41 x 20, 42 x 20, 43 x 12, 44 x 12 and 45 x 5. Thank you.

Opportunity for our Youth: The Bursary Fund was formed by The Catenian Association, a Catholic organisation which promotes Catholic life. The Fund makes 2 types of awards: Lourdes Awards - every year many young Catholics travel to Lourdes to work as a helper to an assisted pilgrim. Individual Project Awards - a grant to assist a young Catholic to volunteer in the UK or overseas. Contact www.catenianbursary.com or Eastbourne Catenians : ebc186@outlook.com.