The Most Holy Trinity (C) 15th June 2025

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.

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. Proverbs 8:22-31

Thus says the Wisdom of God: The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens. I was there: when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, R.2a

R. O LORD. our Lord.

how majestic is your name through all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little lower than the angels; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hands: you put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and oxen, yes, even the cattle of the fields. birds of the air, and fish of the sea that make their way through the waters.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Romans 5:1-5

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

Cf. Revelation 1:8

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is and 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.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

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. Amen.

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.

R. Amen.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C) 15TH JUNE 2025

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



A certain parish priest frequently reminds his to us whenever we call to Him?" congregation that our God is community, It is something that Our Lord friendship, love, unity: Three Persons who makes clear in today's Gospel

is made in His image: made will "guide you into all truth"; to be community, love, and, "He will bring glory to me friendship, unity. Because by taking from what is mine" of the fall of Adam and its and the Father's, "and making consequences, this has become it known to you." "He will a huge challenge, as we see guide you." We are not left in the war in Ukraine and as alone. God, Father, Son and we have experienced so often Holy Spirit are there for us; in the past. Yet we do see invite and call us to put our signs of what should be, when faith and trust in Them.. They we hear of or see, great acts of will renew in us, individually generosity or courage on the and as a people, the image of part of individuals or groups. Themselves. 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

are One. The human race passage: the Spirit of Truth



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALI

INEVITABLE CONFLICT

237. Forgiveness and reconciliation are central themes in Christianity and, in various ways, in other religions. Yet there is a risk that an inadequate understanding and presentation of these profound convictions can lead to fatalism, apathy and injustice, or even intolerance and violence.



Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia LOVE IN THE FAMILY



Love is patient

The first word used is makrothyméi. This does not simply have to do with "enduring all things", because we find that idea expressed at the end of the seventh verse. Its meaning is clarified by the Greek translation of the Old Testament, where we read that God is "slow to anger" (Ex 34:6; Num 14:18). It refers, then, to the quality of one who does not act on impulse and avoids giving offense. We find this quality in the God of the Covenant, who calls us to imitate him also within the life of the family. Saint Paul's texts using this word need to be read in the light of the Book of Wisdom (cf. 11:23; 12:2, 15-18), which extols God's restraint, as leaving open the possibility of repentance, yet insists on his power, as revealed in his acts of mercy. God's "patience", shown in his mercy towards sinners, is a sign of his real power.

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WEEKLY \$ERVICE\$

		The Most Holy Trinity (Collection Today for A Day for Life)		
Sat	14th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	15th	9am	St George's—	Connie Clark RIP (2nd Anniversary)
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Jacqueline Humphries RIP
Mon	16th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	17th	10am	St George's —	Canon Paul Jennings Intention
Wed	18th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Joseph Finn (1st Anniversary)
Thurs	19th	10am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Fri	20th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Thomas & Anna RIP
		The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ		
		(Collection for Peter's Pence - Sunday 29th June)		
Sat	21st	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	22nd	9am	St George's—	John Stocken RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
		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 hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk, 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

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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: Maria - 07873759962 St Wilfrid's: Maria - 07873759962

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM: Volunteer needed contact Father Rory
Churches Together in Polegate/Willingdon/Hampden Park/Hydneye Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell & those named in the books in our churches

Amy Jenkins, Lily May, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Sue Nye, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Gill Standen, Letty Booth, Thomas Pailey, Thomas Guy, Michael O'Regan, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney, Graham, Pamela Swanston, Jean & Chris Littlewood, Jean Skelton, Jennifer, Peter Mitchell, Cecilia Hyland, Sheila Jury & Madeleine Waters.

Warm Welcome! We're glad to have you at Mass, especially visitors.

New to the parish or looking to reconnect? Fill out a welcome form in the porch or speak to Fr. Rory - we'd love to meet you and help in any way!

Fr Rory Writes:

Trinity Sunday

Celebrates the end of our journey when we will experience the fullness of life in God's Kingdom.

Having celebrated all the great feasts from the annunciation through the birth of Our Saviour, highlighting the response of the Kingdom of Darkness and the forced journey of the Holy Family into Egypt. Then commencing with His baptism, Jesus begins the process that leads us to salvation and the fulness of life in God's Kingdom.

Soon we will return to that journey as we again celebrate what we call "the ordinary", the cycle leading us to our salvation and the fulness of life in God's Kingdom. It is through the ordinary cycle that we grow in faith and faithfulness; the great challenge. As a priest it will be my fifty first cycle, and while on earth, sadness is part of our experience. In my earliest years I was full of hope and purpose, it was shortly after the Second Vatican Council, and there was a great focus on it. Our Professor of Theology, Fr Seamas Ryan, was truly inspirational, and continues to inspire me and I hope all of us, as we face the new challenges, our emphasis will be on communities of faith.

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from St Wilfrid's Church please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 12/13 July this year) in this parish. (Thank you to Anne, who has kindly volunteered for St George's). This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact <u>roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org</u> or call 07887 893 763. Related to that, all parishioners are warmly invited to an online webinar being run by Stella Maris on Thursday 19th June from 7:30pm to 9pm. You will hear about the work that Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, including the use of the funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year. To attend this webinar, please sign up at: www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyouwebinar

Happy Father's Day to all our priests.

Parish Jubilee of Hope:

50 years Ordination Celebration for Fr Paul Jennings. An afternoon Tea Party to be held on Saturday 12th July at 3.30 pm at St George's Hall. All parishioners invited. Details to follow. Please save this date.

Over 50's Afternoon Tea & Games: This months theme is French. Our next fun afternoon is Thursday 26th June at 2pm. If you are new to our parish or never been to one of our fun afternoons, why not give it a go? Just turn up and join us, all welcome.

Diocesan Festival of Hope: 20 September (Ardingly): the Diocese will be gathering to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese, the Jubilee Year of Hope, and the Pastoral Plan with its call to Mission. Sadly, space is limited which means that not everybody who might wish to attend will be able to. Each parish has a small number of tickets which will be allocated via its parish priest. Thanks for your understanding. The whole Diocese will be prayed for, and those attending will be encouraged to share back in their parishes the fruits of the day's reflections.

Community Charity Breakfast - Our next breakfast will be Sunday 29th June after mass at St George's - this month our charity is "Young Parishioners Local Retreat(s)". We hope you, your family & friends can support this.

Dates for your Diary:

Sat 14th June, 10am - Music Practice, St W's Hall.
Thurs 26th June, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Fri 27th June, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.
Sat 28th June, 11-3pm - St Thomas a Becket School Summer Fair.
Sun 29th June, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Sat 12th July, 3.30pm - Celebration for Fr Paul Jennings, St G's Hall.

Music Practice: There will be a music practice for the Children's Mass on Saturday 14th June at 10am in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

St Thomas A Becket School SUMMER FAIR!

Saturday 28th June 11-3pm. This year's theme is "Love Around The World". Celebrating our schools diverse cultures with food, music, games and fun for all the family. £1 entry. All very welcome!

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration - Saturday 5th July 12 noon – 4.15pm at the Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT The pilgrimage will begin with Mass, followed by a personal consecration to Our Lady, the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration, Silent Prayer and Benediction. To find out more please contact: Linda C-Dominguez; T: 01273 463463 M:

St George's Children's Liturgy – Help Needed:

07944 377252 or Jozef Bubez T: 01444 232974.

Children's Liturgy has been a valued part of St George's for years — even continuing remotely during COVID. Sadly, we now have just two leaders and one helper, and with frequent travel, we can't cover every Sunday. We need your help! If you can assist as a helper or leader, please speak to a member of the team. No experience needed — training and support will be provided. It's a simple and rewarding way to support our young people in their faith.

Sunday 8th June - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 104 St George's 80